



Rita Jo Parrish

December 13, 1949 - November 12, 2023

Rita Jo Parrish was born in Athens, Georgia on December 13, 1949 to the late Lester T & Ruby L. Parrish. She was the second oldest of nine children. She acknowledged Christ at an early age at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Metter, GA.

Rita graduated from Metter High School in 1967. She later moved to Detroit, Michigan where she attended Lewis College of Business and obtained an Associate Degree in Business Administration. During her early years, she achieved and exceeded all the goals set by her employers at numerous companies; including Lusters Products, Johnsons Products, Superior Beauty & Barber Supply as well as CAPE Health.

In 1980, she gave birth to her son, Anthony Sean Parrish, known affectionately as “SugaBear”

Rita was baptized on August 17, 1991 at Conant Gardens Seventh -day Adventist Church. She served as the Women’s Ministry Leader, Sabbath School Teacher, sang in the choir “Choraleers” and worked as an Evangelist with Pastor Ralph Shelton. She was currently an Elder at the Sharon Inkster Seventh- day Adventist Church, she was ordained on March 18, 2017.

In 1989, Rita married Edward Taylor, and gained two sons- Edward and Jesse

Taylor.

She lived a life of service. Her passion was serving the Lord, her church and her radio ministry "Meet The Master". She enjoyed family gatherings, dancing and fellowship. She loved to wear a flower on the side of her suits.

Rita Jo Parrish departed this life on Sunday November 12th early in the morning surrounded by her loving family. She leaves to cherish her memory, her sons; Anthony Sean Parrish (Nicole), Edward Taylor (Sharia), Jesse Taylor, one grandson Anthony Sean Parrish Jr. known affectionately as "Bubbalicious", and one great granddaughter Analaya Freelon.

Siblings, Sondral Rouse (Spurgeon Jr), Lester Parrish, Ronald Parrish, Danny Parrish (Ilene), Gloria Parrish, Wanda Parrish, Reginald Parrish (Cristy) ,Wynne Parrish and Felicia Stewart.

Her nephews, Victor Eugene Parrish, Kevin Parrish, Jauron Parrish, Sprugeon Rouse III (Tamesha) and Jarrett Parrish. Her nieces, Laurinda Parrish and Ciara Parrish. Loving uncles, aunties and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Please encourage the Parrish family with words of Love and Condolences on this personal tribute page created just for Mary Jo Parrish. To send flowers or to plant a tree in memory of Mary Jo, please visit our online Sympathy store,

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park-West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Charter Township, MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family and Friends Hour

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Inkster Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church
28537 Cherry St
Inkster, MI 48141
(734) 722-2313

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ To the Parrish Family. Rita Jo grew up with all of us, right down the road from. Aunt Annie and Uncle Jeff. She and John D are rejoicing, rejoicing in Heaven. Be blessed Family, we will see her again. Love you all. Priscilla

Priscilla Clifton - November 21, 2023 at 05:58 PM

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“ Kimberly . planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Jo Parrish.

Kimberly . - November 20, 2023 at 09:05 PM

BY

“ Betty J Yancey lit a candle in memory of Rita Jo Parrish



Betty J Yancey - November 20, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Jo Parrish.



November 19, 2023 at 05:36 PM

HP

“ To my Parrish family in Detroit I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Rita Jo. I will truly miss her. Hayward Parrish in Atlanta. Love you guys.💕💕

Hayward Parrish - November 18, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Jo Parrish.



November 18, 2023 at 10:02 AM

WP

“ Sister I will miss you everyday. We will keep you in our hearts forever. Love sis.

Wanda Parrish - November 18, 2023 at 02:48 AM

CB

“ We prayed for our children going to Peterson Warren academy, look what Gods has done with them. Ed, Jessie, Tony, Makeyshia and Kyle. God called you home before me. I will see you at the Resurrection. Rest in peace, love Cathy Beachem

Catherine Matthews Beachem - November 17, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rita Jo Parrish.*



November 17, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Jo Parrish.*



November 17, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Jo Parrish.*



November 17, 2023 at 08:45 AM