



Jack Crawford Parker

June 3, 1942 - June 22, 2019

Jack Crawford Parker finished his journey in this life Saturday morning June 22, 2019, when he met his Lord face to face, took his hand and went to his home in Glory. He valiantly fought and lost his two and a half year battle with pancreatic cancer. He had just celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday.

Born in 1942 to parents Rose Abdo and J. C. Parker, in Wichita, Kansas, Jack was educated in Houston, Texas, where he became an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and graduated as Valedictorian of his Reagan High School class. He graduated from SHSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1964 and earned his Masters of Education degree from Texas A&M in 1969. He completed his public accountant certification in 1977.

Following a brief career in public accounting, he returned to SHSU in 1967 as Associate Director of Admissions, became Business Manager in 1969, Comptroller in 1973 and ultimately Vice President for Finance and Operations, from which he retired in 2008 after 42 years of dedicated and distinguished service.

In addition to his role as a university administrator, Parker was also a leader in the Huntsville community, serving as a member and president of the Huntsville Rotary Club which named him a Paul Harris Fellow, director on the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, organizer and chairman of the board of Lake Area National Bank, director of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, director of the Walker County Fair Association, and Huntsville City Council

member. He was licensed by the state of Texas as a real estate broker and was the sponsoring broker of Parker and Park Realty for several years. Jack was honored as an SHSU Distinguished Alumnus in 1995 and was initiated into the COBA Hall of Honor in 2009. He was a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

For 14 years he served as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the United States Army Reserve, attaining the rank of major. He continued to support veteran organizations until his death. His favorite leisure activities were the search for his extensive antique clock collection, bird hunting or sitting in his deer stand watching for the big buck (deer). He also enjoyed working with his herd of Brangus cattle on his family land in Weldon.

Following his retirement from SHSU, Jack continued to be active in the community, serving as a member of the Sam Houston Foundation, on the board of directors with Community Service Credit Union and Creekside Retirement Community. He was an elder, trustee and chairman of the board at First Christian Church for many years.

Surviving Jack are his wife of 54 years, Ruth Lynn Adams Parker, daughters Quincy Lynn Parker and Kelley Leigh Parker Wilkinson, and beloved granddaughter Parker Elizabeth Wilkinson. He is also survived by his brother Phillip and wife Pam and their family Michelle, Travis, and Vivian Parker. Additional survivors are his brother and sister-in-law Woody and Julie Woods and their family Allison, Trent and Mason Marsh as well as Shelley, Brad, Connor and Allie Blair. In addition, also surviving are special nephews Bill (Becky) Britt, Kyle (Lonna) Britt, and Blanton (Gale) Britt and their families. He also leaves behind many friends in his church, from his college years, his business and professional life, as well as his hunting "buddies."

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws Thomas Q. and Emma Dean Adams, Libby and Bob Britt, Clifford Adams, his son-in-law Kenny Wilkinson, and his nephew Michael Parker.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be Friday, June 28, at 2:00

p.m. at First Christian Church, 1800 Avenue R.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gerardo Alarcon, Gerardo "Lucas" Alarcon, Jose Luis Alarcon, Robert Bruner, Jody Crawford, Bart Davis, Brad Davis, J. D. Davis, Bill Durham, Lowell Gratz, Bill Green, Randy Hardwick, Ralph Lawson, Paul Ridings, Brinson Sangster, Gary Smith, Tim Tyler, Bobby Walton, and Craig Wheeler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: First Christian Church, 1800 Avenue R, Huntsville, Texas, 77340; MD Anderson Cancer Center, PO Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210 (Pancreatic Research on memo), or Ruth Lynn and Jack C. Parker Endowment Scholarship, Sam Houston State University, PO Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas, 77341.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Memorial Service

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Huntsville
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Crawford Parker*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dawn Bradley Moore lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Dawn Bradley Moore - July 12, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ *Katie Davison lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Katie Davison - June 28, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ *Jack was such an asset to SHSU for many years. He did a great job with finances and was always kind and helpful. He is missed.*

David Henderson - June 27, 2019 at 07:39 PM

DA

“ Jack. Thank you for a life time of good memories, god blessed us with you as a friend.
My friend we will always remember you with that smile, with embrace ready to comfort anyone in need. With your wise words and sound advice and with that willingness to help at any moments and your generosity. We will treasure your mealtime prayers and we grateful we got to share so much time together. Thank you for your friendship and I know we will meet again We love you

Diana y Gerardo Alarcón O'farrill

Diana Burello de Alarcon - June 27, 2019 at 05:52 PM

WC

“ Ruth Lynn.
Karen and I extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our times we shared on the ball diamond with Jack, Kelly and Quincey are very special memories. Then there were the trips to various hunting designations and how Jack rode "Gimpy" to the bottom of the hill at the Sombrero Ranch. So many fond memories to a truly great friend and good man. He will be missed.

Wes and Karen Clogston - June 27, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Jack Parker was a good friend. He loved the Lord and his family. We will be praying for the family. We will see him again someday.

Betty Gratz - June 26, 2019 at 10:08 AM

SE

“ Dear Ruth Lynn, Kelley, Quincy and other beloved family members, our hearts are heavy with yours at this time - you and all of us feel such a loss- but also some comfort in knowing that Jack’s hard battle is now over & he is telling his stories in Heaven and rejoicing in God’s Glory and comforting Arms. You are in our hearts, love and prayers - Jack’s big grin and huge heart will remain with us all- with our sympathy, sunny and Bob

Sunny Ernst - June 25, 2019 at 09:13 PM

DW

“ Sympathy to you, Ruth Lynn and Family. Mr Parker was such a great gentleman. A fine, precious friend--lots of memories from years gone by. Thoughts and Sympathy from David & Susan White

David & Susan White - June 25, 2019 at 01:07 PM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jack was a wonderful man.



Mellicent Wiley & family - June 25, 2019 at 10:41 AM

DC

“ I had the privilege of working with Jack during my entire career at Sam Houston State University. The last five years were the absolute best. That is when the University Police Department was transferred to his division, Finance and Operations. Jack was responsible for increasing the salaries of all personnel in the department and he was instrumental in upgrading police equipment. Thank you, Jack, for your dedication and friendship to me and University Police Department. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Dennis & Paula Culak

Dennis A Culak - June 25, 2019 at 09:56 AM

GG

“ Greg And Dani Gathright lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker



Greg and Dani Gathright - June 25, 2019 at 05:35 AM

TG

“ God bless you in this time of loss. I remember him well. Hugs Terry Etheredge Grubb

Terry Etheredge Grubb - June 24, 2019 at 10:48 PM

MC

“ *Mr Parker was a wonderful and gracious man. He was so good to me during my time at SHSU. I'm a better person for having known him. I had and will always have great respect for him. May God bless his family with the comfort that can only come from the Holy Spirit. He will be greatly missed.* 🙏🙏🙏 Molly



Molly Currie - June 24, 2019 at 09:34 PM

JC

“ *I have so many memories of Mr. Parker in the days I was a SHSU student and when I worked for my dad and uncle at Cole Motor Company where he often came by to visit. I appreciated his love for young people and for his encouraging words.* John Cole, Jr.

John Cole - June 24, 2019 at 08:35 PM

M.

“ *M.HYVL lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



M.HYVL - June 24, 2019 at 06:33 PM

 Charlotte Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Charlotte Efird - June 24, 2019 at 05:34 PM

GB

Harry and I send our deepest condolences! He was aneat man and we were fortunate to know him! I know he will be missed by so many!!

grace and harry bohan - June 24, 2019 at 06:10 PM

JJ

“ *My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Jeannine Jacoby - June 24, 2019 at 04:55 PM

DW

“ *Ruth Lynn and family, I extend my deepest sympathy. There are so many good things I could say about Jack. He was always so helpful to me during our time at SHSU, and I shall never forget his laugh. He will be missed by many. May it help you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you during this difficult time.*
Dorothy Wooten

Dorothy Wooten - June 24, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Earl and I both extend our most sincere condolences to your family. What a reunion on the other side. Earl and Sherry Carter*

Sherry Carter - June 24, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Sherry Carter - June 24, 2019 at 02:07 PM

BW

“ *Ruth Lynn and family I wish to send my sincere condolence in your loss.*

May you feel God's comforting arms surrounding you with His love and peace knowing that Jesus and all of the saints are rejoicing at the home coming in heaven of Jack Crawford Parker.

Barbara Davis Wakeham - June 24, 2019 at 01:17 PM

DP

“ *May God bless you and give you comfort . I will be praying for the family. Donna (Tyler) Paschall*



Donna Paschall - June 24, 2019 at 12:38 PM

HR

“ *So sorry to learn about Jack. We were friends back in the Sam Houston school days. Jack was always there with a big smile and sincere interest. I will treasure his memory and think of him often. Love to Jack's family.*

Hardy Roper

Hardy Roper - June 24, 2019 at 12:18 PM

BR

“ *Belynda Ramos lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Belynda Ramos - June 24, 2019 at 11:54 AM

Susan
Small

“ *Susan Small lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Susan Small - June 24, 2019 at 11:40 AM

BH

“ *Jack will be missed by many and remembered for his many contributions to this community and organizations. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of grief and loss. Michael & Brenda Hooker*

Brenda Hooker - June 24, 2019 at 10:36 AM

AA

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Lots of love to the family. Always remember him as my boss at SHSU and at First Christian Church. Don & Annelise Ahrens, Brandon FL.*

annelise Ahrens - June 24, 2019 at 10:31 AM

JC

“ *Janice & Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Jack Crawford Parker*



Janice & Ronnie Choate - June 24, 2019 at 09:35 AM