



Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker

August 24, 1944 - April 18, 2026

Jim (Jimmie) Hoyette Parker, 81, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 24, 1944, via a Home Birth, in Anson, Texas, to Brooksie and James Parker, both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his brother Kenneth D Parker.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Karen Kay Parker. He was a proud and devoted father to Devon Parker and wife Tracy; Jeff Neal and wife Samantha; and Melissa Neal Whitus and husband Lee. He was a cherished grandfather to Alyssa Parker Danielson (27) and husband Matt; Cullen Parker (18), Chase Whitus (16), Mackenzie Whitus (16), Wyatt Neal (14), and Ainsley Neal (11). He was also blessed with one great-grandchild, Eli Danielson (7 months).

Jim served his country honorably in the Marine Air Reserves for six years. He then built a successful career as a mechanical engineer, beginning with MW Kellogg and later dedicating more than 30 years to Howe Baker Engineering before his retirement. He was respected for his strong work ethic, knowledge, and commitment to excellence.

Outside of his career, Jim found his greatest joy in spending time with his family and exploring the world with his wife. Together, they created countless memories traveling in their motorhome and taking overseas river cruises. He

also had a deep love for the outdoors and could often be found golfing, fishing, hunting or simply enjoying nature. He built 2 homes in his lifetime, with the latest being the home he built for him and Karen after retirement on Lake Fork. He enjoyed having all of his grandchildren come to their home for 'grandparent week'; he taught them how to ride bikes on their long driveway, caught them in the pool a million times and had little helpers picking up sticks in the yard to make a fire for smores. We believe being named "Papa" by his grandchildren was one of his favorite nicknames.

Jim will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his steady presence, and his appreciation for life's simple pleasures. He leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and cherished memories that will live on through all who knew him.

Honorary Pallbearers: Devon Parker, Jeff Neal, Lee Whitus, Matt Danielson, Cullen Parker, Chase Whitus, Wyatt Neal, Karlon Parker, Toby Lester and David Gailey

A memorial service will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 2 PM. In

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Centrepont Ministries @ P.O. Box 2464 , Lindale, TX 75771.

Jim will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker.

April 22 at 04:47 AM



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April 21 at 04:29 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker.

April 21 at 04:13 PM

DK

“ Jim and I met many years ago and contributed greatly to my own career success. Jim was always someone you could depend upon and knew would do the right thing. Mya he find great Peace with our Lord in heaven.
David



David King - April 20 at 05:10 PM

DK

“ David & Janis King purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker.



David & Janis King - April 20 at 05:02 PM

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KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker



Karen Damon - April 20 at 04:04 PM

CW

“ *Craig and Linda Witherspoon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jimmie "Jim" H. Parker.*



Craig and Linda Witherspoon - April 20 at 03:00 PM

TP

“ *For Jim*

We celebrate a life that was full, vibrant, and always in motion—our dad and our Papa, who showed us how to live with joy, purpose, and a song in your heart. He loved to sing, whistle, and he did it often—whether anyone was listening or not.

He found peace out on the water and in the woods, fishing and hunting with patience and appreciation for the simple things. Those moments weren't just hobbies to him—they were part of who he was, a reflection of his love for life and the outdoors.

But if there was anywhere he truly lit up, it was at his grandkids' games and events. No matter how busy he was, he made the time to show up, cheer loud, and be present. His pride in them was unmistakable, and his support never wavered. He lived his life with energy and purpose, always finding something to do, something to fix, or someone to help.

We will remember his laughter, his songs, his stories, and the way he made each of us feel seen and loved.

Forever our dad. Forever our Papa. Forever the heart of so many cherished moments.

With Love, Tracy



Tracy parker - April 20 at 01:31 PM



*Jim was a good man and friend!
Tracy truer words could not have been spoken!*

Karen Damon - April 20 at 04:09 PM