



## Ret. SMSGT USAF Ulysses Parker II

August 5, 1927 - June 18, 2019

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### Obituary

Ulysses Parker, called “Parker” by most, was born on August 5, 1927, in Pelham, Georgia to his parents John and Gussie Parker. He was raised surrounded by four brothers and three sisters. He attended the Mitchell County Schools, graduating valedictorian of his high school class.

Parker was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in December 1945. The Army Air Corps became the United States Air Force in 1947. Parker’s military career spanned numerous stateside and overseas assignments. He especially enjoyed his tour of duty in Spain. He spent 26 years active military duty in the United States Air Force retiring with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Parker was recognized at the 2015 Aurora Veteran’s Salute Celebration as both a World War II and Korean War Veteran.

While stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, Parker met his future wife Yvonne. They were married on December 22, 1967. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 22, 2017. Next on their agenda were assignments in Oklahoma, Guam, and Texas, the birth of

their son Ulysses Parker II and retirement.

In 1973 Parker moved to Colorado with “Von” and their three-month-old son. Life changed, from the strict and regimental service in the military to the job of loving and caring for a family. As the years passed by with increased parental responsibilities, he thrived on finding solutions and solving problems. He loved raising his son and was so proud of the man he is today. He loved being “Papa”.

Parker’s love for children and concern for the community spanned many years of service. He and his wife founded the Boy Scout Troop at Park Lane Elementary serving as Scout Master for many years. His work at Martin Luther King Middle School was instrumental in helping numerous students make sound life-changing decisions. Parker and “Von” could hardly go anywhere where someone didn’t know who he was.

Parker loved the Lord and His people. He served as the first chairman of the Lay-Leader Council for Lowry Chapel #1 and was a Deacon and founding member of the Lowry Community Christian Church which was founded in 1994.

We will always remember Parker for his beautiful smile, his gentle and caring spirit and his love for all children!

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, Ulysses Parker said goodbye to his beloved wife of fifty-one years and went home to be with his Lord. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Yvonne, beloved son Ulysses (Tera); granddaughter Olivia Lyn, sisters: Mrs. Lavon Barney, Mrs. Geraldine Wilson (both of Pelham, Georgia); nieces: Mrs. Beverly Brown-Perkins (Albany, GA), Mrs. Valerie (Randy) McClure (Atlanta, GA); nephew, Garret (Tracy) Wilson (Miami, FL), god-daughters: Keisha Masby (Denver, CO), Terri Jones (Sumter, SC); a

hosts of cousins, family and friends. Parker was preceded in death by his father and mother, John and Gussie Parker, brothers: William, John, Morris, Alfred, and sister Evelyn Brown.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Lowry Community Christian Church  
855 Yosemite ST  
Denver, CO 80230

## Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Parker was a great friend and mentor to me during my young career at the Denver Federal Center. He will be truly missed.*  
*Russel Smith*



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