



Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish

November 1, 1943 - January 4, 2023

Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish passed away January 4, 2023 at Merit Health Wesley in Hattiesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents William Andrew "Andy" and Ada Clearman Parrish of Laurel, MS; four older brothers, Thomas Leslie "Bud" Parrish, William O. "Billy" Parrish, Robert Lee "Bobby" Parrish, Richard Andy Parrish; two older sisters, Evelyn Claudine Parrish Long, Martha Ellen "Marty" Parrish Patrick; and his son, Dr. William David Parrish.

Edward Served in the U. S. Army, was a police officer for the City of Laurel, and following years of traveling the country as a union pipe fitter became a dispatcher for the Jones County Sheriff's Office until retirement. He was a member of Florence Congregational Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and security officer. He loved the people of this Church and said, "I fell in love with the people but when we had lunch on Sundays my stomach fell in love with the people." Edward enjoyed and loved being with his family and taking care of them. No matter what happened, he would be at their sides in a moment's notice offering love, support, and wise counsel. He enjoyed long drives and would always take the scenic route, enjoying life and what it had to offer. Edward also dabbled in poetry, using the pen name, The Phantom Poet. If anyone ever locked themselves out of their car or home, The Phantom Poet would strike again.

Edward leaves behind his wife, Sheila Parrish; his brother, Jim Parrish (Dot) of Laurel; three children, Tina Parrish Hicks (Greg) of Gautier, Tara Parrish Clark and Hailey Parrish of Laurel; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Parrish of Pascagoula, and former daughter-in-law, Teresa Parrish of Pascagoula; his grandchildren, Mary "Meg" Salisbury, Kiel Green, Brittany Hill (Andrew), Houston Parrish, Anna Katherine Parrish, Thomas Hicks, Amelia Morgan (Andre), Nyla Parrish, Andrew "Bo" Clark, and Lydia Parrish; great grandchildren, Ahnalee Hill, Liam Hill, Joey Salisbury, Brooklyn Parrish, and Autumn Morgan; sister-in-law, Wanda Nichols; special friends, Vicki Gordon, Gene'O Gordon, and Beth Buchanan Masters, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, other family members and many, many friends.

Services will be held at Florence Congregational Methodist Church on Sunday, January 8, 2023 with visitation beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the service following at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Church cemetery. Bro. Jimmy Holder will officiate.

Pallbearers will include Andrew "Bo" Clark, Kiel Green, Thomas Hicks, Andre Morgan, Houston Parrish, and Joey Salisbury. Honorary pallbearers will include James Bennett, Tyler Crabtree, Brenn Dees, Danny Evans, Gene'O Gordon, Greg Hicks, Jim Parrish, Joe Perrett, Jim Smith, Winston Street, and Jim Stricklin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Florence Congregational Methodist Church, 39 McFarland Rd, Heidelberg, MS 39439.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Florence Cemetery

39 McFarland Road
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Florence Congregational Methodist Church
39 McFarland Rd
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Service

JAN 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Florence Congregational Methodist Church
39 McFarland Rd
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Tribute Wall

HW

“ *I have Lots of adventurous memories of Poochie. My prayers will be with the family.*

Harry and Jerry Wells



Harry Wells - January 16, 2023 at 08:19 PM

JT

“ *Jim Janet Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish*



Jim & Janet Thornhill - January 08, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JT

“ *Jim Janet Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish*



Jim & Janet Thornhill - January 08, 2023 at 03:12 PM

JG

“ *Pooches was one of his own...full of life and always had a smile for everyone....Sheila, you and the family are in our prayers....we love you guys.....*

James & Bonnie Gipson - January 08, 2023 at 05:09 AM

HS

“ Poochie was one of my husbands dearest friends and they shared many fun times together and lots of laughs. Poochie always smiled and laughed and brightened our days. Jon loved him. My prayers are with Sheila and family during this difficult time

*Most sincerely
Helen Swartzfager (Jon)*

Helen B Swartzfager - January 08, 2023 at 12:14 AM

RC

“ RIP Poochie.

Roland Cranford



Roland Cranford - January 07, 2023 at 10:10 PM

MP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Poochie Parrish. He and his family always seem like a part of the Pops Phillips family. They were often with us for family and other special gatherings my prayers and condolences. Go out to Sheila and Hailey and the rest of the family. May God bless you and sustain you in this time of grief and loss.

Max Phillips

Max Phillips - January 07, 2023 at 12:45 PM

JT

“ I remember Edward as a very happy person and a delight to be around. So sorry for your loss. Joan Tomlinson (Billy's daughter)

Joan Tomlinson - January 07, 2023 at 12:16 PM

TA

“ Going to miss my buddy. Prayers for Sheila, Hailey, and rest of family.



Tara - January 06, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ Bill Parrish lit a candle in memory of Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish



Bill Parrish - January 06, 2023 at 02:07 PM

GC

“ RIP My good Friend! You will be greatly missed.



Gil and Sandra Chisholm - January 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM

LK

“ Several years ago we met Ed when Sheila was preparing our taxes. He was definitely one of a kind. Sheila and I have been friends for years, but it didn't take long for us to become friends with Ed also. We will be praying for Sheila and all the family in the hard days ahead.

Linda Rainey Keys - January 06, 2023 at 10:56 AM

PJ

“ *Phyllis Joe lit a candle in memory of Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish*

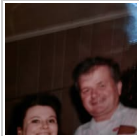


Phyllis and Joe - January 06, 2023 at 09:56 AM

PJ

“ *He was one of the best men I've ever known. Joe Powelson*

Phyllis and Joe - January 06, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sheila Parrish sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Allen "Little Poochie" Parrish*



Sheila Parrish - January 06, 2023 at 12:34 AM

JE

“ *He will be sadly missed! A good man and friend for many years. Sincerest condolences to Sheila, Hailey and the rest of his family.*



Jan Ellzey - January 05, 2023 at 08:08 PM

TM

“ *PRAYERS 🙏🙏🙏🙏 FOR FAMILY AT THIS TIME 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

TC MYRICK - January 05, 2023 at 07:13 PM



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Bill Parrish - January 05, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ Bill lit a candle in memory of Edward Allen
"Little Poochie" Parrish



Bill - January 05, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ So sorry. A great man.

robert bethea - January 05, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ "Poochie" was a fine man, and an entertaining and inquisitive
companion! My thoughts are with Shelia and the rest of his family.
He will be missed!

John C. Cox - January 05, 2023 at 05:27 PM