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Funeral Service For *Eleanor Marie Parker*



Sunrise

September 1, 1941

Sunset

December 19, 2020

Saturday, January 2, 2021

12:00 PM

Bennie Blakely Jr. Memorial Chapel

714 East Franklin Street
Monroe, NC 28110

Reverend Dr. Casey R. Kimbrough, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude	
Viewing	
Opening Hymn.....	Blessed Assurance
Reading of Scripture.....	VanJaya Thomas & Sabrina Parker
Old Testament	Psalm 23
New Testament.....	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Musical Medley.....	Reflections of Eleanor Parker
Prayer of Comfort	
Acknowledgments / Reflections / Remarks.....	Konnie Rice
Obituary.....	Shanique Parker
Solo / Song.....	<i>Baker</i> , Special Family Friend
Eulogy.....	Rev. Casey Kimbrough, Pastor
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC	
Recessional.....	Funeral Director In Charge
Committal & Benediction	
Internment.....	Rutherford Memorial Cemetery 480 Rutherford St. SW Concord, NC 28025



Obituary

Eleanor Marie Long was born in New Bern, North Carolina on September 1, 1941. While in North Carolina she lived and was cared for by family friend, Ms. Jessie Duffy. When she was 8 years old, Eleanor relocated to Brooklyn, NY where she was reunited with her mother, Ernestine Long Duffy. As a young child **Eleanor** enjoyed going to church and singing in various choirs. She even had the opportunity to sing on the radio and lead her choir in a rendition of "Calling Jesus My Rock".

Eleanor attended Sara J. Hale H.S. and explored various interests and jobs to help support her family. While a teenager, **Eleanor** met and married her sweetheart, James Parker on August 18, 1958.

In 1979 when her children were old enough, she returned to the workforce full-time and secured a position at the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development. During her career at HPD she held various administrative and supervisory positions. **Eleanor** retired from HPD in October 2002 after 23 years of service and relocated to Concord, NC until her passing.

What everyone remembers most was **Eleanor's** smile, her love for music, singing, dancing and her excellent cooking skills.

Eleanor leaves to mourn, her beloved husband James Parker of 62 years; children Vannessa Parker (Tim McFadden), Gregory Parker (Mitzi Smith) and Sabrina Parker (sons Kelvin {daughter in-law Margie Martin} Parker & Lamont Parker, preceded her in death); grandchildren, Tovonna Lee (Ryan Burris), Kelvin (Shanique Edwards) Parker. Jr., VanJaya Thomas (Roahjay Johnson), Kerrell Parker, Ravin Parker Williams, (Daniel Williams Jr.), Justin Parker, Alysa Dempsey and William Dempsey; great grandchildren Nylah Moffatt, Ariella Burris, Malique A. Adamson, Zy'aire J. Parker, Nevaeh A. Hobbs, Daniel Parker Williams, Amari Hines, Cardell E. Hines and Brooklynn S. Johnson, sister Barbara Butler, niece Lisa Duffy, great nephew Davon Duffy, special friends Barbara Harris, Vivian Smith, Margaret Miller, Cathy Nabritt and Linda Johnson; her in-laws, Walter & Betty Collins, Marie Stallings, Charleston & Mattie Parker, Idella Parker, Annie Warthen, Rose Brown (Ralph Hicks), Thomas & Vickie Parker, Chester & Joanne Parker, Alfred & Natasha Parker and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.