



Charlie Parker

July 6, 1940 - July 11, 2022

Charles Stephen Parker, affectionately known as “Charlie” Parker, 82, entered Heaven, July 11, 2022, after being diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease nine years ago. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Three Corners Cemetery with Brother Richard Dowden officiating. The family will receive friends 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Wednesday, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Our sadness abounds, while our hearts are left full of love for Charlie, his family, and friends too numerous to measure. He will be watching over each of us as the husband, dad, “Papa”, and friend he was. The word integrity optimizes the man everyone who has known him feels, and those who haven’t had the pleasure wish that he as passed through their individual life. We are each a better person because of Charlie, and that’s the greatest compliment one can bestow upon another human being. We all have grown to honor all of his life.

Charlie’s life began July 6, 1940, in Nacogdoches, Texas, the son of a Continental bus driver. As often, was the case, drivers’ routes were bumped from town to town which soon took his family to Tenaha, Texas where he finished his high school days. As times were often without an abundance of cash, during high school years he could hop the bus going straight through Tenaha (free fare to family members) to Houston to work at Womack’s Grocery the entire weekend and arriving back in Tenaha at 3:00 am in time for school Monday. After graduating, he joined the U. S. Army stationed in Fort

Bragg, NC, specializing in psychological warfare for 2 years, during which he chalked up numerous college credits. Charlie married his one true love, Nancy Heyland. After the service, as he had a flair for sales, took a job at Friedman Steel Industries, based in Houston and Longview, selling steel all the way to Florida, and soon became their leading salesman. In time, he became involved in the apartment business, sales and management, in Houston and surrounding areas. Many a deal was sealed with a handshake as his word was all that was needed. Honorable and hardworking were two of his charming attributes.

At age 40, he moved his family to Gilmer, Texas, to take it easy and enjoy the rural life but soon found himself, along with Nancy, totally emerged in developing a registered Red Brangus herd. So at that point, Three Corners Ranch grew into not just a business, but a way of life for the entire family. So as years passed by, Kevin, their son grew into a young man. Charlie, Nancy, and Kevin became the hub of the ranch, while Kimberly took charge of the home front, and they began building a herd of superior mama cows. During this period, they held bull sales annually at their Three Corners Ranch Sale Barn, while the entire family played a part in each sale. He sold the bulls and heifers, Kevin handled what we call "working the back" (getting cattle into the ring), Kimberly was in charge of checking out the buyers along with Cynthia and her husband, Butch. The business also involved shipping bulls all over the United States, Mexico, and South America along with embryos to South Africa. They also became totally involved in The American Red Brangus Association, with headquarters based out of Austin, where Charlie served as president in 1987 and again in 1994.

Charlie's memory will be cherished by his wife, Nancy Heyland Parker; daughter, Kimberly Parker Mendenhall and husband, Brian; Kevin Wade Parker and fiancée, Tenee Beets; brother, Jerry Burns Parker and wife, Joy; sisters, Cynthia Parker Veters and husband, Butch, Jonell Parker Donaho and husband, Ted, and Patsy Parker Goodwin and husband, Buddy; and his grandchildren, Ashley Dawn Mendenhall, Katie Claire Parker, and Emily

Brooke Mendenhall. Also by Joe Hollinger, his best friend for over 60 years and longtime business partner. He was preceded in death by his father, Clayton Charles Parker and his loyal, inspiring mother, Lucille Parker. Our family is forever grateful for Hospice Plus of Longview, Jenna Sanchez, Miranda, and Charla, who daily went above and beyond their call of professional care and love.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation (Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306) or the Alzheimer's Alliance (3122 Nealy Way, Ste 227 Longview, TX 75605).

Please visit Charlie's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Three Corners Ranch Cemetery

7200 Bob O Link Rd.
Gilmer, TX 75645

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
(903) 734-7070
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<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlie Parker*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 06:09 PM

RW

“ *I worked with Charlie at Friedman industries from sept 1970 to April 1972. Charlie was by far the top salesman at Friedman. He had a dynamic personality. He, Lupe Vasquez, and I socialized together in those years. I remember Charlies being partners in a real estate company for awhile back then but I don't remember his partner's name or name of his firm.*

I know the Friedmans's and all the employees at Friedman thought so much of Charlie. I am so sad for his passing and want his family to know who much we thought of Charlie. Peace and good luck to his remaining family.

Ray Walker

Ray Walker - October 19, 2022 at 04:55 PM

CV

“ *Uncle Charles was always a larger than life figure for me. He squeezed every bit of life out of life!*

I will always be able to hear him say Hey Chaz.... What followed could be a funny story, a serious statement/question or just a check in, but it was always with intent.

One of the best decisions I have made as an adult was to go to Vegas with him and Nancy. It will always be a cherished trip and memory. Until we see each other again at a heavenly table, remember always split aces and 8's.

Charlie Vettters - July 14, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charlie Parker.*



July 13, 2022 at 08:11 PM

GS

“ *Charlie Parker was one of my most favorite customers at the bank and he and I shared many conversations on how to solve the world's problems. Such a brilliant mind and yet, so kind and genuine. He will be missed by all who knew him...Prayers for this lovely family....*

Glenda Sustaire - July 13, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ I only met Charlie and Nancy for week on a cruise and they were our dinner table mates. They both exude a light of kindness and strength and Charlie was a sweet, sweet man. My prayers and condolences go out to the family. Love and hugs to Nancy 💜



DiAnn Ervin - July 13, 2022 at 03:12 PM

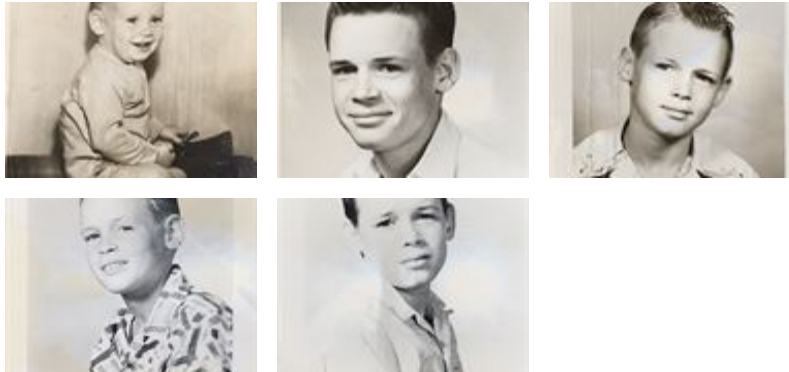
AM

I'm so sorry for your loss Nancy!
 You were his love of his live!
 I remember the good times we had on our cruise together !
 He will be watching over you & you are in my prayers ,
 Condolences to the family and lots of hugs and love for you Nancy.
 Anna from Houston

Anna Mair - July 14, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ 230 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 03:05 PM

GP

“ Greg & Stephanie Payne purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Charlie Parker.



Greg & Stephanie Payne - July 13, 2022 at 02:15 PM

DJ

“ Charlie P, you will be missed my friend! The world has lost the company of a GOOD human to share time with. Rest in peace and walk in the light and joy of the other side. May Peace and Blessings be upon the Parker Family at this time sorrow.

Douglas E Bull, Jr - July 13, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlie Parker.



July 13, 2022 at 12:43 PM

DR

“ Our hearts go out to you at this time. We have pleasant memories of your family when Kevin and Todd were growing up. We are praying for peace and comfort for you all.

Don and Myra Ritter - July 13, 2022 at 12:24 AM



Deepest sympathies to the Parker family. Charlie was a legend during his time in the steel industry. Many Charlie Parker stories still make the rounds among us old timers. Rest In Peace friend.

Tom Thompson - July 13, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Charlie Parker.*



July 12, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Parker.*



July 12, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlie Parker.*



July 12, 2022 at 06:18 PM

FM

“ *From Sammy, Jay, and Emma Mendenhall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charlie Parker.*



From Sammy, Jay, and Emma Mendenhall - July 12, 2022 at 05:57 PM