



## Edward Leon Parker

June 4, 1952 - February 26, 2020

Edward Leon Parker passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in Tyler, TX. Eddie, as he was affectionately known, was born on June 4, 1952 in Mexia, TX to Richard Leon Parker and Bobby Louise Parker. He spent the majority of his childhood in Tyler where he graduated from John Tyler High School in 1970.

He pursued a number of careers, most of which reflected his strong drive to help others. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on his 18th birthday, serving four years, where he received multiple honors and promotions. In 1978, he joined the City of Tyler Police Department where he served as a patrolman, vice and narcotics officer, and detective. He left the force to finish his education and became a lawyer, often reducing his wages to help a person in need.

Eddie was all heart. He was a kind and generous man, and was known to be the life of the party. We will miss his jokes, the laughter he brought to everyone he met, and his uncanny ability to be both blunt and kind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ann Pessoney. He is survived by his two daughters, Kimberly Menge and husband Clark, Christin Shilling and husband Derek; sister, Sandra Goodman; nephew, Matthew Goodman and wife Jayne; three precious grandsons, who knew him as "Pepaw", William & Parker Menge and Sullivan Shilling; and two beloved nieces, Elle & Gwen Goodman who called him "Great Grand Poopow." He is also survived by wonderful friends and extended family.

Services will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Gage officiating, preceded by a visitation at the same location on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with military honors. To honor his memory, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests that remembrances be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

# Cemetery Details

## DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Not a personally memory, but my father's. My father, Donald Parker, lived across from Eddie, his cousin, growing up. My father says he spent many days and nights at Eddie's house and considered him his only friend. He recalled just today how fearless Eddie was in many situations. He dearly enjoyed the memories he made with Eddie through his childhood. While I never met Eddie myself, my father has described him as caring, brave, hardworking, devoted, and strong. I wish I could have met him but I am aware of the sweet soul he was with us. We dearly miss him. -with love from Eddie's nephew.

Blake - July 15, 2024 at 01:01 AM

GR

“ My brother(Dale) and Eddie were very close friends and attended JT high school together. I have known Eddie since the mid 60's and he was just a real good guy...RIP my friend.

Gary J. Rachell

Gary Rachell - March 02, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Leon Parker.



March 02, 2020 at 11:49 AM

BB

“ My condolences to the family of Eddie Parker. I received this sad news last night from David Rozelle. There are three men I have kept up with for what would be 50 years since we were in USMC boot camp. August 17, 1970 found ourselves on the yellow footprints at Marine Corp Recruit Depot, San Diego. After 13 weeks of training, four weeks at Camp Pendleton for Infantry training, and another month of quarantine due to a meningitis outbreak, we parted ways for our selected duties. For some reason I had a strong bond with these three Texas boys, Eddie Parker, David Rozelle, and Tommy Mooney. Enjoyed a visit with them in the later 70's when they tried to teach me to slalom ski there in Tyler. It would be 2001 when I would see them again, and Eddie and David, took me to the fire station to say hello to Tommy. So glad to call these guys life long friends and we kept in touch usually by email, phone calls, mostly on November 10th of each year to celebrate the Marine Corp Birthday.

*So sorry to say goodbye my friend  
Semper Fi*

*Bill Butcher*

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**Bill Butcher** - March 01, 2020 at 05:54 PM

MH

*Only now, May 20, 2021 only now am I becoming aware of the passing of Ed. I became acquainted with with Cpl Parker at the Marine Barracks USNA Annapolis, Md For a short period of time we shared a cubical. That was a bit unusual because during my three year enlistment I only knew of three Marines who were awarded Meritorious promotions. Ed and I were two of the three and shared a room. During my 3 years in the USMC, Ed was the most motivated and the most inspiring Marine I had the good fortune to know. It is rather unique how I was able to confirm Ed's obituary. The elements that I used were the following. He was from Tyler, Tx. Upon his separation from the USMC, he wanted to be a police officer. Finally, he aspired to become an attorney. For those who knew Ed I would love to share the memory of the last time I saw him. The date was 19Dec1973. That was the date I separated from the Corps. On the previous day (a Sunday) there was a snowfall of about 9 inches of snow. I was home in a town which was about 1/2 hour from the barracks. To be certain that I would be in Annapolis on the 19th, I left my home and returned to the barracks. Upon my arrival at the barracks, I noticed a bit of commotion in front of the "rec hall" As you might have guessed .... that commotion involved Ed and about a dozen Marines. They were having a snowball battle. About the time I joined in .... the battle ended. It ended because they were getting ready in the rec hall to have a showing of the classic "Gone with the Wind" What a great way to spend my last evening in the Corp. As I lived so close to the barracks and only about 3 miles from the local airport, I offered a ride to as many Marines as I could fit into my 1970 Plymouth GTX. Their intention was to catch their flights home for their Christmas leave later that afternoon. Ed was among those men. When we arrived at my house, my mother greeted us. We all went in and downstairs to my clubbed basement. While my mother prepared sandwich after sandwich, we spent the next few hours having the time of our lives. We killed the next couple of hours before we mounted up for our ride to the airport and THIER Christmas Leave in my basement just sharing the company of a group of young Marines enjoying each other. What made that time so enjoyable? Two things that I have yet to mention. First we all joined in shooting pool on my 9ft slate table. That was such a good time. The thing that made those hours even more enjoyable was. .... I had a beautiful glass blocked bar in the basement. It was there that I introduced the guys to the popular new drink of the 70's. A drink of which we each had many. That drink ..... Harvey Wal bangers. Finally about 15:00 hours we set out to the airport. 15 minutes later I was saying good bye to Ed and the others for the very last time. Yeah .... that was a sad moment but it was followed by a lifetime of happiness. Can you think of a better way to spend your last day in the Marine Corps? >>> Semper Fi*

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**Michael Hewes** - May 20, 2021 at 03:54 AM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Ron Hansen** - March 01, 2020 at 02:31 PM

GA

“ Sandy, I thought the world of Eddie. He was always smiling and friendly and just such a sweet guy. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know you will be lost without your precious brother. God bless you though this sad time. Love you.



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**Gin Ables** - March 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM

GA

“ Gin Ables lit a candle in memory of Edward Leon Parker



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**Gin Ables** - March 01, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DJ

“ To a great friend Eddie was a great person will miss him so much  
Godspeed

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**Danny Johannes** - March 01, 2020 at 06:28 AM

SG

“ Love you Bro!!! Miss you!!! Thanks for all the happy years we shared and all the wonderful memories!!! Sis

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**sandy goodman** - February 29, 2020 at 10:55 PM

MF

“ Mike Pessoney and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Leon Parker.



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**Mike Pessoney and Family** - February 28, 2020 at 02:11 PM