



Thomas Carnes Parker

October 7, 1933 - May 2, 2017

A popular song from a Disney movie from years past has the characters imploring everyone to “whistle while you work”. The beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather, Tommy Parker made that a model for facing life in general. Thomas Carnes Parker was born at Grady Hospital in Atlanta on October 7, 1933. He was one of three children born to the late Fred Theron and Nettie Pauline Carnes Parker. That long and distinguished name was a little much for the fun-loving person who became affectionately known as Tommy. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his siblings Fred Theron Parker, Jr. and Jimmie Parker Brooks. Tommy packed a lot of diverse interests into his life. He served in The United States Air Force and remained staunchly patriotic for the rest of his life. His occupations included The Atlanta Transit System and managing his own service station and a stint with the State of Georgia Revenue Department. He found his niche at The Atlanta Beverage Company and retired as its safety director. His last employment was a joy as he ferried the students of Coweta County to and from school for 23 years on his happy bus. He loved mentoring young folks in their sporting games and was a little league coach in East Point for many years. Tommy was a problem solver by nature and could make just about anything that needed to be made and if it broke, he could fix it. He will be remembered as a funny, jovial man. He was faithful and dedicated husband to his wife, Barbara Jane Baxley Parker. They were married August 1, 1958. He led by example for his sons Thomas “Mark” Parker and his wife Tanya, Michael Parker and his

wife Melinda, Stephen Parker and Matthew Parker and his wife Holli. He adored his grandchildren whom he loved to tease and offered spontaneous songs without prompting. He will be missed by Courtney Parker Tiner and Luke, Katherine Parker, Christopher Parker, Delaney Parker, Elizabeth "Libby" Parker and Russell Parker. Tommy will be beaming down from heaven when his first great grandchild makes her appearance in August. Also surviving is his sister-in-law Janet Parker. Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Friday evening May 5th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM for a time of stories, catching up with each other and remembering the life of this wonderful man. A service to honor his life will be on Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home led by Reverend Gary Brogdon. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Libby Parker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Carnes Parker*



Libby Parker - November 03, 2020 at 11:08 AM

LP

“ *I'm Libby, Tommy's granddaughter. I often revisit this site to read about him; just because (I nearly know every single word on this page now). He was a gift and a sweet blessing. Not one day passes that I don't think of him. I dream of him often actually, usually wonderful dreams; dreams of him and I sitting on the couch and watching golf as we used to do when I'd go visit him and Grandmama. I miss eating eggs and sausage with him in the morning, and grocery shopping at Kroger. I miss his whistle, and his singing voice, and everything else in between. I long for the day that I can see him again. I love and miss him so much. The best Tommy you'd ever meet.*



Libby Parker - November 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

NN

“ *Mr. Tom will surely be missed. He was truly a Christian gentleman who loved the Lord and his family. Will miss substituting for him on 15M. God bless you all.*

Nancy Neal - May 06, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ *What a pleasure it was to work along side a loving caring humble gentleman. I well forever cherish the memories we made down through the few short years we had on 15M.*



Nicole Cook - May 04, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Matthew and Holli and family. I am sending prayers for your family. It is so hard to say goodbye to a loved one. Let God give you comfort in this sad time.* 🙏🙏🙏



*Love y'all
Marjorie Howard Smallwood*

marjorie smallwood - May 04, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ *Judy P. Gresham lit a candle in memory of Thomas Carnes Parker*



Judy P. Gresham - May 04, 2017 at 04:35 PM

MF

“ *Marward Howard Family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Thomas Carnes Parker.*



Marward Howard Family - May 04, 2017 at 01:14 PM

 Sherry Taylor


“ *My condolences to the family, especially Courtney and Chris (my former students at Northgate) and their parents.*

Sherry Taylor - May 04, 2017 at 11:59 AM

VB

“ *Tommy was a large presence on this earth to his family and friends.....he will be missed. My heart and prayers goes out to the family and love ones. Vivian Baxley*

vivian baxley - May 04, 2017 at 10:59 AM

 Cameron Rachel Kearns

“ *What a beautiful family he leaves behind. I didn't personally know Mr. Parker but in personally knowing his family...he MUST of been a great man!! To his family...you are all in our prayers. Cameron, Rachel, Doug, Judy and McCullough Kearns*

Cameron Rachel Kearns - May 04, 2017 at 10:57 AM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Thomas Carnes Parker*



Sandra Lewis - May 04, 2017 at 09:59 AM

GG

“ *Grace Chapel Baptist Church, Folkston, Ga. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Carnes Parker.*



Grace Chapel Baptist Church, Folkston, Ga. - May 04, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Carnes Parker.*



May 04, 2017 at 08:04 AM

FB

“ *I have so many memories of Mr. Tom. He was a kind man. I loved his smile. He will be missed by many.*



Freida Bright - May 03, 2017 at 03:11 PM