



*Parks Edward
Harrison*

May 23, 1946 - Sept. 7, 2026

Parks Edward Harrison, age 80, of Morganton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on September 7, 2026.

Born in Burke County on May 23, 1946, Parks was the son of the late Alfred and Era Harrison. He was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Nancy Harrison; his sons, Rodney Harrison (Linda) of Statesville, NC, and Brad Harrison (Tracy) of Cross Hill, SC; and his grandchildren, Ashlee Williams (Preston), Braeden Harrison (Rebecca), and Brycen Harrison (Caylee). He was blessed with two great-grandchildren, Harper and Owen Williams, who brought him great joy.

Parks is also survived by his siblings, Margaret Duckworth, Bennett Harrison (Barbara), and Brenda Perry (Edward). He was preceded in death by his sisters, Grace Epley, Ethel Harrison, Gladys Harrison, and Mattie McKenzie.

Parks spent many years working in the furniture industry, including positions with Knob Creek, Wright Table, and Robert Bergelin Company. He took pride in his work and in the many friendships he made throughout his career.

Faith was an important part of Parks' life. He was a lifelong member of Catawba Valley Baptist Church, where he also served faithfully as a deacon. His church family was an important part of his life, and his faith was a source of strength throughout the years.

Parks enjoyed the simple things in life and loved spending time outdoors. Over the years, he enjoyed softball, fishing, hunting, and gardening. More than anything, he cherished his family and the time spent with those he loved.

Parks will be remembered for his love of family, his faith, his hardworking nature, and the many lives he touched throughout his 80 years. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

The family will receive friends from 3pm until 4pm, Monday, September 14, 2026 at Catawba Valley Baptist Church, 706 Lenoir Rd, Morganton, NC 28655. A memorial service will be held at 4pm in the sanctuary. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catawba Valley Baptist Church Building Fund.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

—Lisa Stamey

—Annette Denton

Nancy, Rodney, Bradley and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing your beloved husband and dad. Your family has been a part of our lives since we landed in Chesterfield when I was in the 1st grade! Nancy, you and Parks showed us all what community means. The Merritt's are forever grateful for the love and kindness your family has shown to us and for the fellowship we continue to enjoy. Peace be with you and may all the love you have shown others come back to comfort you and the family during this time. Much love. Michelle

—Michelle Merritt Leonard

Nancy and family, Jan and I were so saddened to hear of Parks passing. May God continue to give each peace in the days ahead. Look to Him for strength and support. No greater Friend or Brother could ever be had this side of Heaven, than Parks Harrison. Our Love and Prayers will continue daily for the entire family.

—Sam and Jan Buckner

NANCY AND FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT PARKS HE WAS SUCH A DEAR MAN I'M SO GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET HIM AND CONSIDER HIM OUR FRIEND HE WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED WE LOVED HIM LIKE A BROTHER. DEMRY AND WANDA BURLESON WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

—WANDA BURLESON

Nancy, Rodney & Bradley: We want to extend our sincere condolences in the passing of Parks. The Lord blessed him with an awesome family, and it is through your lives that he leaves behind a wonderful legacy. Parks had that Blessed Assurance. We send our love and prayers.

—Phil & Penny Smith

So sorry to hear of the passing of Parks he will certainly be missed my condolences to Nancy and the family Judy Johnson

—Judy Johnson

Deepest sympathy.

—Ann Smith

Nancy, Rodney & Bradley, I was devastated to hear about Parks passing. He was a great man and has a great family. May God bless each of you in this time of sorrow, but rejoice, he is with Jesus. All my love, Martin

—Kevin Saulman

Our condolences to the Harrison family. Parks will never be far away he will live in our thoughts and prayers. Parks and Nancy did the job God wants us all to do. They raised a God fearing family and did it to the end.

Wayne and Leona Suttle

—Wayne and Leona Suttie

Im so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I grew up knowing all of your family & have wonderful childhood memories. Prayers for your family.

—April L Arrowood

Dear Harrison family, we are so sorry to hear about Mr Harrison. We never met him, but we've heard of him thru his son Rodney, our choir director. And, we've both lost our fathers. You will miss him terribly, but remember he's with Jesus and there' no better place to be! You are in our prayers and may God give you peace and comfort in the coming days. Susan Davidson's family, Eva Claywell, & Cynthia Vincent (WABC)

—Bobby, Susan, James, & "Elizabeth" Davidson

My condolences go out to the family. May God bless and comfort you all at this time. Sincerely, Doris Stadheim

—Doris Lingafelt Stadheim

A big man with a big heart, we talked a lot at softball games and I would love to his house and watch him make fishing lures he would hand me one and say take it try it out tell me what you think and sometimes he would tell me where some of his favorite fishing spots were, Thank you my friend for your help and your witness for Jesus. God bless the family.

—Herb Dills



With thanks to God for the life of Paarks Harrison and his testimony of faithful service in his church and community. May God raise up many for who desire to follow in his footsteps. Prayerfully, Clara

—Clara Huff

Parks was a very nice guy. I did some work for him years ago. He will be missed.

—Bob Melton

Our love and condolences to all the family. We have many fond memories of Parks! For many years Parks, Whitey, Rex and Joe sang in the Redeemed Quartet. Hannie Beane and Katherine Lingerfelt accompanied them on the piano. We still use the lamp/table Parks gave us 50 years ago for our wedding gift. We will be singing together in heaven one day! We are so thankful for the friendship we have had over the years and will be lifting up your dear family in prayer! Much love, Joe and Kathy Greene

—Joe and Kathy Greene

Nancy, Rodney, Brad, and all the family, my heart is with you as we mourn my good and decent cousin Parks. His devotion to his family, his faith, and a lifetime of honest work leave a legacy to be proud of. I am grateful to call him family. May you find comfort in the love surrounding you and in the memories you will always carry. Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Jimmy Warlick

—Jimmy Warlick

Praising GOD! Parks is HOME AND HEALED! He was a wonderful man, always faithful and loving! Now HOME with JESUS! He is reunited with those gone before him! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Nancy, and your family! May GOD give you peace and comfort during this time of great loss!

—Faye Willen

So sorry to read that Parks has passed away, I will be lifting all of you up in Prayer, May God give you Comfort and Peace in the days ahead

