



Elizabeth Parker

May 4, 1932 - April 14, 2020

Elizabeth Jane Katchmar Parker, age 87, passed away peacefully at Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach on April 14, 2020.

Elizabeth, as she preferred, was known to her friends and family as "Betty". She was born on May 4, 1932 in Windber, PA, a coal mining town close to Johnstown, PA to Mary and John Katchmar. John was a coal miner and an active member of the newly formed union. Betty was a graduate of Taylor Alderdice High School in Squirrel Hill, PA class of 1950.

On August 15, 1950 Betty married her husband of 69 years, the late Ramon Alton Parker. The couple settled in Hopewell Township (Aliquippa, PA) in 1958, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where they raised their three children; Michael, Daniel and Joni. In 1984, the couple retired to Conway, SC (Ramon's hometown) and lived there the remainder of their years. Ramon passed last year on November 17, 2019.

Betty will be remembered for her giving spirit, deep faith, and unconditional love. She was a talented writer who was both a contributor and editor for various publications over the years. She loved crossword puzzles, writing letters, and singing old standards. She had a voice her grandchildren would describe as angelic. Her apple pie was legendary. Betty gave much of her time, talents and treasures to supporting charities that benefitted the most vulnerable souls.

She was a beloved parishioner at St. James Catholic Church in Conway where she remained very active until her passing. Betty served as an assistant to several church pastors over the years. Known as a gifted speaker, she served on Sundays as a lector and was known for her role in Good Friday's reading.

Elizabeth "Betty" Parker is survived by her three children Michael, Daniel and Joni; her grandchildren Fae, Daniel, David, Shawn-Marie, and Skyler; and her great grandchildren Cassandra, Chandler, Rose, Cole, Henry, Gage and Nadia. She will be missed and celebrated by her family and friends. Her memory is a blessing to us all.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ As President of the Horry Electric Round Up Trust Board, it was a pleasure to see Mrs. Betty at our monthly meetings. She was very dedicated and thorough working with the applicants in her district. My heart was broken when she had to retire and now deeply saddened to hear of her death. We will all miss you and dearly loved you. Daphine Hickman

Daphine Hickman - April 25, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ I served with Betty on the Horry Electric Trust Board. She was such a deer sweet lady. I could tell she was a loving person by the compassion she had for each person she represented. She was always so well organized with documented notes from her phone calls with each client. As her health declined, she still pushed forward to attend our meetings. Her dedication was admired. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be with your family. Dale Willoughby

Dale Willoughby - April 23, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal” I too served with Betty on the Horry Electric Trust Board! She was such a sweet caring person for the board members and the ones she served, her memory will live on! She always kept everything well prepared and spoke such kind words for all whom she came in contact with, I will miss her! Ramona Baskin

Ramona Baskin - April 24, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ I served with Mrs. Betty on the Horry Electric Trust Board....she was such a sweet, sweet spirit. We have missed her since her retirement & we were praying for her in her declining health.. please know we are praying for your family during this time. God Bless all of you.....Janet Elliott

Janet Elliott - April 23, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ Betty was a great person. I am so glad that I got to know her. I met her through her son Michael. She always had a kind word. She had a blessed and full life.



Joyce Kraus - April 23, 2020 at 08:27 AM