



## Cecil Wayne Parker

January 25, 1946 - August 9, 2022

Wayne Parker went to be with the Lord on August 9, 2022 after suffering from an acute illness. He is now rejoicing with his wife of 44 years, Lynnell Parker; his mother, Maxie Charlotte Terry; his father, Cecil Benjamin Parker; a host of his aunts and uncles who were more like brothers and sisters to him; and other family and friends.

He leaves behind his children, Wes, Ft. Myers, FL; Adrienne (Tim), Decatur, AL; grandchildren, Michael and Parker; sister, Martha Kelly (Pat), Decatur, AL; brother, Dwight, Moulton, AL; nieces, Michelle and Rachael; nephews, Travis and Richard; sister-in-law, Gayle Jagielski (Virginia Beach, VA); and brother-in-law, Russell Page, Jr. (Allen), Washington, D.C.

Wayne was born in Moulton, Alabama and was raised on his family's cotton farm. He attended Lawrence County High School (Class of 1964) where he excelled academically as well as athletically. Wayne was a hometown hero, lettering in baseball, football, and basketball. Basketball provided him a scholarship opportunity to play at Howard University (now Samford University) in Birmingham, Alabama. Due to lack of scholarship funds during his sophomore year, Wayne transferred to the University of Alabama and played football for the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant. A neck injury at practice ended his football career but anyone who knew Wayne would tell you he remained an ardent Alabama fan. Wayne continued his post-graduate education at

Samford University earning a Doctorate of Pharmacy and becoming a registered pharmacist. He also served in the United States Army. He met the love of his life, Lynnell, at the University of Alabama and the two were married in November, 1973. Wayne and Lynnell settled in Decatur where Wayne worked as a pharmacist at Family Mart. Soon after, Wes was born and Adrienne came along 19 months later.

Wayne, Lynnell, Wes and Adrienne moved to Newport, Tennessee in 1980 when Wayne purchased Newport Drug Store and became its sole proprietor. He and Lynnell worked together and successfully operated Newport Drug Store until his retirement in 2010. They were members of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Both he and Lynnell were licensed pilots and loved flying on the weekends and the many friends they met through aviation. Wayne was a shrewd businessman, loved discussing the stock market; loved high school and college football; never met a stranger; made the best cornbread; was a ruthless Rook card player; and absolutely adored his family, especially his grandchildren. He was quick to make friends and was always a loyal friend, many stating Wayne was “like a brother” to them. He had the ability to make everyone laugh and all tended to surround him at gatherings because he always had something hilarious to say. He was the life of the party and made such an impact on all who knew him. Roll Tide!

The family will receive friends at Shelton Funeral Home, Decatur, AL on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Shelton Funeral Home, Decatur, AL on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Adrienne and Wes request donations be made to either of Wayne and Lynnell’s favorite charities to which they faithfully gave and held dear: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee and the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home.



# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

Memorial Drive  
Decatur, AL 35601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Burial

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Roselawn Cemetery  
Memorial Drive  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601



# Tribute Wall

“ We are very sorry to hear about Wayne. We were shocked today to see in the Newport Paper about his passing.

*We had been friends with Wayne and Lynell since the early 1980's. He came to Newport a couple of years ahead of us.*

*I was a pharmacist at the hospital and used to work relief work for Wayne when he needed a day off. We became good friends and had a lot of fun over the years.*

*Wayne always made me laugh. He had a unique sense of humor. In light of this I wanted to share one story that I think he would appreciate me telling.*

*We used to travel to Pharmacy meetings in Florida when our kids were young. One year he decided to fly his whole family down to the meeting in Destin. He ask me to take some of the luggage since it would overload his plane.*

*At the meeting we decided to take the afternoon and fly down the Florida Panhandle out of Destin. We accidently veered in to Military air space. The military Air traffic controller came on the radio and said correct course Immediately or terminal measures will be taken. I had never seen Wayne move so fast to talk to the Guy on the radio. In any event we laughed about this over the years saying we almost got shot down.*

*We had many good times at the meetings over the years. Later I rented space from Wayne when he moved his Pharmacy to Newport Highway. We opened a home infusion company next to his pharmacy. We had a lot of good times there also.*

*After Lynell passed away we would have breakfast every few weeks and talk about old times. When he got sick and moved to Alabama I missed my old friend. I knew it was best for him since Adrienne could take care of him. I was sad that he would not Return to our*

*neighborhood and Tennessee. We still would talk on the phone every few weeks. I just spoke to him a couple to him a couple of weeks back. He said he had been in the hospital.\*

*I just wanted to let Wes and Adrienne Know that if I had know in time I would have driven to Alabama for the Funeral.*

*I am so very sorry. I pray that GOD will give you Strength, Comfort and Wisdom in the days ahead*

*I will close by saying something that is hard for a life long Tennessee fan but fitting for my old friend. ROLL TIDE*

*RANDY and JOYCE MULLINS*

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**RANDY MULLINS** - August 13, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cecil Wayne Parker.*



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August 12, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Bill Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hearn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cecil Wayne Parker.*



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**Bill Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hearn** - August 12, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Adrienne and Wes*  
*My sincere sympathy to you both in the death of your dad. He was always happy to update me on your lives and especially on the accomplishments of his grandchildren. Now that I have a grandson, I truly understand where he was coming from. My prayer is for angels to walk beside you in the coming days.*

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**Duay O'Neil** - August 11, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecil Wayne Parker.*



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August 11, 2022 at 04:42 PM

LA

“ *So sorry for your loss, we love Wayne so much. Your cousin Linda Ann Parker Asherbranner BLESS YOU ALL*

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**LINDA ASHERBRANNER** - August 10, 2022 at 10:08 PM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Parker Family.*

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**Donna Davis** - August 10, 2022 at 07:47 PM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear this ....love and prayers for you all....Kim Williams*

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**Kim Williams** - August 10, 2022 at 07:11 PM

CB

“ *Our condolences & prayers for your loss Wes, Adrienne & family*

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**Connie& Marsha Ball** - August 10, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MM

“ *Sorry for your loss of Wayne my friend and nebor prayers for his family*

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**Marcus mooneyhan** - August 10, 2022 at 09:55 PM



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



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August 10, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Ada Pearce lit a candle in memory of Cecil Wayne Parker*



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**Ada Pearce** - August 10, 2022 at 03:37 PM