



## Martha Lou Abbott Parnell

December 6, 1956 - October 15, 2015

Martha Lou Abott Parnell  
Myrtle Beach, SC

Martha Lou Parnell, better known to family and friends as Marti, passed away peacefully at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach on Thursday, October 15, 2015 after battling cancer.

Marti was born in Huntington, WV, on the sixth day of December, 1956, the daughter of Elizabeth Anne Austin Abott and James Howard Abott.

She graduated from Huntington High in 1973 and attended the Marshall Lab School. A resident of Myrtle Beach since 1974, Marti spent 36 summers welcoming visitors from all over the world to Ocean Lakes Family Campground and the Myrtle Beach Area. Marti trained hundreds of teammates at Ocean Lakes about hospitality and tourism. The guests loved her. She was highly regarded as being honest, ethical, smart and consistent by all those who knew her. Many are struggling in her absence, missing the sounds of her laughter in the hallways, which now seem empty. Marti loved her husband of 23 years, "Harry Bear" and her precious blessing, Bulliet, of 15 years, who guarded her home and heart. She enjoyed the Carolina sunshine sitting in her backyard feeding the ducks or touring around in her VW Beetle convertible, which never saw a speck of dust.

During her career at Ocean Lakes, Marti was recognized as The Jackson Companies 2007 Outstanding Teammate for her remarkable guest service. In 2015, Marti was recognized by Ocean Lakes Family Campground for 35 years of service, having one of the longest tenures at the campground. That being said, everyone was amazed by her youthful looks, as she never seemed to age. Lord willing, we will meet again and He will put her in charge of reservations.

Marti is predeceased by her parents and survived by her husband, Harry Branford Parnell, Jr., her in-laws, Todd Williams and Jeannie Parnell Williams of Panama City Beach, FL. In addition, her nieces Lauren Jeanette Williams and her fiancée Hunter Shaw, Carley Jean and her husband Jacob Parker, her grandniece, Ellie Jean "Butterbean" Parker, her lifelong friend, Bobby Seay, and her entire Ocean Lakes family of teammates and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Church of the Resurrection located at 8901 Highway 17 Bypass S. in Surfside Beach.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 PM on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Goldfinch Beach Chapel located at 11528 Highway 17 Bypass in Murrells Inlet.

Graveside services will be held at Tisdale's Cemetery in Kingstree, SC at 2:00 pm.

Please sign Marti's online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

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



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center  
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588  
(843) 651-3295  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Service

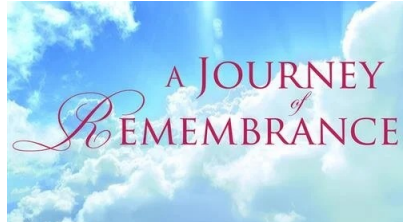
OCT **19.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection  
8901 Highway 17 Bypass South  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575  
(843) 215-4500

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 18, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CB

“ Chuck And Sheryl Belding lit a candle in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell



Chuck and Sheryl Belding - October 24, 2015 at 02:22 PM

CB

Our deepest sympathy to your family, our prayers are certainly with you Harry and family.

Chuck and Sheryl Belding - October 24, 2015 at 02:24 PM

CK

“ Charles Knight lit a candle in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell



Charles Knight - October 22, 2015 at 09:20 AM

CK

*Harry,*

*You are in our prayers, so very sorry for your loss.*

*Chip & Valerie Knight*

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**Charles Knight** - October 22, 2015 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ *Judy Clark lit a candle in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell*



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**Judy Clark** - October 20, 2015 at 01:42 PM

CA

“ *Harry,*  
*We are so sorry for your lose. Although we never met Mardi we know through your stories what a wonderful person she was. She will be greatly missed by all she has touched throughout her life.*



*Jean, Eddie, Dave from Coastal ABC.*

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**Coastal ABC** - October 20, 2015 at 12:18 PM

AM

“ *Andrea Millman lit a candle in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell*



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**andrea millman** - October 19, 2015 at 08:16 AM

JG

“ Harry,  
Our condolences on your loss. Sunshine and I are praying for you  
and your family.  
A wonderful person has left a hole in our hearts and memories.  
God bless you and please let us know if there is anything we can do  
for you.

Sunshine and Jeff G.

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jeff goerman - October 18, 2015 at 03:43 PM

TW

“ Although our acquaintance was only for a short time. You ma'am  
were the perfect example of life, love, strength and grace. You have  
forever impacted my life in a profound way. You have forever left an  
imprint on my heart. I know heaven gained another angel and you  
were met with open arms and "welcome home" banner.

XOXO  
Tamica Ward

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Tamica Ward - October 18, 2015 at 01:06 PM

MK

“ Marti,  
The world is a less brighter place without you in it. I cherish all the  
great memories as Myrtle Beach Jaycees, working together at  
Ocean Lakes and Coastal football fans. I wear the "Coastal Carolina  
Football hat you gave me for my 50th birthday to all the Coastal  
games I go to. You'll always be a happy memory for me.

Mike

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Mike Krug - October 18, 2015 at 11:08 AM

HP

*Mike , though we have not seen you in years , Marti often spoke of you . Thanks for your Warm + Kind words . Harry*

**Harry Parnell** - October 18, 2015 at 11:59 AM

JC

*Marti was my favorite person at Ocean Lakes ,I worked there from 89 to 01 as a day shift security supervisor and enjoyed every minute that I was able to spend with Marti,she was always smiling and just an all around good,nice respectful person,so sad to see she has passed away ,Ocean Lakes will not be the same without her smiling face behind the counter.*

**Judy Clark** - October 20, 2015 at 01:27 PM

BE

*“ Marti was a very special person and friend to all who knew her. She touched hearts of many without effort - that was just a gift she shared. She treated the guest at Ocean Lakes as friends, and that they became. The Jackson family was lucky to have had her as a part of their family for 35 years - I was blessed to have known this special lady for many years and will miss her but never forget her.*



**Bob Edney** - October 17, 2015 at 10:41 PM

HP

*Thank You So Much for your visit earlier this week and your Kind words . Harry*

**Harry Parnell** - October 18, 2015 at 11:07 AM



JR

“ *Jean Richardson lit a candle in memory of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell*



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**Jean Richardson** - October 17, 2015 at 07:54 PM

HP

*God Bless I know you will miss her Christmas Fudge as I will . Harry*

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**Harry Parnell** - October 18, 2015 at 11:06 AM

 Karen Murray

“ *Karen Murray purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Martha Lou Abbott Parnell.*



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**Karen Murray** - October 17, 2015 at 06:39 PM

 Karen Murray

“ *Harry and family-I am so sorry for your loss our heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to you in your family at this very difficult time.  
Timmy & Karen*



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**Karen Murray** - October 17, 2015 at 05:34 PM

HP

*Thank You for your words . Harry*

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**Harry Parnell** - October 18, 2015 at 11:13 AM

AM

*Dear Harry & family there are no words to describe your loss your heartache must be as big as the ocean. Marti was an extraordinary person and very much loved by everyone she came across. I know you have lost your rock as you were to her God Bless you! Andrea & Dave Millman and our two yorkies Digger and Shadow from Canada*

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**andrea millman** - October 19, 2015 at 08:15 AM