



## Mr. Art Parker

November 1, 2020

Mr. Art Parker age 65, a resident of Millbrook, AL passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2020. He was born May 1, 1955, Art was a loyal friend and loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Christine "Chris" Parker; daughter Catherine "Catie" Parker (Michael Pond); daughter Jessica Hampton-Sneed (Sydney); brother Al Parker (Judy).

Art was as honest about his shortcomings as he was proud of his accomplishments. Throughout his life he maintained a fast-paced work ethic and a dedication to fairness in his business dealings. This attitude of 'get it done right and get it done right now' defined Art to a significant degree both to himself and to those who worked with him. He loved to work. He struggled with relaxation and slowing down, even after a heart attack, but when he did it was often to enjoy simple things like bingeing a television series with his wife Chris or playing the horse races.

Art graduated Auburn University with degrees in business and finance. Though he would often say that his experience with the Alabama Jaycees was where he 'really' got his education in business. Holding numerous positions in the organization, including President of the Birmingham Jaycees, Art also learned the lessons of charity and commitment to community service. In his home in Millbrook, AL Art was not only the editor of the local paper, but contributed his own time and money to help build up the community as well.

He served in leadership positions at the Millbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Millbrook Men's Club.

Journalism was a second career for Art after working for decades in the insurance business. He formed a relationship with Bob Martin, Owner, Editor, and Publisher of The Montgomery Independent and was hired as the Sports Editor. He eventually became Editor of the newspaper after Martin's retirement. For 12 years Art was also Editor of a second paper The Millbrook Independent, which he and Martin began in 2003.

While working for the newspaper, Art experienced a merging of business and pleasure in reporting on high school sports. An avid sports fan himself, he watched numerous young athletes on the field and the court grow into their responsibilities as team members. For many of them the experience of high school sports was a foundational experience in the rest of their lives. Art's reporting on these young athletes' accomplishments and growth, both as athletes and as responsible adults, live on in scrapbooks and photo albums that he never saw.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. from Brookside Memorial Gardens with Father Mark Waldo officiating. Pallbearers will be Pat Smith, Chase Fell, Michael Gay, Michael Pond, Mayor Al Kelley and Harris Garner. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to WELCOME Food Pantry, P.O. Box 54, Millbrook, AL 36054 in his memory. Friends will assemble at the graveside and mask are required to be worn to the service and six feet social distancing.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Memorial Gardens

Millbrook, AL 36054

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Memorial Gardens  
Millbrook, AL 36054

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Art Parker*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr. Art Parker*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *As a Middle School Girls Basketball coach, I so appreciated Art. He gave our teams just as much coverage as he did varsity guys. Only the coaches, parents and girls can know how much that meant.*  
*Tommy Jones*

**Tommy Jones** - November 08, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Amy & Eric Pond purchased the Heart's Company Bouquet for the family of Mr. Art Parker.*



**Amy & Eric Pond** - November 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall

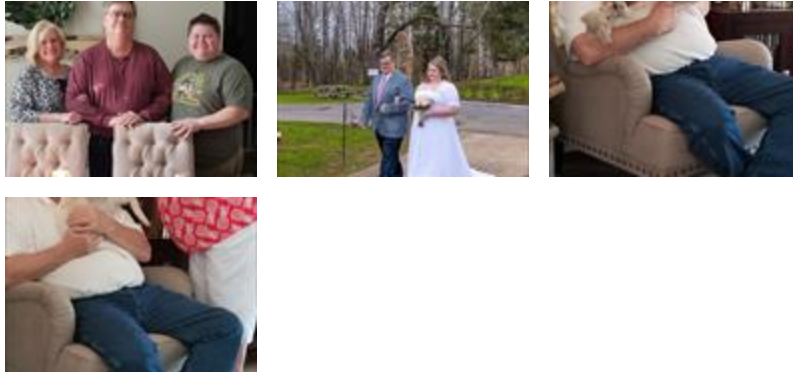


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**Christine Parker** - November 05, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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**Jessica Hampton-Sneed** - November 04, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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**Jessica Hampton-Sneed** - November 04, 2020 at 01:42 PM