

John Parker

October 13, 1965 - December 11, 2009

John Preston Parker was born October 13, 1965 at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. John was one of two children, but the only son born to the union of Charles Preston and Sue Lee (Chalfant) Parker.

John went home to be with his Lord December 11, 2009, at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 44 years, 1 month and 28 days.

John attended Richland schools from kindergarten through high school. He graduated with the Class of 1984. He continued his education at Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville.

When John was seven years old, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at Eureka Baptist Church. In 1994, he was called to the ministry. He returned to Richland in 1995 to serve as the youth pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church with his dear friend, Chuck Baker. In 1999, he accepted the Senior Pastor position at First Baptist Church in Dixon, serving in that capacity until 2005. He worked at Lowe's Chevrolet for about a year before he and his friend, Rick Wilson opened Carstar Motors in St. Robert.

On June 4, 1994, John married Sherry Dawn Lane. This union was blessed with two wonderful sons: Joshua Caleb and Seth Preston Parker.

John loved riding his Harley, listening to music and playing golf. But his heart's passion was his Lord and his family.

John was very dearly loved and will be sadly missed by two sons: Joshua and Seth Parker and their mother, Sherry all of Dixon; John's mother: Sue Parker, and sister: Lynn Smith, and her husband, Glenn, all of Springfield; two nieces: Niki and Courtney; a great niece: Audrey; aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friend: Nancy Vallone.

John was preceded in death by his father, Charles Preston Parker.

Services were held at 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Richland with Pastor's Chuck Baker and Rocky Carroll officiating. Guitarist / Soloist Rocky Carroll sang "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)."

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Richland.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of John Preston Parker and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Parker*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Dear Sue and Lynn,
I know this is late, but I just read about John in the Mirror. I am so sorry to hear. He was just a little older than my son so I can only imagine the heartbreak and sorrow. Please know I am thinking of you.*

Miriam Halter Kerns##imported-begin##*Miriam Halter Kerns*##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 11:19 AM



“ *I'm deeply saddened by the loss of a good friend! John & I shared a lot of good memories throughout our adolescent years which I will always keep etched in my mind. I send my condolences to the family and will pray for the children to gain strength during these difficult times.*##imported-begin##*Ken Schmitz*##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 10:33 AM



“ *My memories of John are from when he was my youth pastor at Cornerstone. I remember Sherry and him opening their home in Richland to us, and I remember sharing lots of laughs, too. I am so sorry for your unexpected loss and will continue to pray for peace and comfort for you and your family.*##imported-begin##*Jessica (Thornsberry) Hartman*##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 05:52 PM



“ Lynn - I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I will keep your famiy in my prayers.##imported-begin##Diane Deulen##imported-end##

December 15, 2009 at 10:51 AM



“ We are so saddened by the loss of John. His loss has affected all of us so deeply. However, we're praying today for his dear family and friends as you grieve his presence here with you. May the God of comfort give you the strength you need to weather the difficult days ahead, and the love to continue your close ties one with another. We will continue to pray for all of you now and in the days ahead. Martin and Georgia White##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

December 15, 2009 at 02:22 AM



“ One of my fondest memories growing up was the summer John and I spent lifeguarding at the Richland Pool. As I regret with much sorrow, we did not keep in close touch after starting our families but that summer we became close friends and spent much time together. I've cherished these memories my entire life.

Dear God, please hold and comfort the hearts of all who mourn this tragedy, especially his family.

Joe##imported-begin##Joe Stephens##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 11:31 PM



“ I am thankful for all John invested in me as a student at Cornerstone Baptist, and am praying for all of his family during this time.##imported-begin##Julie Reagan James##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family at this difficult time. In a small community like ours the loss is felt in everyone's heart. May God's peace and love be with you.##imported-begin##Richland Care Center Family##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 02:08 PM



“ Lynn and Glenn, I am so sorry about your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Debra Appleby##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 02:02 PM



“ Lynn & I were deeply saddened to hear about John. I enjoyed our work together in the Richland Ministerial Alliance.

One of our favorite memories of John is when he & Sherry came to our house for a Christmas Party. Lynn recalls him standing in the foyer with his infectious smile on his face and zeal for the Lord in his heart.

In your time of sorrow, may you find peace in God's presence as He gives you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Doug & Lynn Jacobson##imported-begin##Doug & Lynn Jacobson##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Thinking of you and your boys during this time. Wishing you peace, comfort and strength in the coming days.##imported-begin##Michele Kastner Hodges ##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ Lynn and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Patti##imported-begin##Patti Reynolds##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 01:01 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to all of Johns family. He will be greatly missed. Probably more than he could imagine. I am so sorry for your lose.##imported-begin##Kristi Montoya##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ My heart is heavy for the loss of my friend and brother in Christ. We spent time together in ministry and even confiding in each other years ago. Took a youth group to Florida. We had some great times together. He was a great encourager and great friend. I will miss those close times he and I had. I am sad for me, but happy for John as he now lives in Heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ where everything is perfect.##imported-begin##Jamie Roberts##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ I knew John through the Richland School he was a couple of years behind me but we used to hang out. I don't understand anyt of this. John was always full of life and had a lot of dreams. He could not wait to get married and have children. Words can not express how I feel. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family especially his two sons. May peace be with them! Kim Carson##imported-begin##Kim Carson##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 10:52 AM



“ Lynn, We are sorry for the loss you and your family are suffering. You are all in our prayers to give you the strength needed at this time. Take care...Deby##imported-begin##Deby Arruda##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear of the loss of John. He was a special person in our lives when he preached at the First Baptist Church in Dixon. He would come to our home and visit with us on several occasions. He was such a caring person.
We would like to send our condolences to the family,
Galatians 5:22
"But when the Holy Spirit controls our Lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.
May God comfort each and everyone of you.##imported-begin##Pat and George Durtschi##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ My family will be keeping yours in our prayers now and in the days to come. May the Good Lord give each of you comfort and peace only he can give.

God Bless,
Boyd, Donna (Moore) & AJ Hendrix##imported-begin##Donna Moore- Hendrix##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Melissa Hankins-Stradt##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 08:15 AM



“ I just wanted to let the family know they are in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Tracy Ogle##imported-end##

December 13, 2009 at 06:35 PM



“ My sincere, heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to your family, Parker's precious boys Joshua and Seth, and especially, Nancy! God Bless each of you. John aka "Parker" to most of his dearest of friends...My Family was so shocked and sadden when we learned of Parker's passing. I am so VERY sorry for your loss, and know, it is also, everyones loss. No one really knows what to say at times like these and there are no words that I mit offer to express my sympathy, just please know that you are ALL in my thoughts and prayers. My Children and I, will miss him terribly and was very blessed to have known Parker. I will continued to hold his smile, laugh, curiosity, witty personality, spunkyness, his generosity and especially the storys & talks we always had....And not to mention, he can sing a tune and play (beat) his drums. We were all touched by his presence and we will all miss him. Our hearts and tears are with you all.

May God hold you all so very close and get you through this difficult time. Please except my familys heartfelt and deepest sympathy.

Respectfully, Angie Hale~Jaros and Family

Ride free my friend.....##imported-begin##Angie Hale~Jaros##imported-end##

December 13, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ Sue, Lynn, Sheri and (Josh and Seth),
I was so sad to hear about John. Sue, I remember growing up and watching John in the summer. You and Charles and grandma and grandpa were always close, so it was like we grew up together. I remember at that early age, I loved his spunky, witty personality and that (laugh), he always had.
No one can understand and really knows what to say at times like these.
My sincere and heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out you Sue, Lynn, Sheri, and especially for Joshua and Seth. May God hold you all so very close throughout this time.
Sincerely,
Traci Brown (Lundh)###imported-begin##Traci Lundh (Brown)###imported-end##

December 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of John's passing, Just want you to know my thoughts & prayers are with your family. I pray for Gods comfort & peace to cover you in the days ahead###imported-begin##lora arnold###imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 10:43 PM



“ Sue I am so sorry to hear of your lose. I will never forget the Years growing up with John. I will never forget the kind words he said about my mom when she passed. Just know in your heart that he is in a better place now. I will keep you, Sherry and the boy in my prayers and my God be with you all.###imported-begin##Tawanna Jackson Carpenter###imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 09:50 PM



“ *Leasa and I are very saddened at the news of John’s passing. John’s family is in our hearts and prayers during this very difficult time. God Bless each of you.##imported-begin##David Day##imported-end##*

December 12, 2009 at 09:49 PM



“ *Your family is in our hearts and on our minds right now. We hope you soon feel peace and strength.##imported-begin##Ronald Steward & Family##imported-end##*

December 12, 2009 at 09:40 PM

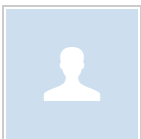


“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of John. We graduated in 1984 from Richland, Missouri together. He is so young, but as we know God calls us home when he is ready. May God bless and comfort his wife, children, mother, and other family members.*

Blessings to All,

Dolores##imported-begin##Dolores (Harkness) Nimon##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with John's whole family. I went to school with him from Kindergarten until we graduated in 1984. I'm so very sorry for your loss. What a sad day. Respectfully, Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Pruitt Smith##imported-end##*

December 12, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ So sorry for the loss.##imported-begin##Larry Vause##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 07:10 PM



“ I am very saddened to hear of John's passing. We were friends all through school in Richland. He was was truly a good person. My tho'ts and prayers are with John's loved ones.##imported-begin##Scott Wood##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 06:54 PM



“ To John's Family and Loved Ones,

I am so very sorry and saddened for your loss.

There are no words that any of us might offer to express our sympathy, but please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of those of us who were touched by John's presence.

Even across the years since growing up with John and then moving on with our adult lives, I've continued to hold dear his smile, his intellectual curiosity, and his generosity. John's friendship and kindness to me when we were kids--especially during a difficult time in high school--has continued to bless me all my adult life.

We will all miss him. Our hearts and tears are with you.

Respectfully,

Glenn##imported-begin##Glenn Mills##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 05:59 PM



“ Wanda and I along with our family, Malcolm and Debbie Todd Fowler, Susan & Sami Todd, Danita and Steven Todd family convey our heartfelt and deep sympathy to John's dear family and to Sue Parker and John's dear sister and other family members. We are shocked and feel so sad that John passed away. We loved John and we will miss him terribly. May our Heavenly Father comfort and strengthen you all in your sorrow and profound loss.

Lee & Wanda Todd
Malcolm & Debbie Todd Fower
Susan & Sami Todd
Steven, Danita, Sarah & Tarek Todd###imported-begin##Lee & Wanda Todd###imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 05:20 PM



“ You're in our thoughts, and our prayers.
Wishing you and your family strength and peace.
Kenneth, Dalene McDaniel and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family###imported-begin##Dalene McDaniel###imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 05:06 PM



“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. We were classmates in high school. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.###imported-begin##Beverly Crossland Scarlett###imported-end##

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