



Mrs. Joyce B. Parker

November 4, 1937 - July 26, 2023

Conway...

Mrs. Joyce Bennett Parker, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born November 4, 1937, in Covington, VA, she was the daughter of the late James Gordon Bennett and Margaret Ida Dickerson Bennett. Mrs. Parker graduated from Erskine College and Vanderbilt-Peabody College for Teachers. She was an English Professor at the University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina University for over thirty years, where she was a senior faculty marshal for major functions. Joyce received the Distinguished Teachers Award in 1972 and was awarded the Coastal Carolina University Medallion Honor in 2013.

Mrs. Parker was a soloist for more than 200 weddings in the area. She directed the choirs at First Baptist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway. She was an avid theatre supporter who acted in and directed several productions.

Mrs. Parker also served as president for the Conway Fine Arts Club and was a member of the Conway Ivy Garden Club.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Dr. Marshall E. Parker; three children, Carol Hieronymus (John) of Chattanooga, TN, Eddie Parker (Stacey) of Richmond, VA, and Shannon Fyfe (David) of Tampa, FL; seven grandchildren, Jet Marshall Hieronymus, Jayden Joyce Hieronymus, Kyle Parker, Nicole Ayers, Kensington Parker, Molly Fyfe, and Wade Fyfe; three great grandchildren, Parker Ann Ayers, Luke Ayers, and Dawson Ayers; and two sisters, Nancy Hicks and Marie Taylor (Walt).

A visitation will be held from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 519 E 4th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403. Tax ID #13-5613797 in memory of Joyce Parker.

Please sign the online guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

WM

“ Mr Marshall and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Ms Joyce’s passing. Mr Marshall, you and Ms Joyce have always been so nice, welcoming, and sweet to me, Randall, and our family. She was an amazing lady who shared her talents, faith, and love to so many people, us included. We were fortunate to have known her. She is in heaven singing, acting/directing, playing her instruments and figuring out a remodel job for Mr. Jack. Praying for all of you.



Willa Mishoe - July 30, 2023 at 03:14 PM

PS

“ As a junior at Conway High School, I sang in the First Baptist Church adult choir and was considering where I should go to college. The large Universities were not for me, so Joyce suggested Erskine College and that is where I got my undergraduate degree. I am so thankful for Joyce, my good friend and mentor, who has encouraged me to always do my best and seek opportunities to use my talents for the Lord. Joyce was so good to me, that like my mother, I never wanted to disappoint her. I fondly remember singing duets with Joyce and starring in the Theater of The Republic's, "The Music Man," where I played second fiddle to Marion the Librarian. It was my pleasure to be directed by Joyce in TOR's "South Pacific". Nothing but good memories. Heaven's Celestial Choir is so much better now that Joyce is there, Love always, Philip T. Massey, Sr.

Philip T Massey, Sr. - July 30, 2023 at 02:22 PM

LR

“Joyce Parker taught me English in the early 70s at Coastal Carolina. She was without any doubt, one of the finest and most respected individuals I ever met. I never had any contact with her since then, but I never forgot what a **FIRST-CLASS INDIVIDUAL** Ms. Parker was. I am very sorry for your loss.
Leo Rabon

Leo Rabon - July 30, 2023 at 10:10 AM

GS

“For a year or two in Coastal Carolina's infancy, Joyce and I were the only faculty teaching English classes. That soon changed as Coastal began to grow. We both lived to see Coastal become a four year institution independent of USC. Joyce and Marshall helped grow Coastal. I will miss her as a friend and as a former colleague. My sympathy goes out to Carol, Eddie and Shannon.

Glenda Sweet - July 29, 2023 at 03:13 PM

GS

Marshall, please accept my condolences. Glenda

Glenda Sweet - July 29, 2023 at 03:14 PM

PM

“Joyce was among the finest people we have ever met. It was a privilege to have known her. Our deepest sympathy for her family.
Sharon and Paul Malone

Paul Malone - July 29, 2023 at 02:12 PM

LS

“ *She had the voice of Angels.*



Lyn Snyder - July 29, 2023 at 01:17 PM

CJ

“ *My favorite English Professor at Coastal in the early 80s!! I am so sorry for your loss!*



Catherine Jordan - July 29, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker.*



July 29, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ *My deepest condolences to Marshall and his entire family. Joyce was a special light of kindness. Her love of education and music touched many lives for the better. (I now envision the heavenly choir having a new, phenomenal voice of love!) I pray for comfort for her loved ones and will keep her fondly in my memories. Grateful to have known her, Charmaine Tomczyk, CCU Librarian Emerita*

Charmaine - July 29, 2023 at 10:44 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker.



Elizabeth S. - July 29, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker.



July 29, 2023 at 08:58 AM

SC

“ Susan Baiden Chestnut lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker



Susan Baiden Chestnut - July 29, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PD

“ My sincerest and deepest condolences on your loss. Though I never met her I believe I was able to get to know her through the many Facebook posts about her.

Philip J Drago - July 29, 2023 at 06:12 AM

JG

“ So many pleasant childhood memories from First Baptist. A wonderful voice, a wonder teacher and role model. So sorry for your loss. 💕

Judy Gerrald - July 28, 2023 at 09:14 PM

IB

So sorry for your loss was fortunate to know her and call her friend. My prayers are with the family at this very difficult time

Irma Barker - July 29, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker.



July 28, 2023 at 07:27 PM

ES

“ Elaine Sarvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce B. Parker



Elaine Sarvis - July 28, 2023 at 07:22 PM

SC

“ I'm sad to hear about Joyce. What an incredible woman! So talented and smart and strong. Love and hugs to Marie and Walt and Marshall.

susan cadwell - July 28, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JJ

Remember her and Coach Parker well while at Coastal

John Jones - July 28, 2023 at 07:45 PM

BC

Eddie, Stacey and family, I am so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Parker. She was always eager with a smile and such a pretty lady. I will be praying for you now and in the days ahead. Sending love, Beth Calhoun

Beth Calhoun - August 02, 2023 at 10:35 AM

DF

Dr. Parker,

I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Parker. I enjoyed her English classes at Coastal and because of her was able to work with you with the tennis program. My prayers are with you and your family.

Debbie (Hull) Floyd - August 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

PB

On this first anniversary of Mrs. Parker's passing, I wanted to say how much she meant to me and how sad I was to miss the service last year. Mrs. Parker was my first voice teacher and a role model in life and in my music career. I have such fond memories of our lessons together, of seeing and hearing her perform, of tennis matches at CCU when Dr. Parker was the coach, and of a very special visit the Parkers made to New York some years ago. As many others have said, hers was the voice of an angel, and Heaven is a more beautiful place because she is there.

With love and gratitude, Patrice Boyd, Soprano, D.M.A.

Patrice Boyd - July 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM