



Rachel Rose Parker

May 10, 1920 - February 16, 2017

Rachel Rose Parker of Kingston, Tennessee passed away Thursday February 16, 2017 at the age of 96 after a life well lived. She was the oldest child of Robert Tipton Rose and Trula Bryan Rose. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 55 years J. C. "Babe" Parker and her three sisters Ora Lee Yerger, Virginia Bacon and Betty Lynn Jacobs. She is survived by her son Frank Parker and wife Norma Parker of Athens, Tennessee and three grandchildren Rebecca Parker of Knoxville, Matthew Parker currently serving in the Peace Corp in Indonesia and Elizabeth Parker of Raleigh, NC. She was a lifelong resident of Roane County, born May 10, 1920 just south of Kingston. She married J. C. "Babe" Parker in 1939. Together they traveled the world, continuing her travels for many years after his death in 1994. Rachel was an avid historian, having served on the Board of the Roane County Heritage Commission. She especially enjoyed playing an active role in the restoration of the Old Roane County Courthouse. She was a member of the Avery Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed politics, having once run for mayor of Kingston. She served on the planning Commission of Kingston. Rachel worked for TVA from 1939 until 1953. She was also a Realtor for many years. She was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church helping start The Clothes Closet where she continued to work one day a week up until her recent illness. She enjoyed playing bridge, genealogy and especially shopping. She shared that passion with her wonderful friend Barbara Louckes. Funeral 7pm Saturday February 18, 2017

in the Kyker Chapel with Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson officiating. Burial 2pm Sunday at Bethel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church 212 W. Church Street Kingston, TN. 37763 or the Roane County Heritage Commission 119 Court Street Kingston, TN. 37763. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7pm Saturday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Burial

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Cemetery
Lori Ann Lane
Kingston, TN 37763

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Frank, so sorry for the loss of your mom. Rachel was a character loved by all who knew her. And I think she knew everyone! I learned so much about our area & our people from her. What colorful tales she could tell -- wonderful. She will never be forgotten!

Tyler Overstreet - February 21, 2017 at 01:56 PM

KK

“ Frank, I just found out about your Mom. The day is the anniversary of my Momma's passing. Kelly and I are in Jacksonville at Mayo Clinic with Daddy or we all would have been there. Your Mom was such a special person to many people. We are thinking about you and your family.

Kim Henley Kennedy - February 18, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JT

“ Frank, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. What a full life she lived. Her energy, spunk, and determination will be remembered and missed.

Julie O'Briant Taylor - February 18, 2017 at 08:35 PM

MP

“ Rachel will really be missed by the KUMC Clothes Closet Volunteers as well as the shoppers. . She has been a happy smiling volunteer for many years. Many of our shoppers today said "I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Parker's death and added "I know you all will miss her." Yes, we could always depend on Rachel as she called if she knew she couldn't be there for her scheduled day. Our love and appreciation for your friendship and hours we got to spend with you.

Marie Pritchard - February 18, 2017 at 12:40 PM

AD

“ Frank, my sincere sympathies to you and your family on your mother's passing. The Parker and Grisham families friendship has been a treasure for the ages. My brothers and I have many vivid memories of our parents enjoying one another's company. Your mother's zest and enthusiasm for life has been so contagious to so many of us.....she will be deeply missed.
Anne Grisham Dabbs

anne dabbs - February 17, 2017 at 10:53 PM

EC

“ From the moment I met Rachel I knew she was special. If you were in her presence there was always lots of laughs, teaching moments and filled with sunshine. Rachel you will be missed. Rest In Peace sweet lady! Praying for your family.
Love, Liz Chancey

Elizabeth Chancey - February 17, 2017 at 07:43 PM

TB

“ Never a dull moment if you spent time with Rachel. Boots (Cook) told some wonderful stories of Babe and Rachel. Wish he was here to tell more. My prayers go up to the family. Sincerely, Teresa Cook.

Teresa Cook Bates - February 17, 2017 at 04:25 PM