

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call;

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss:

Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow;

Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full; I savored much:

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief;

Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.

Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.

God wanted me now—He has set me free.



Flower Attendants
Family and Friends

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Repast
The family will receive friends and family
at 160 3rd Street, Bronwood, Georgia,
immediately following the committal service.

Acknowledgements
The family of the late Mrs. Marie Thomas Parrish gratefully
acknowledges with sincere appreciation all the kind acts of
sympathy during their bereavement.

Our loss did not allow us to walk smooth paths
nor bear an easy load,
But with your prayers, cards, flowers, food, and calls,
we found strength and fortitude to climb the rock-strewn road.
You gave us such courage and support
that we did not scale the hardest peaks alone.
Unselfishly, you helped us transform every stumbling block
into a stepping stone.
For these, we are very grateful and say thanks.

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Celebration of Life - for -



MRS. *Marie*
THOMAS PARRISH

Sunrise
October 23, 1937

Sunset
March 8, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICE
Saturday, March 12, 2022
4:00 PM

McAFEE GROVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1403 US Highway 19, North
Leesburg, Georgia

Pastor Artie Gardner, Jr., Officiating

Reflections of Life

MRS. MARIE THOMAS PARRISH was born on October 23, 1937, to the late Mr. Jessie Thomas, Sr., and Mrs. Hattie Butts Thomas in Lee County, Georgia. She was the youngest of four children.

Marie was educated in the Dade County, Florida, public school system. She attended Mays High School.

A spirit-led woman, Marie was definitely a believer. She read her Bible every night, and her faith in the Lord was a priority. For nearly 30 years, she was a member of McAfee Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Leesburg, GA; there she served as an usher.

Marital bliss did not escape Marie, for she was united in holy matrimony to James E. Parrish of Smithville, Georgia. To their union of love, they added two children.

As with many women of her generation, Marie was a stay-at-home mother and a homemaker who took pride in caring for her husband, her children, and her home. Later in life, she decided to venture outside of her home for employment. Marie became a certified nurse assistant. She took care of patients for some twenty years.

Sitting with her legs crossed Indian style, Marie would spend hours reading, doing crossword puzzles, and watching western shows on television. She was a giver and a helper; her happiness was often intertwined with her helping others to change their lives for the better. Marie was selfless, unfiltered, and unapologetic. She owned her every word, and most knew not to challenge her.

On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, Marie peacefully went to rest. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Mr. James E. Parrish; her daughter, Ms. Sileta R. "Reba" Parrish; her son, Edward B. Parrish; her sister, Ada M. Drakes; and her brother, Jessie Thomas, Jr.

Marie leaves to cherish her memories, a loving daughter, Sonja J. Moss of Bronwood, GA; two loving and devoted grandchildren raised as her own, Kenuona B. Parrish of Bronwood, GA, and Taiyentl T. Parrish of Jacksonville, FL; a loving sister, Mrs. Fannie Floyd (Willie) of Miami, FL; grandchildren, Lavica (Albert) Marshall of Morven, GA, and Lanica Moss of Americus, GA; nine great grandchildren; one great-great grand; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



Order of Celebration

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

New Testament

REFLECTIONS

Open to Family and Friends

Limit Five Speakers; Two Minutes Each

SELECTION

EULOGY

Pastor Artie Gardner, Jr.

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