



Ace Parker

January 17, 1925 - January 16, 2019

Bernard McKendree “Ace” Parker passed away on January 16, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. The son of Thomas and Jewel Roberts Parker, Ace was born in Rocky Ford, Georgia on January 17, 1925. He grew up in Macon, was a member of Cherokee Heights United Methodist Church, and as a Lanier High School student participated in the ROTC program. Drafted into the U.S Army at the end of his Junior year, he was assigned to the 94th Infantry, 3rd Army under General George Patton. PFC Parker was severely wounded in Germany, and after recovery returned to Macon. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Purple Heart, European African Middle East Service Medal with two battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal, American Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He graduated from Mercer University in 1950 where he was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Order. During his adult Macon years, his career was with the Federal Housing Administration as a real estate appraiser. He was an active member of Shurlington United Methodist Church, the Macon Jaycees, and the Elks Club. He proudly served as a City Alderman and impacted the lives of many youth in the Vine-Ingle Little League and as the president “Fearless Leader” of the Shurlington Little League. Moving to Lake Sinclair in 1986, he was an active member of the choir, the United Methodist Men and the Men’s Bible Class at Milledgeville’s First United Methodist Church. Elected as a Baldwin County Commissioner in 1996, he served as chairman from 2001-2005. He was a member of the Rotary Club

from 1990 until 2014 and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and a Will Watt Fellow during his tenure. He worked as the staff appraiser for Century Bank and Trust from 1985 and reluctantly retired at age 86 in 2011.

Ace was greatly honored to serve as a director of the Georgia College and State University Foundation and received the GCSU Honorary Alumnus Award in 2010. In 2017, he was awarded France's highest honor by President Macron and made a Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his valorous service in the liberation of France. Ace was very proud to be accompanied by thirty of his family members for the presentation ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol.

The family would like to thank Harmony Hospice for their compassion and attention given during Ace's illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-two years, Cecile Hattaway Parker, daughters Kathy Parker Barnes (Paul), Nancy Parker Marshall (Jim), sons Ken Parker (Lisa), Kerry Glover (Melissa), and Randy Glover, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews that he loved as his own. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Parker, Jr.(Roberta), and is survived by his brother Augustus M. Parker (Dee).

Visitation is Tuesday, January 22, at noon at First United Methodist Church, Milledgeville, followed by the service at 1:00. Interment will be at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Milledgeville.

Memorial gifts may be given to First United Methodist Church, 366 Log Cabin Road NE, Milledgeville 31061.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville
366 Log Cabin Drive
Milledgeville, GA

Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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366 Log Cabin Drive
Milledgeville, GA

Tribute Wall

SP

“ to ken and lisa and family we are so sorry about the lost of your love one you all are in our prayers sarah and johnny and trey

sarah parker - January 22, 2019 at 11:42 AM

PH

“ Please know i am lifting you up in prayer.

Patty Harris - January 22, 2019 at 10:54 AM

 James Baron

“ He always said, "How ya doin', Babe?"

James Baron - January 18, 2019 at 05:18 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



Luther G Minor - January 18, 2019 at 11:30 AM

RM

“ Cecile & Family: So sorry to hear of the loss of Ace. He was always one of my favorites and such a joy to be around. Our prayers are with you, Kerry, Randy, Ken, Nancy, and Kathy and the rest of your family during this time. May you find peace in knowing that he was loved by so many. Our love to you all, Ronda, Ashley, & Brandon

Ronda Lipthratt McMillan - January 18, 2019 at 11:15 AM

JW

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your father. Though I did not personally know him, I knew his reputation. How lucky you are to have had such a fine man as your father, and likewise for Matthew to have a grandfather who I am sure was an excellent role model. Joan Williams

Joan Williams - January 17, 2019 at 11:29 PM

NM

Thank you, Joan. I am just seeing these comments—we were so blessed to have such a wonderful father and he was so proud of Matthew. I appreciate your kind remarks.

Nancy Marshall - February 08, 2019 at 04:29 PM

MW

“ Kathy and Nancy, we mourn with you and celebrate with you. Your Dad and mine shared some special times together many years ago!! I know that they are worshipping Jesus together now. Blessings to you and your family and may His Peace sustain you in the days ahead. Love, Minton and BJ

Minton Williams - January 17, 2019 at 07:02 PM

BG

“ Linda and I send our heart felt sympathy to the family. We thought highly of Ace. He was kind and so pleasant to be with. Ace could always make you laugh with his wit and humor. He will be missed by all that knew him. We know he is now in God's hands at peace. His blessings will flow.



Love to the family,

Billy and Linda Griner

Billy Griner - January 17, 2019 at 01:49 PM

BG

“ Mr Ace was a very special man and a very good friend. He always had a smile on his face and made my day brighter just by being around. I worked with him at Century Bank for many years and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to Ms Cecile, Ken, Lisa and all of the family. God has him now and I can almost see Mr. Ace smiling. We will see him again someday. Love, Betty Greth



Betty Greth - January 17, 2019 at 12:42 PM

CC

“ Sincere Condolences to Mrs. Parker, Ken and the entire family. I had the privilege of working with Mr. Parker when he served as Commissioner. He was a dedicated public servant and a delight to have around. He always brightened my day. I am proud to call him a great friend.

Cindy Cunningham

Cindy Cunningham - January 17, 2019 at 11:36 AM

ND

“ Ken and Cecile was so sorry for your loss. Mr ace was one of my favorite people. One of the finest gentlemen I have had the privilege of knowing

neil dyer - January 17, 2019 at 10:02 AM

KA

“ Ken, Sorry for your loss. You are a great friend and Mr. Ace is a great mentor. I am prating for you and your family. Your friend Stump

kevin arthur - January 17, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ace's passing. He was always one of my favorite people - so supportive of community. I loved seeing him at all the performing arts performances. God bless you, Cecile.
Debby Durrence Baker, LaGrange, GA

Debby Baker - January 17, 2019 at 09:34 AM

PD

“ Ken, Cecile and family I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He always said we were cousins because wayback I am someway kin to Cecile. He will be missed!
Patsy Hattaway Dalton



Patsy Dalton - January 17, 2019 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ *I t was ALWAYS a good visit when Mr. Ace would come to see us when I worked with Lisa!! He and Cecile were the perfect loving couple! Lisa and Ken, my thoughts and prayers are with you both and with your family. I know Mr. Ace will be greatly missed!* 🙏❤️🙏

Daphne Branton - January 17, 2019 at 07:39 AM

SM

I'm so sorry to hear of Me. Parker's passing. I am praying for Mrs. Parker, Ken, Lisa, Will, Cason and all the family. I know he was greatly loved and will be missed so much. God bless you all.

Sally Moore - January 17, 2019 at 08:16 AM

SI

“ *Cecile...our hearts and prayers are with you. Ace was one of a kind! So very sorry for your loss.*

Steve and Judy Ivey - January 17, 2019 at 04:47 AM

BB

“ *Ace was my friend and mentor. Taught me far more that just how appraisals should be completed. He was a true gentleman and example of kindness and consideration. With his loss, the world is not quite as bright.*

Barbara Boyd - January 16, 2019 at 11:58 PM

KM

“ *Ace was such a wonderful man. He was one of my favorites to work with at the bank. My prayers are with you all.*

Katie McGowan - January 16, 2019 at 10:23 PM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Ace was a true Southern Gentleman. He showed his kindness to everyone. It was my pleasure to have worked with him and call him my friend. My prayers are with all of you at this hard time.

Kay B Brown

Kay B Brown - January 16, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda Johnson - January 16, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ “Uncle Ace”, as we called him, was the sweetest, kind is man. He always remembered special occasions, in my kids life. He was the Best Santa, at The Breakfast with Santa, at the church. When my daughter was in the hospital, as a child. He payed her a visit, and brought her flowers. You will be missed, Uncle Ace. Heaven has gained, another angel.



Linda Johnson - January 16, 2019 at 09:47 PM

KK

Ace was an exceptional person who served the people in this community in many ways. His humor was a bright spot any time you saw him. My prayers are with your family for healing and peace.

kathy king - January 17, 2019 at 04:14 PM

NB

“ *Cecile, so sorry for your loss of Ace! He was truly a man that shared his love for life! Ace had a way of making everyone feel special!! He will be missed by many. You are in my thoughts & prayers!!*

Nita Bradford - January 16, 2019 at 09:38 PM

TT

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of a great man. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with the family. Michael & Tanya Truelove*

Tanya Truelove - January 16, 2019 at 07:55 PM

EC

“ *Nancy, Kathy and Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. May God give you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Love, ELAINE AND STEVE*



Elaine Carpenter - January 16, 2019 at 07:34 PM

MG

“ *I need Mr. Ace for a while he was always full of laughs. He always made u smile. Great man*



Marsha Freeman Garner - January 16, 2019 at 07:11 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Ace was an amazing person with such a sweet presence... I was blessed to know him mostly through his beautiful wife Cecil for the last 20 years... he was one of a kind and will be missed by many. Prayers for Cecil and family 🙏🙏🙏*

barbara morrow - January 16, 2019 at 07:02 PM

CJ

“ *Thinking of you all! What a wonderful life and who touch so many lives!*



connie Jackson - January 16, 2019 at 05:47 PM

LB

“ *We are praying for all of you, but know that Ace is being celebrated for being such an amazing gentleman. His kindness and charm brought joy, and we are better for having known him. Thank you for sharing Ace with us, and know that he will always hold a dear place in our hearts. Stephen, Lisa, Alex and Sami Bradley*



Lisa Bradley - January 16, 2019 at 05:39 PM

WF

“ *Praying for all of you as you prepare to celebrate Ace's life. Definitely, a life well lived. We will all miss him very much.*



Wanda Fitzgerald - January 16, 2019 at 05:12 PM

EG

“ Cecile, Ken, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Working with Ace was a joy, and to know him was to love him. He was a very special person to our whole family. Prayers for you all.

Elaine Grimes - January 16, 2019 at 04:57 PM

RK

Cile, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Ron Knight

Ron Knight - January 18, 2019 at 03:54 PM

BT

Kathy and family; We are ALL with you during these difficult times. Although most of us will not be able to make it to your dad's services, we WILL be with you in heart, thought, prayer and spirit. {By the way, looking at your dad's picture is a lot like looking at you.} We know these past few months have been difficult, but we look forward to having you back with us soon. Bob, Jeff and the Lagniappe Class

Bob Townsend - January 21, 2019 at 09:38 AM