



Rev. Max Ray Parker

June 2, 1938 - April 26, 2020

Rev. Max Ray Parker of Laurel, MS went to his Heavenly home on Sunday, April 26, 2020. He was born on June 2, 1938 to the late Marshall Lee Parker, Sr. and Vermell Trest Parker of Sandersville, MS. He spent the past 50 years pastoring and ministering to people of Jones County and surrounding areas in Mississippi. Those who knew him best knew his love for others and his love for Jesus Christ, and we know that if he were here with us today, he would be sharing the love of Christ with everyone he met.

Left to honor his memory is his wife of 57 years, Betty Raye Grafton Parker, children Greg Parker and wife Karen of Laurel, Heather Davis and husband Chad of Sandersville, grandchildren Chelsea Tew and Rahn, Haley Gilman, Jamie Davis and Emily Davis, and great grandsons Jake Tew and Reid Tew. Bro. Max also leaves behind his eldest sister, Magoline Butler of Sandersville, brothers Marshall Lee and his wife Joan Parker of Sandersville, Mike and his wife Vonda Parker of Laurel, and youngest sister Cathy and her husband Lavay (Bubby) Ulmer of the Sharon Community.

There will be a graveside service at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel on Tuesday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. with Bro. Gene Douglas officiating.

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery
Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

HD

“ You were the best daddy to ever walk this Earth. You loved Greg and me with a true agape love, as I think nothing could ever have changed your feelings for us. You loved our mother with the same love, and Greg and I saw that daily. We miss you so very much, as Christmas is fast approaching, but I know you are celebrating the birth of Christ in Heaven, with the birthday boy himself! We love you daddy!!

Heather Parker Davis - December 15, 2020 at 02:33 PM

MU

“ Bro Max was one of the kindest godly men I have ever known. Im am so glad he is no longer in pain. He will be missed by his church family.

Marsha USRY - April 28, 2020 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Keeping you in my thoughts and prayer!



jo ann campbell - April 27, 2020 at 08:08 PM

LP

“ *Mrs. Betty and family,
Bro. Max blessed our lives as being our pastor at Glade Baptist in
the 70's and early 80's. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of
you.
Love,
Margaret Sims
Lisa Sims Parnell
Eddie Sims*

lisa parnell - April 27, 2020 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ *I remember how much we enjoyed him
pastoring at LCBC. So sorry we won't be able
to be there with you all but just know that we
are praying for Ms. Betty, you, Gregg & all the
family! We love you Heather!! God Bless!! ❤️*
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Diane Patterson - April 27, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the
family of Rev. Max Ray Parker.*



April 27, 2020 at 03:59 PM

CL

“ Bro. Max was always so sweet. He always had a smile on his face. He loved people and shared his love for the Lord with everyone he met. Please accept our family’s condolences. Love to Mrs Betty, Heather and Greg and their families. Love, Catherine Ladner and family.

Catherine Ladner - April 27, 2020 at 03:55 PM

RP

“ All of “my people” in the Laurel/Sandersville area have passed through Memory Chapel on their way to their/our Heavenly Home. No doubt, first cousin Reverend Max Ray has presided over & preached many a funeral service here. In spite of many “senior moments” & “fuzzy memory”, I do remember bits of Mrs. Marshall Boon Parker/Nezziebelle Jones Parker, our Paternal Grandmother’s funeral here. Of course, Reverend Max Ray preached her funeral, describing Grandmother reading the Bible to all the Grandkids gathered around her feet, and just how much her piety, humility & Faith influenced him to become a Preacher. That whole funeral was a “PROUD PARKER FAMILY EVENT” for me. Thank you, First Cousin Reverend Max Ray Parker for giving your life in service of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!!!
Love & Condolences to all the Family!!!
Roger Barton Parker (son of Boon Barton (Bart) Parker

Roger Barton Parker - April 27, 2020 at 03:34 PM

EP

Thank you for sharing this. I'm Mike's son Eric and a minister too.

Eric Parker - April 28, 2020 at 11:05 AM

MR

“ To the Wonderful Man, whom along with His Beautiful Wife, raised Our Daughter in the most Loving way possible. Thank You!! Thank You more than You could ever know!! I was only able to meet You once a couple of months ago, but I'm so glad I was finally able too. And I hope to be able to also meet up with You again one Day.
Lovingly,
Minna Rogers

Minna Rogers - April 27, 2020 at 03:21 PM



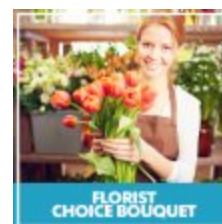
“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Max Ray Parker.



April 27, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Max Ray Parker.



April 27, 2020 at 02:31 PM

HV

“ Rev Max married my mom n dad on October 24, 1980 at my aunt Carolyn Lawrence house. He was a great man n will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and in the days to come

Holly Varner - April 27, 2020 at 12:14 PM