



## Mr. Carlton Ray Parker

December 23, 1953 - May 23, 2023

Mr. Carlton Ray Parker, age 69, of Union Grove, Alabama passed away at his residence on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 after a long illness. Carlton was born in Madison County, Alabama on December 23, 1953. His parents were Robert E. Parker and Buna Lamon Parker. He was a 1972 graduate of Buckhorn High School. After graduation he enlisted in the US Army serving his country during the Vietnam War. He and his wife, Paula Wynn Gibson Parker, were married for over 37 years. Carlton worked as a mechanic for 36 years but decided in 2011 to go into business for himself and formed Carlton's Cooling and Heating. He was known to be extremely reliable, dependable and knowledgeable. Carlton was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Mtn. View Baptist Church.

Carlton was a hard worker but always found time for family and leisure activities. He loved to tinker with and "fix" stuff, relaxed by fishing, grilling for family and supported University of Alabama football. When he sat to rest Carlton usually could be found watching a western or a crime drama show on television.

Family members left to cherish memories of Carlton include: wife, Paula Gibson Parker; children and their spouses, Jimmy and Christy Parker, Alan and Shivonne Hood, Amanda and Clayton Gosselin and Paul and Tonia Parker; brother, Phillip Parker (Sandy); sisters, Carol Parker and Gail Parker; Mother-in-law, Georgia Gibson; sister-in-law, Melanie Musick and eleven grandchildren, Mae, Scarlett, Emalee, Jake, Katie, Madison, Jaeden, Nick,

Braxton, Emma and Ellis.

Preceding Carlton in death were his parents, Robert and Buna Parker, father-in-law, Paul Gibson and brother-in-law, Tommy Gibson.

The family will receive extended family and friends at a visitation event on Thursday evening, May 25, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, May 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Both services will be at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Arab, Alabama. Officiating will be Brother Greg Narrell and Brother Glen Stewart. Pallbearers will be Shannon Orr, Edward Hollingsworth, Tommy Cobb, Bill Rutherford, Vic Granger, and Randy Smallwood.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, entrusted with arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Union Grove Cemetery (Marshall County)

3920 Union Grove Road  
Union Grove, AL 35175

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Service

**MAY 26.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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1340 North Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *What we enjoy and love deeply becomes a part of us. May your memory always be a blessing to those who loved you. Roll Tide!* 🌹🌹

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**Susan** - July 27, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Molly Blackwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker*



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**Molly Blackwood** - May 26, 2023 at 02:23 PM

GP

“ From Randy Cornelius: Good morning Gail. Prayers for you and your family as you all face a tough day. Wanted to pass along a story about your brother that has been with me like it happened a couple of hours ago ( I normally can't remember what I ate for lunch). I moved to St Pete Fl in 1973, got a decent job, got homesick and moved home. Carlton came over to our house and I never knew the details but he was having some kind of issue at home. My mother sent us to Bell store ( downtown Deposit) to get something for lunch . I told Carlton we could just go to Florida and get a job. He agreed and off we went . I remember he was in the back seat asleep and I pulled over at the Suwannee River on I75 ( in Florida) and took me a nap. The next day we are in St Pete in a park looking at the paper for a job. I told Carlton let's go home and he said let's go join the army. We went to the recruiter and he asked us where we stayed the night before. When he found out it was in a car he said he would get us a place to stay that night . I had in mind a motel maybe. Well... no chance. We stayed in a Salvation Army with about 50 homeless people. That I'm afraid is forever etched in my mind. We sang amazing grace, ate vegetable soup and went to bed ( no pillow/no sheets). I came home the next morning and Carlton stayed and joined the 101st Airborne "screaming Eagles ". I always thought that if I had stayed I might have missed a lot of dumb stuff I did early in my life. I didn't see Carlton again until 19 years later at a class reunion. Carlton was a good guy and a good friend during school. Thanks for reading my reminiscing. Thinking of you and your family today

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Gail Parker - May 26, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ I want to pass my condolences along to Paula, Jimmy, Alan, Amanda, and Paul! Carlton was such a wonderful person and a hell of a ball coach!!! He was always there if you ever needed him and never passed up the opportunity to talk to me when our paths crossed. I know that I have not seen or talked to him in years, but I will never forget Coach Parker. You guys are in our thoughts and prayers!

Josh Doedtman - May 25, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.



May 25, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - May 25, 2023 at 03:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Phillip Parker - May 25, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.



May 25, 2023 at 12:32 PM

DB

“ Dennis & Lisa, Bonnie, JT & Brandon purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.



Dennis & Lisa, Bonnie, JT & Brandon - May 25, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.

May 25, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.*



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May 25, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Carlton Ray Parker.*



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May 25, 2023 at 08:06 AM