



Mr. Charles Edward Parks

January 11, 1959 - July 26, 2025

Charles Edward Parks, also known as "Diamond," entered into eternal rest on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Johnson City Medical Center. He was born on January 11, 1959, in Hickory, North Carolina, to CJ Johnson and Gwendolyn Hamilton.

Charles loved watching football, especially the Dallas Cowboys, and having a good time with his family and friends. He was a fierce protector and did not play about the well-being of those he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents, CJ Johnson and Gwendolyn Hamilton; sisters, Marilyn McPerson, Lola Parks, and Mary Ann Dobbs; son, Terrance Bradley; nephews, Grant Parks and Ebbert Dabbs; and niece, Linda Ferguson.

To cherish his memory, Charles leaves behind his daughters, Tiaria Ashley Gardner and Gwendolyn Lorraine Gardner; sisters, BarBara (Paul) Christman, Louise Blair, Ruth Odem, and Willie Martin; uncle, Alexander Hamilton; aunts, Shirley Dunn and Mary Jane Story; friends, Gary Johnson Jr., Tony Williams, Lynn Fitzgerald, Gary Cole, and Jimmy Ray; neighbors, Ernie and Sylvia Osborne, Will and his wife, "Mad Max," and Charmain; special friend, Katherine Gardner; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr
Johnson City, TN 37604-4522
(423) 926-1641

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deborah Simmons-Grey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Deborah Simmons-Grey - August 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CO

“ *Fly high Charles you're with God's angles now.*



Carol and Raymond Oxendine - August 04, 2025 at 12:15 PM

RS

“ *MAY GOD STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME. REST IN PEACE DIAMOND!!!* 🙏🙏🙏

Regina Smith - August 02, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SO

“ *Sylvia Osborne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Sylvia Osborne - August 02, 2025 at 09:59 AM

SO

My Prayers Are With All The Family & Friends Of Mr. Charles Parks, & All That Loved This Dear Sweet Gentle Man, Charles Will Be Missed Forever & Always In Our Hearts & Will Never Ever Be Forgotten. God Bless Everyone In This Time Of Sadness & Forever & Always Keep Them Safe From Harm. 🙏

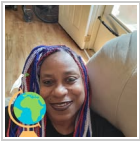
Sylvia Osborne - August 02, 2025 at 10:12 AM

SO

“ *Sylvia Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Sylvia Osborne - August 02, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Nancy Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Nancy Adams - August 02, 2025 at 04:40 AM

SA

“ *Sidney Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Sidney Adams - August 01, 2025 at 04:48 PM

GR

“ *Gina Rhyans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Gina Rhyans - August 01, 2025 at 04:09 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Connie Thompson - August 01, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SO

“ *Sylvia Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Sylvia Osborne - August 01, 2025 at 11:14 AM

SO

Mr. Charles “Big Daddy” As I Called Him, He Called Me Miss Sylvia & Mama Was The Most Sweetest & Kindness Gentle Man, I Was So Fortunate To Have Known Him & Had Him So Close To Me As My Neighbor & Very Precious Friend, Charles Will Forever Be In My Heart & Memories Forever & Always, My Heart Is Broken For His Chidren & Family & All The Many People That Loved Charles, Forever & Always Will Charles Be With Us In Our Hearts Until The Day We’re All Reunited In Heaven!! God Bless His Family & Friends & Keep Them Safe As We Mourn The Loss Of A Dear Sweet Precious Man.

Sylvia Osborne - August 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Phyllis Askew - August 01, 2025 at 08:59 AM

PF

“ *Prayers for Kathy, Tiara, and Gwen and the whole family. So sorry for your loss. He was always a good guy.*



Portia Font - July 31, 2025 at 09:41 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Sylvia Bachman - July 31, 2025 at 09:18 PM

SO

Missed Hearing Your Laughter Last Evening As I Was Sitting On My Front Porch As We Often Did After The Heat Of The Day, & Early Next Morning Your Voice So Pleasant To Hear, I Miss My Friend & Always Keep Him Close To My Heart. God Bless All Of Charles Family & Friends, God Be With Them & Give Them Peace & Comfort In Their Time Of Sorrow & Need For Comforting.

Sylvia Osborne - August 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Mary Latham - July 31, 2025 at 07:46 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Estelle Vaughan - July 31, 2025 at 06:09 PM

EH

“ *One of the kindest men I ever met... I will surely miss seeing my neighbor each day!*

Emily Hammock - July 31, 2025 at 02:41 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Van Rollins - July 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM

GF

“ Gary Fain



Gary Fain - July 31, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SC

“ Susie Colston lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



Susie Colston - July 31, 2025 at 08:14 AM

JH

“ June Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



June Haynes - July 30, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CB

“ Charles Buffiord sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Charles Buffiord - July 30, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *Condolences to the Family! Diamond will be missed and fondly remembered. Praying your peace and comfort throughout this season of bereavement.*

Cheryl Rhea Family



Cheryl Rhea - July 30, 2025 at 05:08 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - July 30, 2025 at 04:51 PM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss 🙏*



Doris Hampton - July 30, 2025 at 04:27 PM

AH

“ *Rest easy Diamond...*



Angela Hargrove - July 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Estelle Vaughan - July 30, 2025 at 02:12 PM

TN

“ *The Neals lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



The Neals - July 30, 2025 at 02:05 PM

CW

“ *My Sincere Condolences to Ms. Kat, T, Gwen and all who loved "Diamond". May he rest in peace 🕊️*



Charli Waden - July 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JG

My sincere condolences and prayers for the family

James Graham - July 30, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CG

“ *Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Claudia Goines - July 30, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Penny Love White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Penny Love White - July 30, 2025 at 12:32 PM

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



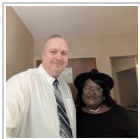
Renea Hall - July 30, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BB

“ *Becky Barner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Becky Barner - July 30, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ God called his Angel home. Rest easy Diamond. Tell my son I said hello and I love him and I miss him so much. I'll see you both one day in Heaven Rest in Jesus arms 💔😭❤️🕊️



Sondra Bradley - July 30, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LP

“ Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Lori Parks - July 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Mack Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



mack stevens - July 30, 2025 at 11:22 AM

CD

“ Carol Dorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Carol Dorn - July 30, 2025 at 10:45 AM

CD

Charlie was a dear friend with a kind heart. He loved the pumpkin pies I would bake for him and the chocolate chip cookies. I will miss him terribly. With much love Charlie.

Carol Dorn - July 30, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ In loving memory of you cousin Diamond. You sir will be deeply missed. You now cousin are taking your rest. Love always and forever



Jacinda Senior - July 30, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TF

“ I remember "Diamond" as being genuine, kind, and kept everyone laughing many years ago. He was a best friend to my husband Michael. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time.



Trisha Fields - July 30, 2025 at 09:06 AM

DM

“ DEBRA MATHES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



DEBRA MATHES - July 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

RO

“ Ray Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



Ray Oxendine - July 29, 2025 at 11:28 PM

RO

Diamond R.I.P. Brother

Ray Oxendine - July 29, 2025 at 11:31 PM

RN

“ Robert And Jean Neal lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Robert and Jean Neal - July 29, 2025 at 11:01 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Crystal Anderson - July 29, 2025 at 05:56 PM

AN

“ Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Angelo Newman - July 29, 2025 at 05:41 PM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Melvin Drumgoole - July 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Viola Patton - July 29, 2025 at 05:10 PM

P(

“ Family you have my condolences



Patria Rhea (pate) - July 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MH

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the family.*



Mary Harris - July 29, 2025 at 04:01 PM

TB

“ *Prayers For The Family!* 🙏❤️



Tonya Bradley - July 29, 2025 at 03:01 PM

WJ

“ *William H Hill Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



William H Hill Jr - July 29, 2025 at 02:25 PM

WJ

“ *William H Hill Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



William H Hill Jr - July 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Mary Ann James - July 29, 2025 at 02:23 PM

LG

“ *Larry E Gillenwater lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Larry E Gillenwater - July 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

LG

Diamond,I will truly miss you my friend 🙏.

Larry E Gillenwater - July 29, 2025 at 01:08 PM

ML

“ *Mazie Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Mazie Love - July 29, 2025 at 01:04 PM

LH

“ay you go rest high on that mountain



Lorie Harned - July 29, 2025 at 12:40 PM

FF

“ Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Fred and Jackie Fields - July 29, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Linda Workman - July 29, 2025 at 09:42 AM

RN

“ Ricky A Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Ricky A Nobleton - July 29, 2025 at 08:47 AM

SH

“ Charles was kind hearted and always made me laugh . I am so sorry to know he is gone . I am praying for the family .

Sharon - July 29, 2025 at 12:10 AM



“ Deepest Condolences to the family.
The Lyons and Daniels families.



Donna Daniels - July 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM

LB

“ Lisa Brady sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



Lisa Brady - July 28, 2025 at 04:34 PM

VH

“ Veronica Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



Veronica Howell - July 28, 2025 at 03:43 PM

VP

“ Praying for you.family.
May God comfort and strength you.
Love you all



Viola Patton - July 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BJ

“ Bobby J Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Charles Edward Parks



Bobby J Ryans Jr - July 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DM

“ DEBRA MATHES lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Charles Edward Parks



DEBRA MATHES - July 28, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BB

“ Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Edward Parks



Babby Barner - July 28, 2025 at 01:24 PM

GC

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to all of Diamond's family. May God bless you all.*



Geary and Renee Coles - July 28, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JA

“ *Rest well my friend diamond*



Jaymon - July 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Louis Locke Jr - July 28, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DD

“ *Delores Delaney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward Parks*



Delores Delaney - July 28, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DB

Rest in peace Diamond. YoU will yo never be forgotten
Diane Brown

Diane Brown - July 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JH

My condolences 🙏 to the family Charles I will always remember you with that great big smile. And ❤️ that great big heart ❤️ and your sweet personality ❤️ that was always shown. I could say a million words. But now my brother until we meet again I Jesus name . Rest

June Haynes - July 29, 2025 at 04:48 AM