



## Billy Parrish

July 6, 2019

Billy Worth Parrish, age 87, ended his courageous battle against pancreatic cancer and entered the arms of Jesus on July 6, 2019 at his home in Portsmouth.

He was born the "knee-high" child of John and Lola Parrish of Johnston County, NC where he learned about hard work on the farm. He met Shirley Batten and they wed on June 12, 1953.

Billy was drafted into the United States Army in 1954 where he fought in the Korean War. He retired as a supervisor from the City of Portsmouth in 1980 and as a pipefitter from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Shop 56 in 1997.

He was a faithful member of Highland Baptist Church for 57 years, and a lifetime member of Lake Drummond Masonic Lodge #178 and Western Branch Masonic Lodge #189.

Anyone that came to know Billy realized that he loved God, his family, his country, hard work, helping others, cutting grass and tending his garden. He was a humble man that thanked God for his many blessings and asked forgiveness for his shortcomings daily.

Billy was predeceased by his parents, his three brothers: Lee Douglas, Lebert

Braston and M.G. (Tink) Parrish, a sister-in-law Grace Parrish, and two brothers-in-law: Donald Jones and Marshall Holloman.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him but especially his devoted wife of 66 years, Shirley; a son, Larry Parrish and his wife Linda; a daughter, Shirley Chetister and her husband Harry; a daughter, Darlene Tanner and her husband Jack. He was "Poppa" to three grandchildren: Courtney Chetister, Dylan and Kendall Tanner: sisters-in-law Hersey Mae and Sue Parrish, Dorothy Holloman and Rose Jones. He was lovingly known as "Uncle Billy" to Gary Parrish (Connie), Brenda Placenti (Joey), Johnny Parrish (Susan), Connie and Thomas (Tina) Parrish, Bobby Holloman (Debbie), Ricky Holloman (Jonah), John "Worth" Jones, Janet Tucker (Norman) and Christi Brubaker (Scott). His Pastor, Kevin Wilson (Robin), his church family, his neighbors in Highland Park, and special family friends: Wesley & Edna Whitt, David & Linda Mason, Bob Hollister, Garfield Justice and Chris Heilman.

The family wishes to thank all the many friends for their visits, phone calls and cards throughout Billy's illness. Your love and concern was such an encouragement. Special thanks to nurse Kathleen Cox and Chaplain Don of the Sentara Hospice team for their care of Billy during his last weeks of life.

A funeral service with Masonic Rites will be held at Loving Funeral Home on July 10 at 2 pm with visitation one hour prior. Burial with Military honors will be at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens with a reception to follow at Temple Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-3373

## Service

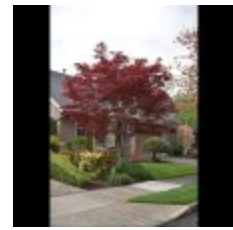
JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



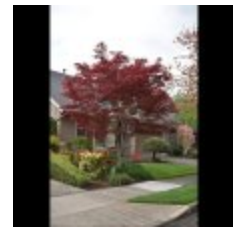
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July 10, 2019 at 02:08 PM



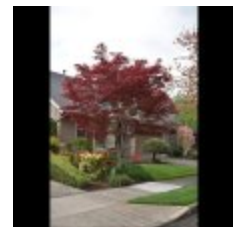
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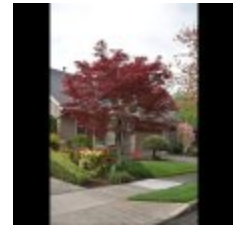


“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a good man would do anything for anyone. He will be missed* ”

**Betty Satterfield** - July 09, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Billy Parrish.*



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July 09, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *CHRIS HEILMAN, SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES INC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Parrish.*



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**CHRIS HEILMAN, SUNTRUST INVESTMENT SERVICES INC -**  
July 09, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *The Justice Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Billy Parrish.*



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**The Justice Family -** July 08, 2019 at 10:41 PM

JJ

“ Papa P, you knew that I couldn't let you go before I told you how grateful I am for everything you have done for me over the past 40 years. Do you know how grateful I am? You have been like a second Dad to me. You and Rose help get me my Navy Yard Job and have taught me so much over the years and I will never forget any of it. Things won't be the same around here that's for sure. You get all the Mowers together and when Larry, Dad and I get there we can get all of them fixed.

*I love you*

*Joseph Heath*

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**Joseph Heath Justice** - July 08, 2019 at 08:51 PM

DH

“ David, Amy, Mitchell and Hailey Hossfeld purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Billy Parrish.



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**David, Amy, Mitchell and Hailey Hossfeld** - July 08, 2019 at 06:28 PM

RW

“ Billy Parrish, the "Mayor of Highland Park". You will be missed more than you could imagine! Thank you for the years of faithfulness (62 years) to Highland Baptist Church and the tens of thousands of dollars that was saved by having you on our Property Committee. You've been both blessed and such a blessing!! Pastor Kevin

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**REV. KEVIN WILSON** - July 08, 2019 at 04:12 PM

RW

*I wish my tribute had not gotten deleted :(*

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**ROBIN S WILSON** - July 10, 2019 at 08:39 AM

PJ

“ Our Heart Felt Prayers are with you during this sad time. Garfield loved spending his time in that back yard with Billy and will surely miss him. After 40 years of living here it's like one of our own Family that has gone.

*Garfield & Priscilla*

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**Priscilla Justice** - July 08, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Parrish.



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July 08, 2019 at 02:10 PM

MW

“ Always Mr Parrish to me always friendly always glad to see you. Good neighbor prayers for the family. Last time I talked to him he was cutting grass at the church. Milton Wilkins

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**Milton Wilkins** - July 08, 2019 at 12:22 PM

AN

“ Norfolk Naval Shipyard would like to thank the Parrish family for Billy's many years of loyal and faithful service 🇺🇸

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**Anonymous** - July 08, 2019 at 11:54 AM

PW

*My prayers are with you and your family Shirley*

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**Peggy Wilson** - July 09, 2019 at 09:37 AM

DB

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Mr. Parrish will be greatly missed. He was a good friend to my dad and to our family!*

*Donna Whitt Brinson*

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**Donna Whitt Brinson** - July 09, 2019 at 01:23 PM

SF

“*Sentara Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Billy Parrish.*



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**Sentara Family** - July 08, 2019 at 09:46 AM