



## Howard Parker

August 23, 1926 - December 8, 2009

Services for Howard Ingram Parker, 83, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009, at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church of Tyler with Rev. B.C. McCoy and Rev. Scott Richardson officiating. Burial will follow in Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Parker passed away, Tuesday, December 08, 2009 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born August 23, 1926 in Caddo Mills to William and Mary Parker. He grew up in Tyler, excelled in football at Tyler High School and won the T.B. Butler award for the most valuable player in 1944. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he married Frances Bass and then continued to play football while attending SMU, where his team won the Southwest Conference in 1948. He went on to play professional football for the Pittsburg Stealers and New York Yankees. After his football career, Mr. Parker and his wife Frances returned to Tyler, and he worked for the furniture store Pope and Turner. Then in the early 60's he and Pat Chatham opened Parker Chatham Furniture on College St. Later after closing the store, Mr. Parker worked for the First Baptist Church of Tyler as their building superintendent. Mr. Parker was a deacon and volunteer at First Baptist. He was also a Mason with the Shiners' organization and was grateful for their help with his daughter Deborah, who had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Mr. Parker is survived by his loving family including daughter, Sharon Chappell and husband Harmon of Tyler; son Curtis Parker of Tyler; sister, Mary Nell Medlock of Giddings; grandchildren Sesalie Till and husband Billy of Malakoff, Cory Parker and wife

Tara of Georgia, Kimberly Palmer and husband Steve of Forney and Kara Chappell of Houston; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be Fisherman's and Magnifiers Sunday School Class. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Howard Ingram Parker may be made to First Baptist Church, 301 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, Texas 75702. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Karen and I had the honor to get to know Mr. Parker in the last couple of years through Curtis. I was so impressed with him such a nice man who truly loved his family. I wish I had gotten to know him better. He will be missed greatly. Our condolences go to his entire family. Be strong Curtis my good friend we love you and miss you.

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**Mike Erb** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ You have been my friend and neighbor since 1962. Your help and kindness has been what got me and my family through many hard times. Without you and Frances we never would have made it. We will all miss you.

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**Nancy Martin** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man back to the dust, and thou sayest, 'Return, ye children of men.'

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.

In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten, or, if men be so strong, they may come to fourscore years;

Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow: so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, or feareth aright thine indignation?

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

TURN thee again, O LORD, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

And let the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

*GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.*

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**Joseph Russell Barron** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *To the Parker Family, May each of you find comfort in knowing that  
God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are  
crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon  
"swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces."  
(Isaiah 25;8) Take care,*

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**valerie thompson** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Curtis and family:*

*We are saddened to hear of your father's passing. Please know that  
you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult  
time! Keep your memories close to your heart and those memories  
will help see you through.*

*Love, Diana & James Horton and family*

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**James and Diana Horton** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *There is comfort in friendship,  
hope in prayer,  
peace in love.*

*Sharing in your sorrow  
with love and friendship.*

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**Mickie Spraggins** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Curtis, Sharon,  
Please accept our sincere condolences and know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Mom and Dad both were great friends to my parents and to me as well. I often recall my days working at the store, doing deliveries, etc., and the support and encouragement I received from your Dad. He was a special person. Take comfort in knowing he is with his Lord and Savior and that he and your mom are together again.  
May God's grace be with you.*

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**Bill and Ami Chatham** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Dear Sharon, Curtis and family,  
Mr. Howard's departure leaves a big hole in our hearts and our neighborhood.  
We are so glad to have had the opportunity to know your dad. We loved his sense of humor.  
He was such a giving, kind and gentle giant.  
As your loved one rests in God's embrace, may your hearts be blessed with healing grace.  
Herzliches Beileid!*

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**Phillip & Regine Dewberry** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *I admired Howard as a great football player. Enjoyed his company at our school reunions. He was always a true gentleman and a genuine nice person. He will be missed.*

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**Gene Lipstate** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *I enjoyed working with Mr. Parker. He was hardworking, kind, gentle man that cared about his God, church and people.  
May you feel God's comfort at this time.*

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**Andy Lynn** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Curtis and family,  
  
Sorry for your loss. Best wishes.  
  
Bubba*

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**Bubba Powell** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Howard was truly a fine Christian gentleman. I am so grateful for the privilege of serving with him at First Baptist of Tyler for over four years. I am a better person for having known him.*

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**Gary Fenton** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM