



John Robert "Bobby" Parker

October 11, 1945 - July 1, 2024

John Robert "Bobby" Parker, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and esteemed member of the Ellisville, MS community, passed away on July 1, 2024, at the age of 78.

Bobby was born on October 11, 1945, and lived a life filled with service, passion, and dedication. As a proud member of the United States Navy, he served his country with honor aboard the U.S.S. Galveston during the Vietnam War. His bravery and commitment to his fellow servicemen were hallmarks of his character.

After his military service, Bobby channeled his talents into the culinary arts, becoming an excellent chef and beloved restaurateur. He was the heart and soul of the Parker House restaurant in Laurel, MS, where his culinary skills and warm hospitality touched the lives of many. His restaurant was not just a place to eat but a gathering spot for the community, where everyone was treated like family.

He was preceded in death by his father, L.L. Parker, and his mother, Mabel Dorian Parker.

Bobby's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Linda Jones Parker of Ellisville; his loving children, Johnette Parker

Scrivner and her husband Chuck Scrivner, and Robert L. Parker; and his cherished grandchildren, Austin Hill and Ali Scrivner. Bobby's legacy of love, dedication, and excellence will live on through them.

He will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his dedication to his country, and his passion for bringing people together through food. Bobby's life was a testament to the power of hard work, kindness, and community.

Visitation will be from 5 PM to 7 PM on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. The mass will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Laurel, MS, at 10 AM on Monday, July 8, 2024. Burial in Ellisville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel MS, a cause dear to Bobby's heart.

Rest in peace, Bobby. You will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapel Laurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Ellisville Cemetery

Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
833 W Sixth Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I met Bobby in the 4th grade when I moved to Ellisville from a community outside the town. He and I were classmates through grade school and high school. I will remember him as a true friend from the day we met. He and I drifted apart after school because I moved out of Mississippi because of employment. We reconnected at an EHS class reunion a few years ago. I remember that his personality had not changed any since the first time we met. He will be truly missed by the many folks that knew him. Linda and family, you are in my prayers.

Mike Fant

Mike Fant - July 07, 2024 at 03:11 PM

CE

“ Bobby & I grew up together in Ellisville a few blocks apart. We swam at the pool together. Bobby was the best floater; his toes would stick out of the water. He also had swim fins and I was so jealous. In high school, we played drums in the JCJC band. Bobby was really a really good drummer.

Linda, I will miss him, as many others do.

Chris Elmore

Chris Elmore - July 05, 2024 at 07:41 PM

BC

“ Bobby was a classmate and friend from the first grade at Ellisville Elementary through High School. When we would gather again for class gatherings, Bobby always was generous with his many skills as chef, friend, and conversationalist. Bobby will be missed.

Bobbye Carraway - July 05, 2024 at 03:35 PM

BF

“ Correction- Parker House
Barbara Foley

Barbara Foley - July 05, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BF

“ Linda, Johnette, and Robert, my heart breaks for you and all your family. My deceased husband Stewart and I and so many friends spent many Friday nights and other times with you all at the Park House restaurant until you closes. Always so delicious and people from out if town in larger cities said it was one of the besr restaurants they had been to. John was an excellent chef. You are in my prayers.
Barbara Foley

Barbara Foley - July 05, 2024 at 03:12 PM

SE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bobby's death. . I remember his parents and remember when Bobby was born, and the joy he brought to his parents, especially Mrs. Parker. I had the pleasure of dining in The Parker House many times, as well as Jones College, enjoying his delicious food!
Thoughts and prayers for his wife and family and all who loved him!

Sarah Entrekin - July 05, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DR

“ Bobby Parker was a very good lifelong friend to many of us. During his high school band years, he honed his musical talent on the drums, creating the cadence for the drum corps with two of his old friends. After H.S., he performed with Little David & the Giants. His memorable U.S. Navy exploits were while on he served aboard the USS Galveston during the Battle of Chu Lai, Viet Nam, of which he wrote a tribute poem. He and his wife, Linda, attended every USS Galveston Reunion and reconnected with old Navy buddies, as long as he was able. He was also extremely talented as an artist and painted many works of art, including the portrait of the USS Galveston. He was a most creative and talented professional chef, starting the Culinary Arts program at Jones County Junior College (now Jones College) and served as Director of Food Services at JCJC. Bobby also had a few restaurants, and The Parker House, Laurel, MS, had rave reviews for the delicious food he prepared! There aren't many people who touch one's heart the way Bobby did for his friends! While he will be sorely missed, his memory will live on in the hearts of all of us old friends! "Fair Winds and Following Seas", Dianne Windham Rainey & Terry W. Rainey

Dianne Windham Rainey - July 04, 2024 at 07:28 PM

LA

Larry and I have such fond memories of our time dining and visiting with friends at Parker House. Food and hospitality was wonderful and we were friends of the Parker family. We have continued to miss them through the years. Bless you John, your talents were many. Larry and Nan Abernathy

larry and Nancy Abernathy - July 05, 2024 at 12:31 PM