



Doris Ives Parker

May 10, 1924 - July 8, 2018

Doris Ives Parker, known to family and friends as Dee Dee, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 8th, 2018 at Champions Assisted Living. She was born May 10th, 1924 in Norfolk, Virginia, where she met and married John "Poppa Jack" Parker, and together they raised five children. Dee Dee adored her children and loved all the coming and going of friends and constant activity in the home. She enjoyed nature and instilled that love in her children. She was an avid gardener, a great cook and had a tender heart for those less fortunate.

Dee Dee moved to Wilmington after the passing of Poppa Jack in the early 1980's. She worked as an executive secretary for Takeda Chemical Company for a number of years. She was always available to help care for her grandchildren, picking up and dropping off for tutoring, skateboarding, and other activities. Not to mention all the shrimparoos she hosted for the family. In her last years, she loved rocking on the porch at the Hanover Seaside Club, watching the children play and chatting with people as they came and went to the beach.

Dee Dee is survived by her five children, Karen Parker Lears (Jackson), John B. Parker (Emily), Robert J. Parker (Aimee), Becca Parker Beitel (Rik), and Rich Parker. Her seven grandchildren are Rachel Lears, Adin Lears, John Aaron Parker, Robert Parker, Will Parker, Cody Beitel and Kirra Beitel. To top it all off, two great-grandchildren, Case Lee Parker and Max Blotnick.

The family will have a private remembrance at a later date. Online

condolences may be made at Atlantic Cremation. In honor of her love of children, any donation to Kids Making It (kidsmakingit.org) would be most appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ May the Fergus - Funderburg Family of Wilmington, NC, express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Doris Ives Parker. She was an extraordinary lady that will be sorely missed by our family & the community she loved. What a privilege and honor to know her & witness her kindness, genuineness and determination. She defended our way of life & brought honor to our region. Her life was filled with love of his family, numerous friends & lifelong service to humanity. She was supremely proud of her family and friends. Her passing is a sad event for all those who have loved and respected her over the years. She protected those in whose love he lived and those that are dear to us. She has left her earthly life to be with God. We are profoundly saddened to hear of her passing. J. Skipper Funderburg Family skipper_funderburg@yahoo.com

J. Skipper Funderburg Family - July 22, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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“ Lovely lady. She will warm your heart forever!

Cissie Brooks - July 21, 2018 at 05:08 PM

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“ Must have been a special lady. You are lucky to have had her for a mother. Unfortunately when one has such a major positive impact on our life, the pain of loss is more acute. Her pain is over and yours will subside with time. You will always carry her love and character with you and that is a blessing all do not receive. We hold you, RP, and Rob in the light.

DT - July 20, 2018 at 07:30 PM