



James Edward Parker

September 26, 1934 - May 20, 2012

James Edward (Billy) Parker was born on September 26, 1934 in Blytheville, Arkansas to the union of Johnnie B. and Beatrice (Dunlap) Parker. The family eventually moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. James graduated from Lincoln High School in 1952.

James went to work for American Motors Corporation (AMC) Milwaukee after graduation. While at AMC, James attained a certificate in Supervision from business school. He was soon promoted from foreman to supervisor. He transferred to Jeep Corporation (formerly AMC) in Toledo, Ohio in 1978 as a Superintendent of the Body Shop. He retired in 1989. James was called out of retirement by Chrysler Corporation (formerly Jeep Co.) He became an international consultant, guiding the production of Jeeps in China, Egypt, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. James returned to school during his retirement and became a licensed real estate agent.

He was united in holy matrimony to Jearleana (Jordan). They celebrated a half of a century together. Jearleana (Jeri) was truly his “life partner”. She was his fishing buddy, traveling companion, real estate partner and lifetime caregiver.

James accepted Christ at an early age. He joined Siloah Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1967 where he was elected an elder and was the first black trained lay evangelist for the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church. He joined Zion Lutheran Church in 1978, after transferring to Toledo, where he served as an elder, a member of the Board of Finance, and served several years on the Michigan District Mission Board. After his retirement James and Jeri moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas where they attended Living Waters Lutheran Church. Upon returning to Toledo in 2004, James joined Hosanna Lutheran Church where he was a faithful member until his death. James diligently served in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as he served as the vice president of several WELS congregations.

James' many altruistic endeavors included being a: Boy Scout leader, grade school basketball coach, junior achievement advisor, and CASA (Court Appointed Special

Advocate) volunteer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie B. Parker, Beatrice and Johnny Williams; one sister, Florteen Bruce; and two children, Lynnette Parker and Anthony Johnson; one son-in-law, Jeffery Rhodes. He leaves to cherish his legacy of love, his loving wife, Jearleana; his brothers John (Zenobia), Nathan, and Leon (Jannett) Williams; his sister, Vonette Washington; his children (Billy's kids) daughters, Carolyn Parker, Patricia Parker, and Dawn Rhodes; sons, Ricky, Michael, and James Christopher, (C'Shalla) Parker; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Johnson; grandchildren, Michael and Kevin Diaz; Amara Parker; Anthony Jr., Damean, Cassidine (Shameka), and Sparkle Johnson; Ricky Jr., Michael, and Richelle Parker; Jordan, Taylor, Morgan, and Jeffery Rhodes II; C'Shareese, Christa, and Cheyann Parker; and 13 great-grandchildren; god daughters, LaVette and Lisa Daniels, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. Billy encouraged his kids to be educated, independent and strong of heart. He taught them the importance of loving God and loving family. His life has been their example. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd, on Thursday May 24, 2012 where the wake will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday May 25th at 9:30 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 3360 Nebraska Ave, Pastor Scott Mosher officiating. Interment will follow at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be given to Hosanna Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio and Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ To The Parker Family,

I am truly saddened to hear of your recent loss, "James Parker" and would like to express my sincere condolences.

Booker T. McQueen###imported-begin##Booker T. McQueen###imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ jimmy and mrs parker im so sorry to hear of your loss. james was truly a great man and a wonderful boss. he is sadly missed by all but god himself. he is in the shelter of gods arms now. may he rest forever in peace with the lord.###imported-begin##larry mangold###imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to you and your family, Dawn. God bless you all and grant you comfort.###imported-begin##Isabel Fawcett ifawcett@iupui.edu###imported-end##

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“ "Well done good and faithful servant!" I enjoyed working with Jim on the Michigan District Mission Board (WELS). The Lord placed a love in his heart for both individuals and congregations. May the Lord bless his family and friends with the joy of Jesus' resurrection that guarantees his resurrection.###imported-begin##Rev. Dennis Himm###imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tone,
Sorry for your loss. Your grandfather was a wonderful man. Sorry I didn't get to the funeral home in time to see you. Helen###imported-begin##Helen Raczkowski###imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Parker, Dawn & Chris,

We send our deepest condolences at this time. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this great loss. Mrs. Paker thank you and Mr. Parker for selling us our first home you allowed us to start our roots. God bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Yolanda & Bobby Edwards ydedwards@att.net##imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Dawn Rhodes and family, You will remain in my prayers. May you find peace knowing your Father is in Heaven.##imported-begin##Pam King##imported-end##

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“ To Dawn Rhodes and family. May you have peace in your time of bereavement and hold dear the many memories of your loved one. Blessings! Khalilah##imported-begin##Khalilah A Shabazz##imported-end##

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ The IUPUI Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion sends its heartfelt sympathies to Dawn Rhodes and the family. You are in our thoughts.##imported-begin##IUPUI##imported-end##

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“ To the Parker family I send my condolences, and prayers. I will miss my brother-in-law and I will always be his baby-sis.##imported-begin##Vervely Jordan-Williams vajordan@junocom##imported-end##

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“ To Dawn Rhodes and the entier Parker Family,
Your father was a remarkable man and it was a pleasure to get to meet him in person during commencement. He left a lasting loving legacy in each of you. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Amy Warner###imported-begin###Amy Warner awarner@iupui.edu###imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you and your family.

Remember Psalm 30.5

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

May God's blessing's be with you and your family.###imported-begin###Donece Lewis###imported-end##

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“ Sister Parker

So sorry for your lost, God blessing are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Judy Johnson###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.###imported-begin###Tracy Wright tracylynn10@att.net###imported-end##

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“ Dear Jerri and family, Todd and I send our deepest sympathy (to you) on Jim's passing. However, we know that he is rejoicing with the Lord. "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" May God send you his comfort and peace. Yours in Christ. Todd, Judy and Lee Bloom###imported-begin###Todd and Judy Bloom tlcp1009@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ I have the wonderful pleasure of working with Dawn Rhodes, Mr. Parker's daughter. May God's peace and comforting arms surround the Parker family and friends during this time. You will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Tom Cappucci##imported-end##

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“ Our family expresses our deepest sympathy to the Parker family. We are especially thankful to him for introducing us to Siloah Lutheran Church, Milwaukee where we became members, were married, and had all of our children baptized. We look forward to the day when we will all be reunited in Heaven with Uncle Billy.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

Larry Jr., Ann, Larry III, Howard, Tahlia, & Tiana##imported-begin##Larry Jr. & Ann Jordan & Family ljordanjr@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Thanks for the wonderful memories and the good times and hard work we enjoyed together.##imported-begin##Rich and Barb Ott rott37@msn.com##imported-end##

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