



Frances Polly Parker

August 24, 2014

Frances Bowen Parker, 92, passed peacefully on August 24, 2014. She was born in Portsmouth, Virginia to Daisy and Tom Bowen.

Frances “Polly” prided herself in teaching young children and appreciated all the support from her Western Branch Primary friends. More than anything, she lived for the happiness of her family and for the love of the Lord.

She is survived by her grandchildren Tara McElhiney, Britney Emons and Chelsea Cannon; great-grandchildren, Tre, Ryleigh, Evan, Dillon, Tanner and Vivian; daughter-in-law, JoAnne Parker; cousins, Jeri Speers, Kristin Talastas; nephew, Steve Bowen.

Polly lived a very happy and fulfilled life and was loved by everyone who was lucky enough to meet her. We will always remember her joy for living and vibrant personality. As she leaves us to reunite with her late husband and son, R. Douglas and Grant Parker, she will be leaving behind a legacy that will never be forgotten.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday in Monumental United Methodist Church by Rev. Joseph Cailles with burial to follow at Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel Wednesday from 6-:30-7:30 p.m.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Monumental U.M. C. 450 Dinwiddie St. Portsmouth, VA 23704

Cemetery Details

Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery

3031 Churchland Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Previous Events

service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Monumental United Methodist Church
450 Dinwiddie Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

CE

“*Heaven welcomes into its arms another Saint. Whether it was the Chesapeake Demonstration School or Western Branch Primary, she was loved by all she touched. "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant."*

Cindy England - August 29, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RS

“*Polly's obituary certainly had it right when it mentioned "everyone who was lucky enough to meet her". She had a remarkable joie de vivre and I'm so glad I was one of those fortunate folks who got to know her. Sincerest condolences to family members.*
Robbie Steen

Robbie Steen - August 28, 2014 at 11:41 AM

KH

“*Polly always amazed me. She was an excellent teacher who taught both of my children. I would run into her around town, and she would ask me about my lids, calling them by name. The fact that she remembered their names was awesome. The fact that she could call me by name 25 years later was unbelievable. She was a gift to all the WB Primary students and parents. She was my hero.*
Sincerely, Karen Hartzog

Karen Hartzog - August 28, 2014 at 06:56 AM

LR

“ I have such fond memories of Polly and the entire family. Thoughts of her put a smile on my face. She will be missed by all. I have no doubts that she is having a ball and keeping a good eye on her loved ones:). My condolences to "Binny", Joann, Tara and Chelsea. Love, Lindsay Rapoport

Lindsay Rapoport - August 27, 2014 at 01:59 PM

RB

“ Mrs. Polly was God sent, a jewel, loved people, and was willing to help anyone. She would sub for me @ WBP as Security. Truly will be missed, but I know she is in a better place. Our prayers are with the family. Randy Brown

Randy Brown - August 27, 2014 at 08:53 AM

RT

“ Our prayers to the family of Polly Parker. With Polly, we watched granddaughters grow into wives and mom's. For 20 years we shared our patios and courtyards over tears of joy and sadness. She spoke often of her days as a teacher and how she loved to go to school even as a life long volunteer. She touched many lives and all who knew her will miss her. Dick and LuAnn Trumble

Richard Trumble - August 27, 2014 at 08:08 AM

ET

“ We always enjoyed Mrs. Parker when she visited our library to check out audiobooks. Her bright smile and personality will be missed. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

*Elizabeth Trop, Reference Librarian
North Suffolk Library*

Elizabeth Trop - August 27, 2014 at 08:03 AM

JD

“ *The life of Polly Parker will never be forgotten. I knew her from CDS and after that from just being a friend. She was a very good friend to my sister she was a very good friend to my family she will greatly be missed. Her smile and kind words were always remembered. RIP dear Polly.*

Jackie and Bill Dunn - August 26, 2014 at 08:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Frances Polly Parker.*



August 26, 2014 at 05:08 PM

JT

“ *Jill, Collin, Corbin, and Abbey Taylor purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Frances Polly Parker.*



Jill, Collin, Corbin, and Abbey Taylor - August 26, 2014 at 04:37 PM

GS

“ Polly was a dear friend an co-worker for many years. The thing that made Polly so special was the way she loved life and everyone without any strings attached. She was quite a character who brought a lot of laughter to everyone around her. A favorite memory were the days Polly and I were in the Chesapeake Demonstration School assisting the students during lunch. Hot dog day was her favorite. And when asked she would always say she lvdd an " all meat hotdog" and lip her lips. She could have said that a million times and I would enjoy it each time. Pablita, as I called her was a blessing to all those around her and I pray she will now reap the benefits she deserves. God bless you Pabilta, I love you. Larry Short

G Larry Short - August 26, 2014 at 10:46 AM

LD

“ Polly was a much-loved person. An angel on earth is now an angel in Heaven, along with Doug, Grant, and the twins. Tara, Britney, Chelsea, and JoAnne, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Much love,
Lynn Davidson

lynn davidson - August 26, 2014 at 07:05 AM

AH

“ Mrs. Parker blessed every one of my days at CDS. She dried my tears, and helped teach me more than just book knowledge. She taught, by example, how we should live our lives...with love, kindness and compassion for all. Her warm hugs were always welcomed, and even recently, some 30+ years later she called me by name, hugged me tightly and reminisced of old times. I will miss her sweet smile, and will live her forever. My deepest condolences to her family..



Angela Haywood - August 25, 2014 at 09:45 PM

CJ

“ Years ago, I remember her from CDS. Such a warm and loving person who genuinely cared about all students and could call each one by name. I also can remember my senior year at WBHS I did tutoring at the Primary School. When I was there she could remember me that many years later and even beyond that when I would run in to her from time to time. She will be missed.

Craig Jackson - August 25, 2014 at 08:23 PM

CD

“ I will always remember the beautiful smiles she had for the students at W.B. Primary. All the children and their parents had love and respect for Ms Polly. I am sure she will always be remembered fondly.

Carolyn Davenport W.B. Parent

Carolyn Davenport - August 25, 2014 at 07:08 PM

AR

“ I remember Mrs. Parker fondly from my years at CDS. Such a sweet lady, she will be missed!!

Aimee Rodgers - August 25, 2014 at 06:54 PM

LI

“ I knew Mrs. Parker from the Chesapeake Demonstration School. She was so special to me. She made me feel special, too. She was the only teacher to call me by my preferred middle name. I remember I made her these little shell people with googly eyes that were perched on driftwood. Mrs. Parker would bring them to me for repairs as needed so I knew they were special to her. I loved her very much as did so many others. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lindsey Smith Hoy

Lindsey - August 25, 2014 at 06:44 PM