



## Edward Angell Parker Sr

March 22, 1939 - October 26, 2024

Rooted in his faith...

We are told that the Good Lord does not have us bear more than we can handle, but at times like these I humbly wonder if he has overestimated our abilities. I find myself struggling to find the words that could possibly measure up to what kind of person Ed Parker truly was to all of us.

Many who knew and loved Ed Parker came back to his deeply held faith in God in explaining the exceptional person he was. Ed reflected the brilliant radiance of Christ. Each facet of his sparkling life shone brightly into everything he held dear. We are told in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love." If there is one word to describe Ed Parker, it was love. Family, old friendships, new friendships, cooking, watching, talking about, and cheering on his beloved Florida Gators...each was met with love, joy, excellence and ensuring everyone involved felt seen, known, and loved. Ed's life was given and taken so that more of us will believe, be saved, and turn to Jesus Christ.

Ed was not perfect, but he never claimed to be. What made Ed so rare and why he will be so dearly missed was his humbleness in faith, good-natured kindness, and genuine care for others, no matter who they were. He was slow to anger, quick to help a family or friend, concerned more about others than his own self, loyal and forgiving. He lived the Christian life in his daily actions

not just his words. Ed encouraged and allowed each person that he met to be the best version of themselves. He would often explain the importance of tending your life well and for His glory. Ed had a kind smile, gentle spirit, was servant-hearted, and was easy to love. Everything was just better when Ed was involved. He still holds that place, and you will find that he will continue to emanate whispers from heaven of that same joy and happiness.

The pain that we all feel is from a loss that is incomprehensible. We miss his laugh, his smile...we miss him. He has been reunited in heaven's glory with an immense number of loved ones to welcome him, including his best girl and love of his life, Patty Parker, who was surely first in a line of a parade of loved ones to welcome him.

Ed's strength of spirit taught us and never failed us all our lives and he still exemplified this even in his final hours. Our memories with him are priceless, countless, humbling, soulful, and even hilarious. He set a truly perfect example of carving out time for those he loved. We will never know how he did it, but he was also there to meet us right when we needed him.

To spend our lifetime trying to live out what he taught is the charge for the rest of us who remain:

Eddie Parker, son (Tibra); Michael Parker, son; Chad, son (Crystal); Trey Parker (Katelyn), Harrison Parker, Hatch Parker, Chelsea Parker, Kieran Parker, and Doss Parker, grandchildren, Martha Brown, sister (Bill); Buddy Parker, brother, (Frankie); Gayle Cherryhomes, sister-in-law; and Ann Parker, sister-in-law.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeland Memorial Gardens

2125 Bartow Rd.  
Lakeland, FL 33801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel  
1727 Bartow Road  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
(863) 688-7679  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Angell Parker Sr



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 31, 2024 at 04:25 PM

DP

RIP Mr Parker 🙏 He was one of my favorite Managers at Publix. We worked together in Leesburg, FL I actually made him a Gator Crossitch picture for a gift. And Eddie Jr did my Wedding cake in 1995. He was such a wonderful man. 🙏❤️

Debbie Boatwright Penniman - August 30, 2025 at 08:07 PM

MG

“ Meghan G. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Edward Angell Parker Sr.



Meghan G. - October 31, 2024 at 12:06 AM

MG

“ Meghan G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Angell Parker Sr.

Meghan G. - October 31, 2024 at 12:06 AM

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“ Adrian and the family. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edward Angell Parker Sr.



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**Adrian and the family.** - October 30, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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“ Adrian and the family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Angell Parker Sr.

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MB

“ Mary Ann Benson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward Angell Parker Sr.



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**Mary Ann Benson** - October 29, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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“ Mary Ann Benson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Angell Parker Sr.

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**Mary Ann Benson** - October 29, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Angell Parker Sr.*



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October 29, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Much love , Tammy (Tambo) and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Edward Angell Parker Sr.*



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**Much love , Tammy (Tambo) and family** - October 29, 2024 at 01:08 PM