



## Dr. Shera Ann Parker

April 11, 1951 - April 28, 2015

Dr. Shera “Ann” Dixon Parker, 64, passed away on April 28, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was born on April 11, 1951 to James W. Dixon, Sr. and the late Queen Esther Dixon. She quietly slipped away to join her mother and her late sister, Carolyn Dixon Coppedge in heaven after fighting a courageous two year battle against cancer. Dr. Parker graduated from I. C. Norcom High School in 1969. She furthered her education by attaining a Bachelor’s degree in Special Education from D. C. Teachers College, a Masters from Old Dominion University in 1997, and a Doctorate Degree in Special Education from Regent University in 2009. Dr. Parker was very committed and loved teaching special needs children for over 40 years. She taught in both Portsmouth Public Schools and the District of Columbia Public Schools. Dr. Parker was a loving and dedicated mother to her three children; Elbert Parker, Jr. and Shantel Parker of Washington, D. C. and Sherese Parker of Itta Bena, Mississippi. She also dearly loved her three little angels, her granddaughters, Anjanae, Ryin, and Andraya, all of Wahington, DC. She is survived by her father, James W. Dixon (Hattie) of Portsmouth, one brother, James Dixon, Jr. of Florence, SC, six sisters: Mary Ellis of Portsmouth, VA; Gloria Jean Ingram and Tina Dixon-Bartlett (Richard) of The Villages, Florida; Brenda Lee (Earnest) of Dacula, GA.; Linda Ford of Columbus, GA; and Cynthia Madkins of Chesapeake, VA.; and a host of relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Church No. 1  
3611 Thorne Avenue  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - May 05, 2015 at 03:45 PM



*Awesome and beautiful*

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**Brenda Lee** - August 15, 2015 at 02:07 PM

RS

“ *To the Family of my colleague Dr. Shera A. Parker - My sympathy to all her family and friends. May God almighty comfort, guide, and bless all. Shera was a beautiful person inside and outside and she will be missed, I did not know she had passed away until I tried to google her name since I am retired from DCPS. She was a comforter and helper when I was a friend of her in DCPS and Regent. May God almighty forgive her sin and accept her into everlasting life, amen.*

*REST IN PEACE SHERA  
Prof. R.A. Shittu*

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**RA Shittu** - December 24, 2015 at 04:05 PM

GC

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family.*

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**Gladys Cross** - August 15, 2015 at 03:07 PM

SM

“ *Shantel, Elbert and Family, you are in our prayers and thoughts. Ms. Parker was such a wonderful and loving person and she loved you all dearly. We just found out about her transition and we will miss her sorely. We are here for you if you need us.*



*Love, Shelia, Bertha, Redds and Michael*

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**Shelia Miller** - May 21, 2015 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God continually comfort and bless you during your time of loss.*

*Prayerfully,*

*Evangelist Mary Cynthia Reese  
Aurora, Colorado*

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**Cynthia Reese** - May 08, 2015 at 05:23 PM

IH

“ *At this time of sorrow, may you find comfort in your memories. With our thoughts and sympathy to all of you.*

*Bill and Inez Hall  
The Villages, FL*

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**Inez Hall** - May 06, 2015 at 05:16 AM

 Rese  
Parker

“ Well Ma,

*I haven't been able to wrap my mind around it all but I KNOW you are in a better place and that God is still good. I will always remember your smile, your care, your concern, your laugh, your strong faith, your giving spirit.*

*Thank you for all that you have instilled in us and trust that we will work to honor your legacy.*

*We will be sad at times because there will be events and situations that we would want you to physically be here with us, to either provide guidance, celebrate the victories, or just nod in approval, but we will find comfort in knowing that you will always live in hearts and the lessons you taught will us will forever be in our thoughts.*

*I love you mom and always will!*

*Sherese*

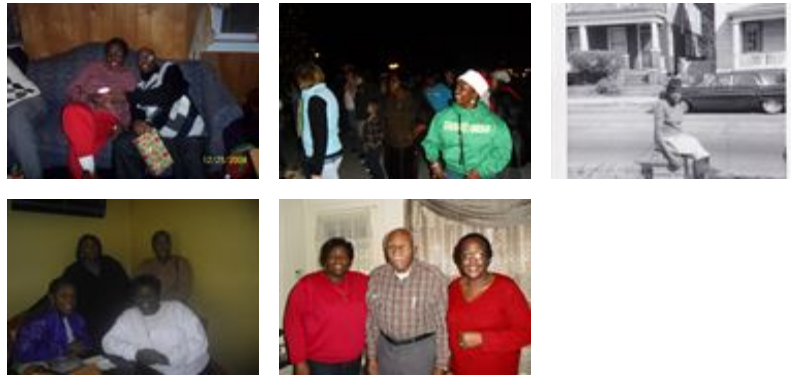


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**Rese Parker** - May 06, 2015 at 01:15 AM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 05, 2015 at 10:04 AM

RA

“ WHAT A BLESSING TO HAVE KNOWN YOU AS MY SISTER-IN-LAW , A FRIEND, A SISTER IN CHRIST, A MENTOR, A PERSON TO ENCOURAGE WITH LAUGHTER. YOU WERE A TROOPER, IN ALL THINGS AND LET NOTHING HOLD YOU BACK. YOUR ETERNAL REST IN OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WILL BE A CONFRONT WITH LOVING MEMORIES OF YOU FOREVER.

THANKS DR. PARKER.

YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW, RACHEL

rachel - May 05, 2015 at 07:06 AM

EH

“ Ethelyn Whitehead Holley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker



Ethelyn Whitehead Holley - May 05, 2015 at 06:42 AM



“ *Harroll & Audey Ingram lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker*



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**Harroll & Audey Ingram** - May 04, 2015 at 08:07 PM

HI

“ To the Parker & Dixon Family

*Words cannot convey the hurt that you all are feeling at this time. In due time, the healing process will come in and heal your pain, but the memories will linger on forever. Matthew 5:4 states “Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted,” and He will be a comforter to each one of you.*

*Harroll and I are sorry we cannot be there with you and your family; nonetheless our hearts and minds are there with you at this time. We would like to share this poem with you and your family*

*God's Garden*

*God looked around His garden and  
He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth, and saw  
Ann's tired face.  
He put His arms around her and lifted her to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that Ann was suffering,  
He knew she was in pain.  
He knew that she would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed her weary eyelids,  
and whispered. “Peace be thine.”  
It broke our hearts to lose her, but  
She didn't go alone,  
For our hearts went with her  
the day God called Ann home*

*(unknown author)*

*Harroll & Audrey Ingram  
Capitol Heights, MD*

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**Harroll & Audrey Ingram** - May 04, 2015 at 08:06 PM

RD

“ *Condolences to you and your family in the loss of your dear sister.  
God Bless!  
Larry and Ruby Jett, The Villages, Fl*

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**Ruby Davis-Jett** - May 04, 2015 at 07:56 PM

RP

“ *rachel parker-jackson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Shera Ann Parker.*



**rachel parker-jackson** - May 04, 2015 at 03:19 PM

DL

“ *May the thoughts and prayers of your family and friends be your support through this emotional time. And may you hold happy memories of Shera in your heart forever.*

*Denise and Del Lasley*

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**Denise Lasley** - May 04, 2015 at 12:07 PM

LW

“ THE DIXIONS WERE THE COOLDEST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK,LIVING NEXT DOOR WAS FUN TO GOOD FOOD LOTS OF JOKES,AND ANN HAD ALOT OF JOKES ALL THE TIME AND BRO PLAYING THE PIANO FOR US WAS SUCH FUN,LIKE BISHOP PREACHED SUNDAY THE GOOD OLD DAYS!!!!BE BLESSED AND KNOW THAT GOD IS STILL WORKING IT OUT FOR OUR GOOD!

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**LINDA WILSON** - May 04, 2015 at 10:58 AM

LW

“ LINDA WILSON lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker



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**LINDA WILSON** - May 04, 2015 at 10:51 AM

CL

“ Tina and Gloria,  
We are so sorry to hear that you loss your sister. We know that you have lots of beautiful memories of her of the times you shared. We are keeping your family in our prayers.

*Harry and Connie Lumpkin  
The Villages, Florida*

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**Connie Lumpkin** - May 04, 2015 at 08:07 AM

AJ

“ With Deepest Sympathy to the Parker Family: Words might not heal the pain of losing someone who was close to you. May God's blessings and memories of your loved one support you forever! May God give you comfort and strength to make it through this time of sadness. From Emma Lou Johnson with loved

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**Antoinette Johnson** - May 04, 2015 at 05:21 AM

SG

“ When young at Holy Trinity after morning service Ann would go home with me after church, we were good friends. We did that during that time, go home with our friends after morning service and come on back for evening service. Great memories.

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**Shirley Granger** - May 03, 2015 at 11:21 PM

GB

“ I know that Heaven is a happier place because Shera is there. And, I know that all the angels are enjoying that beautiful smile. I know I sure miss that smiling face. My deepest sympathy to Shera's family. I love you all.  
Ginger and Jerry Bressler

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**Ginger Bressler** - May 03, 2015 at 07:07 PM

MG

“ *To The Parker & Dixon Family:*

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to each of you. Please know that God will continue to give you peace and solace during this most difficult time.*

*I have no doubt that Shera Ann felt the love from her father, children and her siblings. Truly, there was an unconditional love that radiated in each of you. Her memories will forever live on.*

*Sister Cynthia Madkins, please know that each special memory of Shera Ann will comfort you and family today and in the days ahead.*

*Praying for your strength,  
Sisters Marilyn D. Grant (classmate) , Helen Brown & Family*

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**Marilyn D. Grant** - May 03, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Shera Ann Parker.*



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May 03, 2015 at 09:30 AM

BP

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and prayers for comfort. John and Barbara Parker.*



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**BARBARA PARKER** - May 02, 2015 at 10:58 PM

DF

“ Saddened by the departure of a kind friend; we celebrate her promoton to the rest Jesus gives to those who fall asleep in Him. May the grace, mercy and peace of our risen Lord be with your family at this difficult hour and always.

Dr. John T Rhodes and Family - May 02, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 02, 2015 at 05:39 PM

WS

“ My favorite memory of Shera is her smile. No matter what she was going through she always had a smile and a kind word to say. I will miss her at the town squares dancing and listening to the music. I know you are dancing in heaven with your famous smile too. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Wendy and Lenza Stephens and Ruth Edwards



Wendy Stephens - May 02, 2015 at 05:13 PM

ZA

“ I know you wouldn't want us to sit around and be sad... Matter of fact, you probably have a few choice words for us right now. I can still hear your laughter and see your smile. Then I smile, knowing that's exactly what you want. Love you Auntie

Zakiya - May 02, 2015 at 02:33 PM

CM

“ I am so happy that I was able to spend her last days with her. I saw her hurting so much that I am glad she doesn't have to suffer like that any more. On her dying bed, she told everyone who visited that she loved them in her sweet soft voice, and we all truly loved her. I will truly miss her wit, laughter, candor, and sweet spirit, but she can now make new memories with Mama and Carolyn. RIP my sister, and I will see you again.

Your baby sister, MAE



Cynthia "Mae" Madkins - May 02, 2015 at 11:44 AM

CH

“ Clarence & Audrey Hart purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Dr. Shera Ann Parker.



Clarence & Audrey Hart - May 02, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PP

“ A beautiful person with a beautiful spirit. Growing up with her at Holy Trinity was a beautiful experience which I will always treasure. Another angel has gone home. My love to all of you in the Dixon family and you have my prayers.

*Phyllis Lee Porter*

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**Phyllis Lee Porter** - May 02, 2015 at 09:08 AM

LG

“ Lauri Gist lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker



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**Lauri Gist** - May 02, 2015 at 06:54 AM

SS

*I pray Ann can now RIP! She was my cousin but I only met her about 8 years ago. Ann was always kind, loving and funny. I will miss her at our gatherings but we'll meet again one day. God bless my extended family.*

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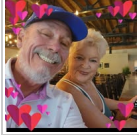
**Sallie Sledge** - May 02, 2015 at 11:39 AM

FR

“ You will be missed Auntie. RIP Love you.

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**Freda** - May 02, 2015 at 06:46 AM



“ *The best memory, she enjoyed coming out to the square and watch us dance plus she would come to our class and dance with us..Shera had a beautiful smile and was so kind ..with no more pain you keep dancing ..you'll be missed and Bill & Debi Foster loves you and we will keep the family in our prayers.*

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**Debi Foster** - May 01, 2015 at 09:07 PM

YS

“ *Your Siblings purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Shera Ann Parker.*



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**Your Siblings** - May 01, 2015 at 09:01 PM

AD

“ *Alanna Dixon lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker*



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**Alanna Dixon** - May 01, 2015 at 08:45 PM

TD

“ *Tina Dixon-Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shera Ann Parker*



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**Tina Dixon-Bartlett** - May 01, 2015 at 08:09 PM

TD

“ There are so many memories to share, but none can express how deeply you were loved. You will be dearly missed.

Tina Dixon-Bartlett - May 01, 2015 at 08:07 PM

BD

“ We love you and will missed you....The Lee Family (Earnest, Brenda and Earnest, Jr.)



Brenda D. - May 01, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family and our cousins. May God comfort you. Your Mom has only left you in the flesh but not in spirit. God needed her to continue her work with Him. He has promise that He will comfort you and be with you always.

Louise Speller-Knox  
Cousin Eve and the Speller Family

Louise Speller-Knox - May 01, 2015 at 09:28 AM

HI

“ I will remember Aunt Ann's strength over the last two years. She hid her pain as best she could. She always said "love you" as we parted. Last time we spoke, a couple of weeks before she left, she said, "I am not going to die". And she didn't. She left to preview the place where we will speak again. Juney.

Harroll Ingram - April 30, 2015 at 04:32 PM