



## Mr. John William Parker Jr.

August 9, 1958 - August 4, 2017

John William Parker Jr.

Went to play in Heaven's fabulous Band on Friday August 4th, 2017, after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. Born August 9th, 1958 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to John and Marian Parker Sr. Graduated from Norwin High School. John moved to Florida in 1987. Married Barbara on July 22nd, 2000 at IRC United Methodist Church, blending our Families together.

John loved his family, dog KC, friends, music, playing guitar, being a part of our Church's Praise Band, movies, comedy of all sorts, good food and beer, playing games, Pittsburgh sports teams, traveling, fishing, and sitting in the backyard watching his pineapples grow. He had a wonderful memory for facts and information, which he loved to share.

Children: Jesse Parker, Cameron & Courtney Parker, Kira & Joel Lucas, and Kendra Moore.

Grandchildren: Karlie Parker, Carson Miles, Levi and Lily Lucas.

Sibling and Honorary Siblings: Terri Parker, and Ralph & Liz Gronlund, Raymond & Julie Gronlund.

Aunts and Uncles: Janice & Ralph Gronlund, Susan & Wayne Griffiths, Mary & Ray Sharpe, Bud Parker, and Ann & Phillip Parker, and Dan and Pat Jones.  
And many nieces, nephews, cousins and wonderful friends.

His Canadian family and friends from The Great White North.

Till we meet again.

Please join us for John's Celebration of Life

Florida Celebration

Sunday, August 20th, 2017

At 1:00 pm

At Indian River City United Methodist Church

1355 Cheney Highway, Titusville, FL 32780

Pittsburgh Celebration

Sunday September 3rd, 2017

At 2:00pm

At New Hope Presbyterian Church

12727 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA. 15642

In memory of John you are invited to wear your favorite Pittsburgh Sports Team apparel.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to

Hospice of St. Francis,

1250 Grumman Place, Titusville, FL 32780 <http://www.hospiceofstfrancis.com/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of his Life

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Indian River City United Methodist Church  
1355 Cheney Hwy  
Titusville, FL 32780  
(321) 267-7922  
<http://ircumc.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John William Parker Jr.*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Thank you everyone for the nice memories. John's Celebration of Life service was made very special by Pastor Bill , IRC ,The Praise Band, and all the love from family and friends. Great memories wear shared , as well as tears, smiles and laughter. I will now be getting ready to take John on a long car ride to Pittsburgh for his next Celebration of Life.*

*Love Barb*

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**Barbara parker** - August 21, 2017 at 08:43 AM

RG

“ This memorial is written to my cousin Johnny who was more than just a cousin, I always considered him my big brother. I got all of his "hand me downs", of course they were the coolest. We grew up together, watching Saturday cartoons, working for his dad in construction, moving to Virginia and sharing my apartment. I introduced him to his first wife, then off to Florida he went. The distance was great but the friendship never waned. John knew how to have fun and make people laugh. His love for family, friends, and Pittsburgh were undeniable. Through this battle with brain cancer, I admired him for his strength and ability to keep his faith, love, hope, and humor, so strong right to the bitter end.

*Ron Tranmer wrote a poem that does a great job of summing up my last words to John. The poem is called "The Broken Chain"*

*We little knew the day that*

*God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,*

*In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you*

*But you didn't go alone.*

*For part of us went with you*

*The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.*

*Your love is still our guide,*

*And though we cannot see you*

*You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken*

*and nothing seems the same,*

*but as God calls us one by one*

*the chain will link again.*

*John/Johnny/Herb/Herbert/JP (his nic names), we will be linked  
again in heaven, see you soon my brother.*

*- Cousin Ralph*

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**Ralph Gronlund** - August 20, 2017 at 11:26 AM

PG

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on John's passing. He enjoyed life to the fullest. Although I did not know Barbara and John all that well, they sometimes joined Troy and Ruth Orr and myself for dinner at Durango's restaurant. I think of John as the "olive man" because whenever I enjoyed a martini, he would wait patiently, or not so patiently, for my olives. I told him we had to give them time to marinate in the vodka a bit to make them "yummy" and then he could have them. Again my heartfelt sympathy to the entire family.  
Pauline Guibeau



Pauline Guibeau - August 14, 2017 at 11:01 AM

SR

“ I have fond memories of playing poker in the little back room at Johns house back in 1990. That's where he gave me the nickname 5 card snew (what's snew with you)! I had the pleasure of working with him for 20 years and glad we remained friends even after. I will miss him.

suanne register - August 13, 2017 at 06:52 PM

TE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terri - August 11, 2017 at 04:58 AM

TE

Good-bye, young squire. I will miss you forever.

Terri - August 11, 2017 at 04:59 AM

LA

“ *It is hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember. Love to my Beautiful sister Barb and her incredible family. We will miss you JP. Love the Family from shanty bay Ontario Canada.*

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**laurie** - August 10, 2017 at 10:51 AM

EB

“ *John was always smiling and always finding humor in life. I know he is smiling down on us known now. I look forward to the day we can go fishing, have a beer and share a few laughs. Until then, Happy Birthday.*

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**Eric Breemen** - August 10, 2017 at 07:06 AM

DY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

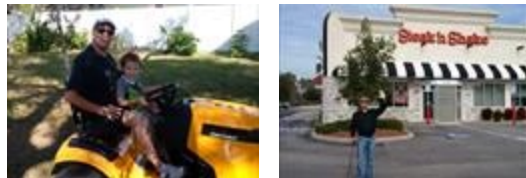


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**Dylan** - August 09, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JM

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**JM** - August 09, 2017 at 10:25 AM



JM

*always smiling.....*

**JM** - August 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

BC

“ *Hi there! I had been my extra great pleasure and privilege to get to know and serve with John at Indian River City Church @ Titusville over the last 7 years as his friend and pastor! He regularly helped bring the weekly lesson to life through his amazing musical abilities! He used his time and talents to serve God's purpose! I am a better person and pastor because of him! Thanks a lot John!*

**Bill Corristan** - August 09, 2017 at 09:38 AM

BA

“ *Happy Birthday. Celebrate Big . Love Ya.*



**Barbara** - August 09, 2017 at 09:24 AM