

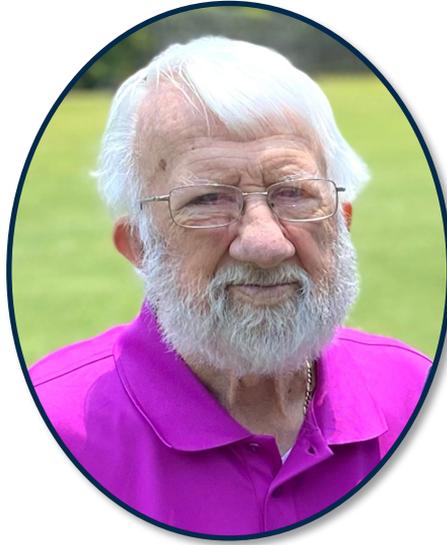
IN LOVING MEMORY

James Edwin Parker Sr.
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

2 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025
First Baptist Church, Morehead City, NC

Processional		Diane Hawkins
Welcome, Scripture & Invocation		Rev. Darrell Williams
Hymn #6	"How Great Thou Art"	Becky Misner
Special Memories		Rev. Darrell Williams Danny McQueen, George Gilbert, Gurney Mizelle
Message		Dr. Nate Leonard
Hymn #104	"Amazing Grace"	Dan Piner
Benediction		Dr. Nate Leonard
Recessional		Diane Hawkins

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT GETHSEMANE MEMORIAL PARK.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

James "Jimmy" Edwin Parker Sr., 88, of Morehead City, North Carolina, passed away on August 6, 2025, at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Jimmy was born on February 15, 1937, in Morganton, NC, to the late Melon and Georgia Parker. His family later moved to the Crystal Coast where he graduated from Morehead City High School with the Class of 1956. Jimmy continued his education and was proud of his alma mater, Appalachian State Teachers' College, where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1960. Jimmy went on to receive his master's degree from North Carolina State University.

Jimmy began his career in education at West Carteret High School, where he was not only an inspiring teacher but also a beloved football coach. Later, he became head coach at North Johnson High School in Micro, NC. After dedicating many years to nurturing young minds and athletes, Jimmy transitioned to a successful career in pharmaceutical sales, a field he thrived in for over 40 years before retirement.

Jimmy's love for the Lord was the cornerstone of his life. He was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and actively participated in several ministries, including Backpack Buddies for Kids, Martha's Mission, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Brotherhood Men's Ministry and the Baptist Handyman Ministry. His unwavering work ethic and commitment to helping others defined his character throughout his life.

In his leisure time, Jimmy enjoyed camping and boating adventures. In his earlier years he loved grilling steaks for his family every Saturday night. A devoted fan of the Carolina Tar Heels, he relished attending games, especially the Final Four, he was an enthusiastic member of the Carolina Rams Club and a faithful supporter of Appalachian State University.

Jimmy's loving spirit and dedication to his family, faith, and community will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Lois Parker; sons, James Parker Jr. (Lisa) of Raleigh, NC and Jeff Parker (Laura) of Garner, NC; sister-in-law, Irene Parker of Pensacola, FL; grandson, Becton Olson Parker of Garner, NC; and nephew, Mike Parker (Marguerite) of Pensacola, FL.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Willard Thorne; brothers, Tony Parker and Sonny Parker; and niece, Rose M. Scott.

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The LORD is my *Shepherd*;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to

Lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely *goodness*

and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the House of the LORD

forever.

- Psalm 23



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