

# **Celebrating the Life Of Mr. Dennis Ray Parker**

**Sunrise**  
October 6, 1953

**Sunset**  
October 19, 2022



## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
Service: 2:00 P.M.

**Nicey Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
318 Camden Road  
Marshville, North Carolina 28103  
Rev. Camillo Richards, Pastor

Rev. Rodney J. Evans, Sr., Eulogist

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

The Scripture Reading:

Old Testament .....Rev. Nathaniel Miller

New Testament .....Rev. Nathaniel Floyd

Prayer of Comfort .....Dr. Harold Miller

Selection .....Family Friends

Remarks .....Sis. Minnie Clyburn (Class of '72)

Bro. Jerry Leak

Bro. Lonnie Bowman

Bro. Grady Hailey

Deacon Curtis Parker (brother)

Special Tribute .....Rev. Clay Parker (Nephew Ace)

Acknowledgements .....Blakely Funeral Home Designee

Selection .....Rev. Nathaniel Miller

Eulogy .....Rev. Rodney J. Evans, Sr.

*Senior Pastor of Greater Grace Community Baptist Church, Marshville North Carolina*

Selection .....“At the Gate” .....Sis. Michelle Staton

Recessional



## **The Committal / Benediction / Interment**

Greater Grace Community Baptist Church

880 Hasty Road

Marshville, North Carolina 28103

## **The Family Acknowledgement**

The family of **Mr. Dennis Ray Parker** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this most difficult time.

# The Obituary



**Mr. Dennis Ray Parker** was born on October 6, 1953, in Union County, NC to the late George (Joe) and Connie Miller Parker. He departed this life after a brief illness on October 19, 2022, at Pruitt Rehabilitation Center in Monroe, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother (Earnest) and one sister (Blondie).

**Ray** joined Olive Branch Baptist Church, Marshville NC at an early age. He later joined Greater Grace Community Baptist Church, Marshville, NC. He served as a trustee and member of the Laymen Ministry.

**Ray** attended schools in Union County, NC and graduated in 1972 from Forest Hills High School. He loved sports. He played baseball, basketball, and football. His favorite team as everyone well knew was the great Dallas Cowboys.

He was employed for many years by Holly Farms (Tyson Foods). He was later employed by Parker Trucking and worked there until retirement.

**Ray** NEVER met a stranger and there was never a quiet moment when he was around. Our family knew the party started when **Ray** arrived. He was known for his “contagious” laughter and could always make the best of a “bad” situation.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Lottie Lotharp Parker, two sons Ray Demar (Rabbit) Lotharp and Marcus Dupree Parker, four brothers Curtis (Shirley) and Larry of Wingate, NC, Charles (Ada) of Miami, Florida and Douglas (Susan) of Charlotte, NC. Six grandchildren (Raymone Lotharp, Quida Sturdivant, Rayjahna Lotharp, Maliyh Barrino, Dynstee Parker and Azaryia Griffin), Five great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Flower Bearers

Nieces

*When Heaven Gates Open  
You spoke to us often of Heaven  
Describing it in word and in song  
It was one of your favorites  
And we all sang loudly, off key along*

*You sang of crossing that wide gulf  
And knowing Jesus would meet you there  
Our loved ones too will greet you  
As angel's lyrics now fill the air*

*When Heavens Gates swing open  
We're sure you won't enter alone  
Gods light will replace the day  
As he warmly welcomes you home*

*As often as you sang of "the gate"  
You were also making it plain  
That the arms of Jesus would be open  
And God quietly called you by name*

*Ray, when Heaven gates swing open  
And you left this old-world Wednesday  
We'll be missing you with God's confidence  
That our loved one has now found "The Way"*

## Pall Bearers

Nephews



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