

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace bethine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



Honorary Pallbearers

Ronald Flint | Bernard Childs | Gene Johnson
Willie Johnson | Charles Parker
St. John Baptist Church Deacons

Active Pallbearers

Masonic Lodge No. 73

Interment

Douglas City Cemetery
1623 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Repast

St. John Baptist Church Dining Hall
205 North Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Acknowledgements

When our loss felt overwhelming, we looked up and found our friends standing by, offering support with flowers, cards, kind words, and open hearts. We are deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness of our family and friends, whose many acts of kindness prayers, comforting words, and heartfelt gestures helped carry us through our time of sorrow. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours. God bless.

- The Family

In A Loving Memory of



Dedie Bell Parker

Sunrise: January 12, 1930 - Sunset: October 8, 2024

Sunday, October 13, 2024
2:00 PM

St. John Baptist Church
Douglas, Georgia 31533
Reverend Bobby Harris, Eulogist

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
LICENSED DIRECTOR/EMBALMER, SIDNEY K. HARRELL
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Life Reflections

Mrs. Dedie Bell Flint Parker was born on January 12, 1930, to the late J.C. and Mamie Flint in Dodge County, Yonkers, Georgia. She passed away peacefully on October 8, 2024, at Coffee Regional Medical Center after an extended illness.

From an early age, Dedie Bell was devoted to her faith and community. At just 13 years old, she began her lifelong service as an usher at Thankful Baptist Church in Yonkers, Georgia. She received her education at Chester High School. On November 28, 1948, she married the love of her life, Mr. Paul Parker, and together they were blessed with two sons.

In 1953, Dedie Bell moved to Douglas, Georgia, and in 1954, she became a dedicated member of St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend T.L. Mobley. She served in various capacities within the church, particularly as a faithful usher, continuing to serve until her health began to decline.

Dedie Bell worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) for 30 years at Shady Acres Nursing Home. Her love for her job and dedication to those she cared for was apparent, and she remained committed to her work until retirement. She was also a long-serving member of the Queenell Chapter No. 243 of The Order of the Eastern Star, where she was an active member for over 30 years.

In addition to her parents, Dedie Bell is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Paul Parker; her son, Jeffery Parker; step-son, Bishop; three sisters, Addie Johnson, Lorraine Crawford, and Mattie Mae Anderson; and seven brothers, Jonna, Joseph, Marvin, J.C. (Jr.), Frank, James, and Richard Flint.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving son, Paul E. (Brenda) Parker of San Antonio, Texas; two grandsons, Eric Parker of Douglas, Georgia, and Richard Parker of San Antonio, Texas; three great-granddaughters, Jacquelyn Parker of Ocala, Florida, Mia Parker of San Antonio, Texas, and Aliyah Pendleton of Fayetteville, North Carolina; one great-grandson, Eric King of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Martha Bell Brown of Eastman, Georgia; two special nieces, Paulette Jackson and Mary Graham; like-a-daughter, Gloria Wilcox; special friends, Virginia (James) Brown, Henrietta Newton, Mary Atwater, Helen Jones, Jesse Moore, and Cedric White; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

President, Reverend Johnny Grady

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Selection.....St. John Baptist Church Choir
- Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Jimmy Lee Veal
- Solo.....Reverend Bobby Harris
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Elder Brenda Veal
 - New Testament.....Minister Rhonda Grady
- Solo.....Carl Parker
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes
 - As a Church Member.....Henriette Newton
 - As a Friend.....Helen Jones
 - As a Friend.....Virginia Brown
- Solo.....Minister Kentaiwon Carter-Durham
- Eulogy.....Reverend Bobby Harris
- Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Staff
- Committal Service
- Chapter of Sorrow.....Queenell Chapter No. 243 of
The Order of the Eastern Star
- Benediction

Favorite Scripture

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

John 14: 1-4