



## Mark William Parker

May 18, 1959 - April 5, 2023

Mark William Parker, age 63, passed away on April 5, 2023 at his home in Crawfordville, Florida with his devoted wife by his side. He was born on May 18, 1959 in Muncie, Indiana to parents William Ray Parker and Marlene Mae Christian Parker.

Upon moving to Crawfordville 40 years ago, he began working at what was once known as the Olin Corporation, now known as St. Marks Powder, a General Dynamics Company. Mark started from the bottom as a Production Operator and climbed his way to being their IT Database Senior Administrator prior to his retirement in 2021. Mark was also affiliated with the Wakulla Land Barons Association (WLBA) since 2005 and was known as the “Sandhill Baron.”

Not only was Mark passionate about his work, he also had a passion for all animals and nature. He enjoyed fishing, using his green thumb in the yard and simply being outdoors. However, what Mark was most passionate about was his ever-growing family and being the pirate to his island girl, Julia, whom he shared 42 years with. In fact, the only time Mark defied nature was his insistence on sticking around for his island girl’s birthday. He passed away two days later.

Survivors include his loving wife, Julia Elizabeth Coleman Parker; children

Joshua Parker, Dylan Parker (wife, Erica) and Jessica Parker (fiancé, Miguel); grandchildren Jackson, Bronson “Stoney”, Emily, Ian and Tala; sisters Chrisy Carlton (husband, Richard) and Missy Parker (Steve) along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom he loved deeply. Mark was preceded in passing by his parents.

A celebration of Mark’s life and legacy will be held at St. Mark’s Powder picnic grounds on the Wakulla River (Hwy 98, Crawfordville, FL) on Sunday, April 16, 2023 beginning at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Florida Wild Mammal Association of Wakulla: <https://fwma.org/donate/>

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **16**. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Marks Powder Campground  
Hwy 98  
Wakulla, FL 32327

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark William Parker.* ”



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May 10, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark William Parker.* ”



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April 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *What a beautiful service today. Julie, you are amazing. If I had your composure, I would have said this:*

*Mark and I shared the beginning part, the very beginning. We were both firstborn, and our mothers were sisters, and they did everything together. Everything. So Mark and I did everything together, too. Not just holidays and special occasions, but almost every Saturday, forever, in the beginning. Mark was my cousin, but he was also probably my first friend. Today at the riverside, I was remembering those black and white photo days, cold Indiana Saturday mornings, station wagon rides, eating at the "kids' table", and grandparents and parents and aunts and uncles all around. I loved Mark very much. And today, as family and friends gathered, I was so proud of him. What a beautiful life he lived. Outstanding, Mark, well done. Joey, the tribute you wrote may be the most moving and true tribute I have every seen, for anyone.*

*Josh, Dylan, Jess, I am so, so sorry. I hope that when life's inevitable rough spots come, you will always be able to feel his steadfast love. He was so proud of each of you, he would just beam when he talked about you.*

*Missy and Chrisy, you were there in the beginning, too, of course, and I remember with you.*

*Julie, you know his last words to me were "you should", while he was walking back to the car, and we were all talking about night blooming jasmine. So I did, I planted a night blooming jasmine, and it already smells so sweet. I'm grateful you were always by his side. My love to you all.*

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**Laura Wienants** - April 16, 2023 at 11:30 PM

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“ I met Mark when he was 17 and I was 19, we found we were born on the same day of the year, May 18 and quickly became friends. I was new in Tallahassee, had no friends. Mark quickly became my best friend and we had many adventures in the woods and water for two years. Although I moved back to Louisiana, we kept in touch, but not as often as we should have, he came to see me in Louisiana last year, it was wonderful, like we had never parted, he was indeed a kind and wonderful person. I will miss him greatly. I am so sorry I did not get to Tallahassee to see him, last time we spoke he said he was doing fine and winning the battle. I should have known he would never share such a burden. Love you Mark and Julie.

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**Barry Brannon** - April 13, 2023 at 06:13 PM

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“ So sorry Julie. Had no idea he was ill. For sure, Mark was one of the "good guys". He was always kind, patient, easygoing, and willing to help me, as well as any other employee, with IT issues at the plant. It was a pleasure to work with him as well as his Dad, Bill. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

*Ann Henderson*

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**Ann Henderson** - April 11, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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“ Mark was a gentle soul and you always knew he had your back. We became friends through the WLBA and loved him as a brother love you Mark and Julia May God give you comfort in the days to come

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**kim Osborne** - April 11, 2023 at 10:31 AM

AJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Parker family. May the Lord continue to bless you all during this difficult time. Mark will undoubtedly be missed by so many. I am so fortunate to have known Mark, for he was a kind and gentle man.*



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**Audrey Joy** - April 10, 2023 at 06:34 PM