



## Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker

March 16, 1927 - March 3, 2019

Condolences are being expressed to the family of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker, age 91, who passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at Hock Family Pavilion, 4023 N Roxboro Street, Durham, N.C. 27704. She was born on March 16, 1927 in Durham, North Carolina to the late Renwood Manley Puller, Sr. and Lyda Cozart Pulley. She was the oldest of four children, and was predeceased by Thelma P. Stiney, Renwood M. Pulley, Jr. and Ruth P. Teasley.

Mrs. Parker was educated in the Durham Public School System and graduated from Hillside High School in 1943. She attended North Carolina College for Negroes (now known as North Carolina Central University) where she studied business. She had a thirst for knowledge from a very early age and was an avid reader, having read all the books in Stanford L. Warren Library by the time she graduated from High School.

She was married to the late Gerald Warren Parker, Sr. and to this union they were blessed with four children. During the early years, when her children were young she was a homemaker. She began her career outside the home in 1961 as a secretary at Southeastern Business College where she also taught business classes. She then transitioned to the Durham City Schools serving as the secretary at Crest Street, Walltown, and North Durham Elementary Schools. Mrs. Parker retired from North Carolina Central University after 20 years of service serving in several capacities but retiring as the Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Chancellor for University Relations, Dr. Tyrone Baines.

Mrs. Parker loved the Lord and gave her life to Christ at an early age. She grew up in and was baptized at White Rock Baptist Church. After marriage they moved to the Walton Community and she joined St. John's Baptist Church. She reunited with White Rock Baptist Church when the family moved to the Forrest View Heights Community in 1968. As a member of White Rock, she served for many years on the Trustee Board and later became Trustee Emeritus.

Mrs. Parker enjoyed great gospel music and attended Peach Missionary Baptist Church, especilaly on third Sundays to hear the melodious "Voices of Peace". She would say "They are the BEST choir I've ever heard and I know good sing when I hear it.

Mrs. Parker was a loving wife and mother. She took great care of the home and family. Holidays and birthdays were special to her and she took great pride in celebrating these moments and making these times memorable for the Parker household. She was a master cook and could produce scrumptious, delectable meals that were memorable and pleasing to all.

Her love for travel took her many places and she and her late husband Gerald took cruises to Mexico and the Caribbean, traveled to Niagra Falls, the NC Mountains, Williamsburg, VA and many other tourist sites.

Surviving relatives include her one daughter, Donna M. Parker; three sons, Gerald W. Parker, Jr., Kenneth A. Parker and Harold M. Parker (Barbara); two grandchildren, Derrick Warren Atkins and Jamie Brothers; two great grandchildren, Jacquiel Brothers and Jamison Brothers. She also leaves to treasure her memories six godchildren; Karen G. Alston, Joan P. Packenham, A. Denise Cotten, Dwight M. Patterson, Minister Quintelia Mitchell and Clifton R. Baldwin.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, March 8, 2019, at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 NC Hwy 55, Durham, North Carolina, 27713, at 1:00 p.m. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Peace Missionary Baptist Church  
2608 NC Highway 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
<http://peacemissionary.org/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

C-

“ *Collette Richmond -Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*



**Collette Richmond -Chambers** - March 07, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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*My deepest condolences to Donna, and the entire Parker family.*

**Collette Richmond -Chambers** - March 07, 2019 at 12:55 PM

GG

“ *I will always remember Mrs. Parker. She was a wonderful sweet lady that assisted and supported Donna and I when we were catering weddings. I will always remember her smile and her loving ways.*  
*Geraline Graham Young*

**Geraline Graham** - March 06, 2019 at 11:38 PM

GY

“ *Geraline Graham Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*



**Geraline Graham Young** - March 06, 2019 at 11:14 PM

JP

“ *Je'Neise Poole Pagan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*



**Je'Neise Poole Pagan** - March 05, 2019 at 05:11 PM

RM

“ *Roslyn Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*



Roslyn Mitchell - March 05, 2019 at 03:45 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie Pulley Parker*



Sandra Battle - March 05, 2019 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ *Sending condolences to the Parker family during their time of bereavement  
The Bobo family*

Chester Bobo - March 05, 2019 at 10:10 AM

RG

“ *Parker Family,*

*Sending my love and condolences during this difficult time.  
I have so many memories of spending time at the house  
with Donna and your Mom. Please know that I love all of  
you and I'm praying for your peace.*

*Love always,  
Regina Fryar Gathers*



Regina Gathers - March 04, 2019 at 12:27 PM

TD

*Harold, Barbara and the entire Parker Family: my sincerest condolences for the  
passing of your dear sweet mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. I will be  
praying God's comfort, peace and strength be upon each of you during this time.*

*Love,  
Terre Cotten Daniels  
Hamden, Connecticut*

Terre Cotten Daniels - March 04, 2019 at 08:51 PM

MP

*Sending my prayers and condolences to Gerald and the entire family.*

*Mary M. Parker*

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**Mary M. Parker** - March 04, 2019 at 09:29 PM

JM

*Donna,  
Praying for you and your family for strength for today and comfort in the days ahead.  
With each new day, may PEACE find a place in your hearts.  
Judy V Marlow*

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**Judy Vann Marlow** - March 05, 2019 at 09:33 AM

LB

*Donna, Gerald, Kenneth, Harold, and Barbara I just don't know what to say other than you had the best mom anyone could ask for. How do I know, because she was the sweetest, kindest and warmest mother-in-law anyone could have. Her smile and laughter lit up the room. I'm going to miss her dearly. I pray for your strength and courage during this difficult time. If there is anything I can do to help ease the hurt, please do not hesitate to let me know. You know how much I love each of you and always will. Louise F. Brothers*

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**Louise F. Brothers** - March 05, 2019 at 12:14 PM

LE

*Donna, Gerald, Kenneth, Harold and Barbara. My most sincere prayers and thoughts are with you at this time and always. Mrs. Parker was one of the most kindest Divas that I knew. Always personable, always smiling and always being a wonderful Wife, Mother, Grandmother ever. Whenever I was at your home, your Mother made me feel like a part of the family. She and your Dad were two of most admired couples I have known. I'm only a minute away if there is anything that I can do now or in the future. Love you guys!*

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**LuAnn Edmonds-Harris** - March 08, 2019 at 10:29 AM