



Benjamin G. Parks

November 17, 1932 - December 20, 2012

Benjamin G. Parks, age 80 of Sharpsburg, GA passed away Thursday, December 2012. He was born in Gillsville, GA to the late James Hoyt Parks, Sr. and Dona Welborn Parks. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Horace and Swayne Parks and sister, Jeanette Whitmire. Mr. Parks served in the U.S. Army with the military police during the Korean War and later retired from the City of Atlanta Police Department after 35 years. After retiring he also served as Chief of Police for Peachtree City, Palmetto and the City of Morrow and finally retired from Law Enforcement with 43 years of distinguished service.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne Parks; son, Michael Parks; granddaughters, Caileigh Parks of Senoia and Amber Parks of Sciotoville, OH and brother, Hoyt Parks of Gainesville, GA. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, December 22, 2012 at 11:00 am at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Pastor Jeff Smith will officiate. Visitation will be held Friday, December 21, 2012 from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

LC

“ I worked for Chief Parks when he was police chief of Peachtree City and I went on to be the police chief of Senoia. I think of Chief Parks often. He was a fine, Christian man, who loved and served The Lord. I have missed him greatly.

Lewis Cazenave - October 17, 2022 at 10:33 PM

KC

“ JoAnn, I was so sorry to learn of Ben's passing--what a gentleman he always was. I know your family will miss him terribly but heaven will be a better place with him "keeping an eye" on things and putting smiles on everyone's faces. Once again, my sincern condolences. Kay Carroll

Kay Carroll - January 03, 2013 at 08:14 PM

KB

“ Mike (Bamm) I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was certainly one to be proud of and you have followed in his footsteps, I know he was very proud of you. Prayers for you and your mom.

Kim Brooks - December 21, 2012 at 09:33 AM

SW

“ Although I did not know Mr. Parks personally I have known of his great work as an officer of the law. I respect his many accomplishments and applaud him being not only a hero among us but an American Hero during the Korean War!! God Bless and God Speed to our hero!! I am certain the angels will put him to good use as they can use a great "supervisor" for all time!

Susan Weegar - December 21, 2012 at 07:01 AM

PT

“ Joanne, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My greatest sympathies are with you. I pray that God will comfort you in this time and give you peace. I know that Ben will be greatly missed. We love you, DeWayne and Paulette Thomas

Paulette Thomas - December 20, 2012 at 10:12 PM

MS

“ Mr. Ben Parks was one of the best Law Enforcement Officers and Police Chiefs That I ever meet. I had more respect for this man, he was kind. generious and allways willing to help people. He was one of the few that really enjoied working the street to make them safer far everyone. I enjoyed working with Ben at Coweta County S. O., Peachtree City Police Department, and with the City of Morrow Georgia Police Department. He envited my wife and kids to his home, he and his wife always welcomed us with open arms. I Know Heaven is a safer place with you their with my mom and Dad who you have met and the most respect for each other. You will be missed by a lot of people, but your no longer in pain, hurting are dealing with some of the crazy people. We Love you and will miss you. Mark & Beverly Woodall

Mark Woodall Sr - December 20, 2012 at 10:01 PM

MC

Joanne, just researching names from years ago at City Hall.
Hope all is well with you.
Loved memories of us working together and you carpooling us teenagers.
Sorry for your loss.
Good Memories 😊

Marie Callaway Crisler - February 09, 2023 at 04:56 AM

MC

You were an AWESOME secretary to Collier Gladin. Us young girls looked up to you.

Marie Callaway Crisler - February 09, 2023 at 05:00 AM

DJ

“ We are saddened to hear of Ben's passing. Our prayer is God's Holy Spirit will guide and comfort the family in the days to come. We always thought of Ms. JoAnne & Ben as the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans of Mills Chapel. They sang so beautifully together. We rest in the promises of God's Word and know that one day we will all sing together again in Heaven.

Danny & Lisha Justiss - December 20, 2012 at 04:02 PM