A Champion's Playbook



VICTORY EDITION

VICTOR VERNADO Parker

"COACH VICC"

MAY 18, 1967
KICKOFF

NOVEMBER 3, 2026
TOUCHDOWN



GAME DAY

A Championship Celebration of Life

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

PRE-GAME | *Viewing 9:00 AM*

FINAL PLAYOFF | *Homegoing Celebration 10:00 AM*

OVERTIME | *The Victory Repast*
Deb's Event Center, 5508 E. Livingston Avenue, Cols. Oh

TAILGATE | *The Post-Game Tailgate 6:00–10:00pm*
Let's Toast to Coach Vicc
The Waves Bar & Kitchen, 828 E. Long St., Cols. Oh

GAME DAY VENUE

New Birth Christian Ministries
3475 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH 43232

GAME DAY SALUTES

New Birth Christian Ministries Staff
Bishop Kenneth Moore
Pastr Yaves M. Ellis
Dr. Yvette Lovett Martin – Officiant, Tampa, FL
Cliff Dubose – Organist Chicago, IL
D Angelo Maxwell – Percussionist Cleveland, OH
Marilyn Shimp & Vickie Person
Staff of McNaughten Pointe
Staff of Marlan Gary Funeral Home
Game Day Planning Team



THE FINAL PLAYOFF
Play by Play

PRE-GAME

Prelude & Family Processional

Video Tribute

FINAL PLAYOFF

Officiant Dr. Yvette Lovett Martin
Executive Pastor, Bible Based Fellowship Church, Tampa, FL

Call to Worship

Scriptures – *Psalm 23, 2 Timothy 4:6-8*

Prayer

Opening Kick-Off Selection – *Thank you Lord, Led by Brooke*

Reflections – *The Marion-Franklin/Southfield Crew*
Collegiate & NFL Players impacted by Coach Vicc

Sideline Salutes *(Acknowledgements of Resolutions)*

HALFTIME

Victor II, Son
Lady Dr. Vickie, Sister/Caregiver
Brooke, Niece: A Change Is Gonna Come

The FOUR Quarters of a Champion's Life
I've Been In The Storm Too Long

The Championship Message
Dr. Booker J. Person, Brother-in-Love
Pastor, Greater Bethel House of Hope, Akron, Oh

Committal

The Final Whistle – *One last salute to Coach Vicc*

Recessional – *Pallbearers – Sons & Starting LineUp*



THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

His Greatest Team

Victor was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Joycelyn Marlowe Parker; his son, Sharron; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

FAMILY

Beloved Father, Lindsey Parker
Loving Sister/Caregiver, Dr. Vickie V. Person, and her husband, Rev. Dr. Booker J. Person, of Akron, Ohio.

HIS LEGACY

Sons Victor, II (Houston, Tx), Thomas, Sir, Marcellis all from Columbus, Oh. Sharron Bryant, preceded him in death.
Daughters Tylaunna, Alonda, Quana (Columbus, Oh), Brooklyn (Martin) (Long Beach, CA).
Grandkids Kaydin, Elegance, Vayra, Zora, Zayden, Bennie, Sonny, Salvatore, MiAmor, Santino.
Great Nephew/Niece: Jaloni, Journey
Nephew/Nieces: Stephen, Brooke, Jamella.
Aunts & Uncles Brendalyn Yelding, Mobile, AL, Herbert Parker, Mobile, AL, Jacqueline Parker, Mobile, AL, Constance Parker, Mobile, AL, Willie Marlowe, Milwaukee, WI, Eddie (Marcia) Robinson, Jr., Columbus, OH.

STARTING LINEUP

(Crew since elementary school): Tim Johnson, Timbo Crenshaw, Chip Gibbs, Brian Dandridge, Duane Parks, Von Roddy, Todd Roddy, Eric Carpenter, Michael Logan, Keith Robinson, Michelle “Boo” Cross (and the late Tom Cross).

He also leaves many cousins, extended family, fellow coaches, former players, and cherished friends.



THE HOME TEAM
HIS GREATEST FANS

Family, Friends & Special Acknowledgments

With grateful hearts, we thank every family member, friend, coach, former player, caregiver, and member of the community who offered prayers, encouragement, kindness, and love throughout Victor's journey and during this time of remembrance. Your presence and support mean more than words can express.

KEEPING HIS LEGACY IN PLAY

The Victor V. ***Parker Legacy Scholarship*** Fund honors Coach Vicc's lifelong commitment to young football players. Memorial contributions may be made in his name.

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THE FINAL PLAYOFF

THE HIGHLIGHT REEL

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THE FOUR QUARTERS OF HIS LIFE

FIRST QUARTER | HIS BEGINNINGS

The Foundation of a Champion



Every champion has a beginning, and Victor Vernado Parker's story began on May 18, 1967, in Mobile, Alabama. Born to Lindsey Parker and the late Joycelyn Marlowe Parker, Victor was just six months old when his family moved to Columbus, Ohio, the city he proudly called home.

At age eight, Victor accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior during a revival led by a 16-year-old evangelist who would later become his brother-in-love. The following Sunday, he was baptized at Southfield Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor R. N. Simpson. His faith remained an important part of his life.

A proud graduate of Marion-Franklin High School, Class of 1985, Victor continued his education at Columbus State, earning skilled-trade certifications. His natural abilities, creativity, and determination helped shape him into a talented craftsman, entrepreneur, and community leader.

SECOND QUARTER | THE MAN HE BECAME

Beyond the Football Field



Victor was a man of many talents and passions. As owner of One Stopp Auto Shop, he combined his love of automobiles with exceptional mechanical skills. Gifted with his hands, there wasn't much he couldn't build, repair, or figure out! His love of cars and motorcycles was legendary. He owned nearly every make and model imaginable and was a lifetime member of the Ruff Ryders and Harley-Davidson Motorcyclee Clubs. He also served the City of Columbus as a stellar employee until his illness.

But there was much more to Vicc than work and hobbies. He loved people, valued friendships, and enjoyed life! His lifelong friends, affectionately known as *The Crew*, had been together since elementary school, sharing decades of laughter, celebrations, and an unbreakable bond. He loved Marion-Franklin and was Southfield for Life!

Above all, Victor loved his family. He shared a special bond with his only sister, Vickie, whom he loved with all his heart. He helped raise his nephew Stephen as his own son, and only God could have arranged for that same little boy to become the man who would later help care for his uncle during his most difficult years. What a beautiful, full-circle expression of love!

And nobody cheered louder for his niece Brooke! Victor believed wholeheartedly in her talent, proudly telling anyone who would listen that his niece was a *Superstar... and she is!*

THIRD QUARTER | COACH AND COMMUNITY

The Coach Who Changed the Game

Of Victor's many passions, few compared to his love of football and mentoring young people. Known throughout Columbus as Coach Vicc, his coaching journey began with the Southfield Cyclones, where he volunteered while his four-year-old son, Victor II, played. Unhappy with the coaching approach, Victor decided to build something better. He founded the Columbus Cougars Youth Football Organization, starting with four teams and eventually expanding to ten weight classes.

Under his leadership, the Cougars won numerous championships and became a respected organization in the community. Several players he coached went on to compete at the collegiate and NFL levels.

Victor invested his time, talents, and energy in developing young athletes both on and off the field. More than a coach, he was a mentor, motivator, role model, and father figure to many.

The championships were wonderful, but the lives he changed were his greatest victories. *Coach Vicc didn't just teach football. He helped shape futures!*

FOURTH QUARTER | 4TH AND GOAL

The Final Victory



On October 29, 2021, Victor suffered a cardiac arrest that forever changed his life and the lives of those who loved him. What followed was an extraordinary journey of faith, perseverance, prayer, and God's sustaining grace.

Although his ability to communicate was limited, his faith spoke volumes. On one unforgettable occasion, Victor sang *"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"* with such strength that his voice rang throughout the nursing home. Even when words were difficult to find, he still had a song in his heart!

FLAG ON THE PLAY! In April 2026, following another serious illness, our family prepared for what we believed would be our final goodbye. But the King still had one more move! God granted us six additional months with our champion. Five years and five days of grace and mercy after that life-changing moment, Victor completed his earthly journey at age 59.

Though the final whistle has blown, his legacy lives on through family, friends, former players, and countless lives he touched. To continue his passion for mentoring young athletes, the family is establishing the Victor V. Parker Legacy Scholarship Fund to support future generations of football players.

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