

The Celebration of Life Service For
Mr. James Earnest Parker, Jr.

Thursday, May 7, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, N. C.

Evangelist LaJune Gray, Officiating
Bishop Elect Dr. Lonnie E. Gray, Eulogist

The Order of Service

The Processional
 The Invocation Evangelist LaJune Gray
 Devotional Song
 The Scripture Reading Minister Elaine Patterson
 Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31
 New Testament: II Timothy 2:14-21
 The Prayer of Consolation Evangelist LaJune Gray
 The Selection: *"If I Can't Say A Word"* SaCred
 The Family Tribute Ms. Jessica Davidson
 First Resurrection Church of God Resolution Minister Elaine Patterson
 The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation
 The Funeral Director
 The Selection: *"Grace"* SaCred
 The Words of Comfort Bishop Elect Lonnie Gray, *Pastor*
 First Resurrection Church of God
 The Selection: *"You Brought The Sunshine"* SaCred

All The Oakwood Cemetery

The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Placing of the Casket
The Final Departure

The Family Tribute

A smile for all, a heart of gold
One of the finest this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories he leaves behind...

Mr. James Earnest Parker, Jr., 50, was born in Iredell County on December 14, 1969, and was the son of James Earnest Parker, Sr. and Sandra Sue Price Parker. He passed away at Frye Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, following an extended illness.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, NewHaven Parker, Annie Lucille Parker, L B. Price, and Willie Jo Price; an uncle, Rev. E. B. Wilkerson, Sr., and three cousins, Bernie Wilkerson, Jr., Johnathan Parker and Dana Lewis.

Affectionately known as Junior, he was a 1989 graduate of Alexander Central High School and was employed by SureTape Manufacturing Company in Stony Point for thirty-one years and one month. He was a former member of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee, an Usher, served on the Men's Choir, the Clark's Chapel Inspirational Choir and the Van Committee. He later moved his membership to First Resurrection Church on January 13, 2008, under the leadership of Bishop Elect Dr. Lonnie Gray, Pastor. He served as the Head Trustee, on the Praise Team, Choir, Pastor's Aide and the Van Committee. He had a passion for gospel music and he loved singing. He was a former member of the Scotts Community Chorus, the Mitchell Community College Choir and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Choir.

In addition to his parents, James and Sandra Parker, he leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his brother, Charles Parker of Winston-Salem; his sister, Annette Parker of Jamestown; his adopted sister, Minister Tracy Lazenby; his adopted brother, Corey Rhoney of Clemmons; his godmother, Bertha Hamilton of Statesville; three nephews, Kelle Parker of the home, Adarius Ijames and Dorian Robinson, both of Statesville; his great nieces, Kyriana Parker, Aria Ijames, Aniyah Ijames, Ashlynn Ijames and Lira Parker, all of Statesville; his godchild, Iyana Linney; two mentees, Olijahaun Jones and Joshua Davidson; special cousins, Angela Robinson of Statesville, Jessica Davidson of Mooresville and Teresa Horton of Stony Point; close friends, Minister LaJune Gray and Travis Summers, both of Troutman; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, co-workers from ShurTape, the First Resurrection Church Family, and special youth from North Carolina and Georgia, neighbors and friends.

As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.





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With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Junbug and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**
The Family

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Let this mind be in you that also in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 2:5