

Obituary

She was a giant among women
"Determined, Dedicated, Dependable"
A fighter

Clara Bell Parker Parrish was born on September 7, 1907 in Candler County, Georgia, the fourth daughter of seven girls born to the late Levi and Frances Parker. She departed this life on Saturday, January 8, 2000, at Bulloch Memorial Hospital, Statesboro, Georgia.

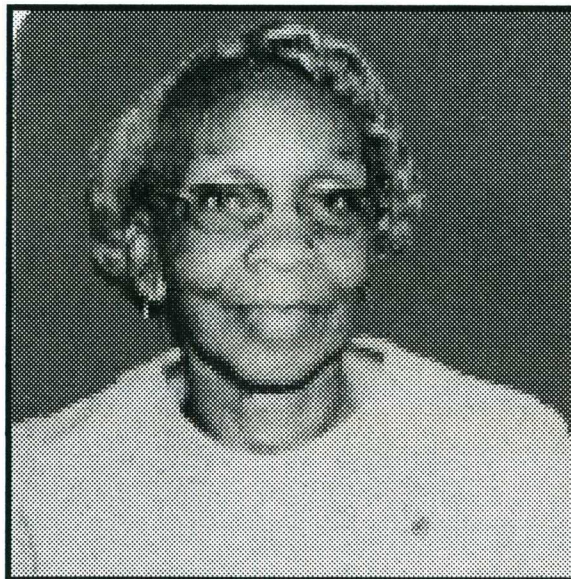
She attended the public schools of Candler County and further her education at Georgia State College (Savannah State University). She taught school in Bulloch County and was also a seamstress.

In 1928, she was united in holy matrimony to John Paul (J.P.) Parrish. To this marriage they were blessed with a daughter, Geraldyn (Jackie); with J. P. preceding her in death.

Early in life she decided upon a Christian life and became a well dedicated and faithful member of Rehovia Baptist Church where she was Church Secretary for 35 years. She was also a member of Rain or Shine Club and the Homebound Mission.

She leaves to cherish her memory; a devoted daughter and son-in-law, Geraldyn (Jackie) and Daniel Lee of Statesboro, GA; a sister, Mrs. Almedia Milledge of Savannah, GA; two granddaughters, Ms. Phyllis Miller of Bowie, MD and Ms. Gigi Miller of Atlanta, GA; two grandsons, James Miller of Charleston, SC and Jantz Miller of Atlanta, GA; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Leona Parrish and Mrs. Debbie Davis, both of Cincinnati, OH and Mrs. Mary Parrish of Statesboro, GA; three great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Service of Love For



Mrs. Clara Belle Parker Parrish

Wednesday, January 12, 2000
11:30 a.m.

Rehovia Baptist Church
R.F.D., Statesboro, Georgia

Reverend Larry Scarboro, Eulogist
Reverend Marque Brown, Pastor

The committal to Eternal Rest
Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Statesboro, Georgia

Order of Service

Processional

Presiding.....Rev. Marque Brown

Selection.....Payton's Chorus

Invocation.....Rev. Purvis Royal

Scripture.....Rev. Julius Abraham

Selection.....Payton's Chorus

Tributes

As A Church Member..Dea. Dewitt Love

As A Neighbor.....Ms. Janie Hill

As A Friend.....Mrs. Betty Jones

Solo.....Ms. Evelyn Williams

Acknowledgments.....Rev. Julius Abraham

Appreciation.....Mrs. Mercille Mincey

Selection.....Payton's Chorus

Eulogy.....Rev. Larry Scarboro

Recessional

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and love shown during this most difficult time. May God bless each of you.

***The family will receive guests at Rehovia Baptist Church Social Hall immediately following the interment.

**Mothers Never Die – They Just
Keep House Up In The Sky**

When we are children, we are happy and gay
And our MOTHER is young and
She laughs as we play,
Then as we grow up, she teaches us truth
And lays life's foundation
in the days of our youth
And then it is time for us to leave home
But her teachings go with us
wherever we roam,
For all that she taught us and all that we did
When we were so often just as
"Bad little Kid"
We will often remember and then realize
That MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL and
WONDERFULLY WISE
And as she grows older,
we look back with love
Knowing that MOTHERS are
"GIFTS FROM ABOVE"
And when she "goes HOME"
TO RECEIVE HER REWARD
She will dwell in God's Kingdom and
"KEEP HOUSE FOR THE LORD"
Where she'll "light up" the stars
That shine through the night
And keep all the moonbeams
"sparkling and bright"
And then with the dawn
She'll put the darkness away
As she "scours" the sun
to new brilliance each day
So dry tears of sorrow,
for MOTHERS DON'T DIE -
They just move in with God and
"KEEP HOUSE IN THE SKY"
And there in GOD'S KINGDOM,
MOTHERS watch from above
To welcome their children with their
UNDYING LOVE!

With Love, Daughter

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Rehovia Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers

George Sabb, Jr.	James Pryor
Bobby Simmons	Ervin Lee
Gordon Mincey	O'Neal Hendley

Floral Attendants

Usher Board #1 of the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

A Final Tribute

A Service by Payton's Mortuary

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Clara

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Parker

Parrish

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