



Linwood Alan Parker

November 12, 1945 - March 25, 2017

Linwood "Alan" Parker, age 71, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017, surrounded by his family. Born November 12, 1945, in Tampa, Florida, he was the son of the late Linwood Turner Parker and Elisabeth Dunn Parker. Known as "The Man Behind The Microphone," he was an auctioneer by trade, with over 55 years in the auction business. He was a third generation auctioneer, and was Internationally known for his expertise in auctioning horses, setting some records that still stand today. He was also a breeder, buyer, seller, and exporter of horses. He was an accomplished horseman, a real cowboy, a champion bronc rider and champion bull rider, and his passions were training horses and cattle ranching.

He was preceded in death by wives Linda Parker and Wendy West Parker. He is survived by sons Hank (Kelley) Parker and Jacob (Jessica) Parker, and longtime companion Janet Hoke; grandchildren Ian Parker and Laney Elisabeth Parker.

Funeral Services will be held at 4pm Sunday, April 2, 2017, followed by the burial, with Mike Fletcher officiating. The family will greet friends 5-8 pm Saturday April 1, and 2-4 pm Sunday April 2, 2017, at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cowboy Up Ministry (designated to Operation Christmas Child) 1320 Brahma Drive, Valrico, Florida 33594

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens - Cemetery

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 853-5959
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Visitation

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Linwood Alan Parker*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - March 31, 2017 at 04:36 PM

RH

Allen you were a cowboy if ther ever was one you will be missed rip Roxanne henderson

Roxanne henderson - April 03, 2017 at 06:24 AM

BW

“ *Hershel Williams introduced us circa 1973. Alan showed me his bit collection and treated me as an equal. A a super rookie horse person he really impressed me with his openness. Any time we have been in contact we always picked up where we left off. I think of him often.*

Bruce White - April 01, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



April 01, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - March 31, 2017 at 03:41 PM

SS

“ Sue, Jenifer, Sean and Cheryl Schembri purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.



Sue, Jenifer, Sean and Cheryl Schembri - March 31, 2017 at 02:19 PM

RD

“ Alan will be missed. He made life better for all that knew him.

Renae Dudley

Renae Dudley - March 31, 2017 at 02:05 PM

TF

“ *The Bill Yarborough Family. purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



The Bill Yarborough Family. - March 30, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



March 30, 2017 at 03:40 PM

JP

“ *Joe, Heidi, Robyn & the Team at PleasureHorse.com purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



Joe, Heidi, Robyn & the Team at PleasureHorse.com - March 30, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



March 30, 2017 at 03:23 PM

RD

“ We were so honored to work with Alan each year at the Tom Powers. His incredible knowledge, horse sense and ability to run a sale left us in awe. Beyond the sale ring, Alan's understanding of the industry, quick wit and love for the horse will always be remembered. The Powers will not be the same without Alan.

Janet, Jacob, and Hank, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time. We hope the great memories in time, ease your sorrow.

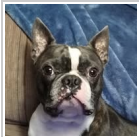
Joe, Heidi, Robyn and the Team at PleasureHorse.com

Robyn Duplisea - March 30, 2017 at 02:42 PM

JO

“ Great auctioneer and horseman, nice person to be around. Prayers for family and friends. RIP Col. Alan.

jim osborne - March 30, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ I can't fit all the good times on here or say just how much my life changed because of Alan. I enjoyed going to the ranch and riding under the lights on Tuesday nights. I got to ride horses at the Meri-J Ranch in Wisconsin and rub elbows with some big name people all because Alan thought enough of me to put in a good word. I'm forever grateful. Rest In Peace my friend. You are greatly missed.



Vicki Aiguier - March 29, 2017 at 10:48 PM

BG

“ *Barbara Gerken.... purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



Barbara Gerken.... - March 29, 2017 at 04:20 PM

BG

“ *Great auctioneer and horseman. Had the pleasure to have worked with him. Always a smile and a warm greeting.*

Bill Goss - March 29, 2017 at 03:20 PM

ZJ

“ *ZERITA , JUDY, PAULETTE, GEORGE, VINNY & JOYCE purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Linwood Alan Parker.*



ZERITA , JUDY, PAULETTE, GEORGE, VINNY & JOYCE -
March 29, 2017 at 09:56 AM