



## Ward Lee Parker

July 18, 1927 - May 23, 2017

On Tuesday, May 23rd our loved one, Ward Lee Parker, went home to his Lord Jesus Christ.

Born in Scott County in 1927, his family moved to Laurel when he was a child. He was educated in the Laurel City School System. He was a member of the United States Army, a veteran of WWII where he served with distinction, and was a member of the Mississippi National Guard where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant.

He spent his life in business in Laurel working for Mengals and Masonite prior to opening his own business, Parker Service Center, working on all types of foreign cars for 24 years. He was an avid sportsman, loving to hunt, fish and golf. He was a founding member of Dixie Golf Club and was a member of Magnolia Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Elma Parker, three brothers Marion, Jr., Jerry and Howard Parker, four sisters Christine Pafford, Catherine Carl, Billie Jean Goodsen and Bobbie Williams, as well as a beloved daughter Leslie Marie Parker.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Doris Parrish Parker, daughters Charlotte Quin and husband Craig, Leanne Chandler and husband Jimmy and

Paula McLeod and husband Ford all of Jones County. He is also survived by a brother Herbert Parker of Laurel and a sister Rebecca Williamson of Byrum, as well as five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Visitation is at Memory Chapel from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 26th. Memorial services will be at Memory Chapel at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27th with interment afterwards at Memorial Gardens. Brother Billy Dowdy will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Craig Quin, Jimmy Chandler, Ford McLeod, Jr., Larry Knight, Steven Holifield, Charlie Bryant, Tom McClellan, and Frank Dechert. Honorary pallbearers will be A. T. Buddy Holifield and all of his golfing buddies.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Magnolia Baptist Church, Wounded Warriors, or the charity of your choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

**MAY 27.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *May God bless you Mrs. Doris and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you..*

Richard & Lynn Taylor - May 30, 2017 at 12:03 AM

AB

“ *So sorry for your loss, I remember as a kid Mr. Parker was a hoot. Fixing the VW's and playing golf. He even got me to eating syrup on my fried eggs and toast.*

*Wonder if he will have a handicap in heaven?*

Agnes Broesche - May 27, 2017 at 10:38 PM

NR

“ *Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you. Neal Randall*

Neal Randall - May 26, 2017 at 08:00 AM

AB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family to be comforted by God's grace and peace.*

Amy Busby - May 26, 2017 at 07:26 AM

FC

*Prayers for the Parker family during this time of loss. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and comfort you.*

Faye Blackledge Cutchens - May 27, 2017 at 11:56 PM