

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Mother Betty
RUTH PARKER

1932 - 2023

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

WAKE: 10:00AM - 11:00AM

FUNERAL: 11:00AM - 12:30PM

ST. JOHN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

7527 SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mother Betty Ruth Parker

DECEMBER 12TH, 1932 ~ MARCH 17TH, 2023

Mother Parker was born on the 12th of December, year of our Lord 1932 in the city of Grenada, Mississippi. She was born the ninth child of eleven children of Elder James Carter and Mother Alberta Carter. Betty was raised in the strong Christian family of the Church of God in Christ as Elder Carter was a pastor of two churches. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age. She graduated from Grenada High School, afterwards joining the United State Air Force completing her service with an honorable discharge with the rank of First Sergeant.

Mother Parker began a long career in medicine, beginning at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois as a Licensed Certified Pharmaceutical Technician; later she became employed with Cook County Hospital of Chicago. She retired from the Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Chicago.

Mother Parker met the true love of her life, Mr. Elmer Parker, in Chicago. Three beautiful children were blessed to this union, Sharie Lynn, Lawrence and Robert. Their children were raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Mother Parker became affiliated with St. John Church of God in Christ of Chicago in the early 1960's under the late Elder Will A. Toland, Pastor. She served under the following successive pastors: Elder Elihue Bell and Superintendent I.C. Grover. She was a faithful servant who loved to sing and was very active as a senior choir member, a member of the C.H. Mason District choir and the First Jurisdiction Illinois choir. She eventually served on the nurses' board at her local church and the jurisdictional board. She served on the communion committee and was a member of The Mothers of Zion Women's Fellowship.

Mother Parker also strongly supported Spring Forth Ministries of Chicago founded by Pastor Shary Baldwin.

Mother Parker in later years became affiliated with Reed's Temple COGIC of Griffith, IN, under Elder Joe Reed and Superintendent David Reed; later attending Abounding Life COGIC of Posen, IL, under Elder James Adams. She eventually placed her membership with the New Generation COGIC under Elder Melford Cartwright where she served on the Mother's Board. She enjoyed making her southern gumbo for Pastor Cartwright who she truly adored and who loved her dearly.

Mother Parker loved to be fashionable, she loved to be pampered and she enjoyed good cuisine. She had a great sense of humor and she was very outspoken, one always knew how she felt and where she stood.

Mother Parker will be remembered for her loving smile, her happy spirit and as a woman of God who feared the Lord. She lived a beautiful life in Christ Jesus. Her legacy will continue to be celebrated by her beloved sons, Lawrence and Robert (E'Shana); granddaughters: Brittney Simmons and Amica Parker Hood; her only grandson, Robert Parker, Jr.; her only great-grandchild, Alasia; her sisters, Edna Earle Bogan (Chicago, IL) and Naomi Robinson (Memphis, TN); God-daughter, Jeaneille Watkins-Burnett (John), as well as a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. ~



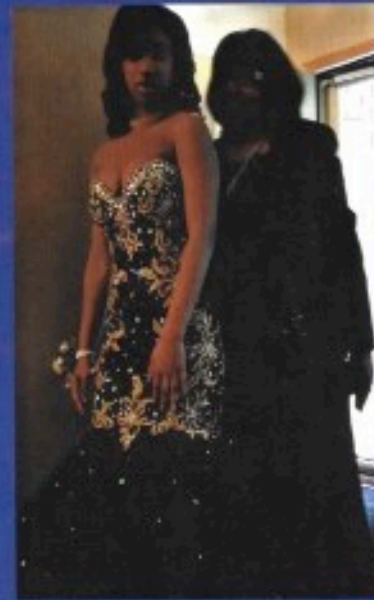
Order of Service

Processional.....	Elder Melford Cartwright
Facilitator.....	Mother Bernadine Grandberry
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder K'Sun
Old Testament.....	Elder James Bogan
New Testament.....	Elder Franklin Loper
Musical Selection.....	Sister Venus Fridge
Special Remarks.....	Mother Cartwright
Remarks from Family.....	Mother Edna Bogan (Sister) Naomi Robinson (Sister) Bonnie Taylor Williams
Obituary.....	Cynthia Knowels
Musical Selection.....	Brother Phinas Alexander
Acknowledgments of Cards, Telegrams.....	Chastity Parker
Acknowledgment of Resolutions.....	Tracy Beyda
Musical Selection.....	New Generation Church Praise Team
Remarks and Introduction of Eulogist.....	Superintendent John Taylor
Sermonic Soloist.....	Sister Antoinette Lee
Eulogy.....	Pastor Milford Cartwright
Final Reviewal	
Benediction	
Processional	

INTERMENT
Mount Hope Cemetery

11500 SOUTH FAIRFIELD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60655







Tributes

M – Most loving & caring mother in the world

A – Awesome in every way

M – Magnificent Teacher

A – Always made my day

~ Love, Larry

You always cared for me only the way a grandparent can, unapologetic and loving, I couldn't help but to be a fan. Thank you for introducing me to God because now I have an eternal supporter. I love you now and forever.

~ Love, Amica

"Missing You Mom"

Not a day passes by Mom that you don't cross my mind. Not all of you departed when you left earth behind. For in my heart, there is a place that only you can hold. Filled with our loving memories, I care more than gold. I know that you still hear me, Mom, so please know this is true, that everything I am today is all because of you.

~Love, Robert

My Sweet Mother-in-Love, you held so many titles, "Mama", "Granny", "Sister", "Auntie", "Cousin", and "Friend"; and you lived up to them all. I'm going to miss you dearly. Take your rest my Queen.

~Love you, E'Shana

Granny, I will always remember the fun times we had, places we've been, and the good food we ate. I will always remember you asking me, "when am I coming over", and we'd both say, "I don't know", and, just start laughing. Most importantly, I will always remember You Granny!
Until I see you again.

~Love, Your "Game Boy"

"Rest in Peace, My Dear Friend/Sister"

The times we shared, the talks we had, the happy time, and even the sad times will always be remembered in my mind and my thoughts. I'll cherish, every moment and hold them in my heart. You were a big sister and dear friend. You were the BEST traveling partner to all of the conventions. And, always the life of the party, with your sense of humor and beautiful smile. No more pain or suffering, so rest on my friend, you are in the Arms of JESUS! Love Forever!

~ Eleanor (Ellie)

Pallbearers

Edwin Bogan

James Edwards

Elder Franklin Loper

Elder James Bogan

Alex Fridge

Bryant Taylor

HONORARY Pallbearers

Frank H. Bogan

Pastor Robert Johnson

Robert Parker

Jesse Covington

Lawrence Parr

Herbert Taylor

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks are extended to Chastity Parker, The Bogan Family, and Mother Bernadine Grandberry. Your attention to the needs of Mother Betty Parker during her time of illness and confinement make the journey for both Mother and her family a more tolerable one.

We are so grateful for family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With heartfelt gratitude, the family of Mother Betty Parker wishes to express their great appreciation for every prayer, visit, phone call, floral arrangement, car, tribute, token, and act of kindness extended during this time of bereavement.

Continue to lift us up in prayer.

~Family~

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

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