



Ricky Parker

February 19, 1962 - April 27, 2013

Funeral services for Ricky Lynn Parker, age 51, are scheduled for 11:00 AM, Wednesday, May 1 at Sand Ridge Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Campbell officiating. Interment will follow in Natchez Trace Church Cemetery. Pafford Funeral Home of Lexington is in charge of the arrangements.

Ricky, the son of the late Joe and Callie Burton Parker, died Saturday night, April 27, 2013 in Jackson. The owner & pitmaster of Scott's BBQ, he had been cooking whole hog for over 39 years. A native of Henderson County, he was proud of his hometown & was always willing to lend a helping hand. The overflowing parking lot until the "Sold Out" sign was posted was a true testament to his BBQ mastery. What was once a hidden Southern gem soon grew to be nationally recognized. Ranked 3rd nationally & 1st in the U.S. , Ricky was recognized by many highly acclaimed publications; Southern Living, Pit Masters, Southern Foodways Alliance, to name a very few, and soon was honored to travel across the U.S. showcasing his BBQ. Although he will definitely be remembered for his BBQ, long after the memory of the delicious pulled pork sandwich has faded, most will remember his easy nature & how he made you feel when you stepped up to the takeout window. In his own words, " When I see a customer coming back and a smile on their face, it makes it all worthwhile."

Ricky is survived by his wife, Lisa Parker; his sons: Matthew Parker, Zachery

Parker and Joshua Westbrook; daughters: Hope Parker and Olivia Parker; a grandson, Parker Westbrook; a sister, Lilly Story (Mike) and brothers: Larry Parker (Debbie), Gary Parker (Donna) and Danny Parker (Vicky). He is also survived by his Scott's BBQ family: Austin "Tea Pot" Thomas, Terri Martin and Rusty Dickson.

To leave an online condolence for the Parker family, please visit www.paffordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Natchez Trace Baptist Cemetery

Natchez Trace Road
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

APR **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

MAY **1**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Church Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sand Ridge Baptist Church
Highway 412 West
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ricky Parker*



Pafford Funeral Home - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Bro. Anthony Goodman lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Bro. Anthony Goodman - July 29, 2013 at 07:31 PM

DM

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Ricky passed away. He will be missed every time someone comes into Lexington and see that B-B-Q sign they will remember Ricky..You never saw him when he didn't have a smile on his face. He is in God's loving arms. May God be with the whole family.*

Diane Hart Meggs - May 22, 2013 at 01:56 PM

TC

“ Tammi Roberts Cousin lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



tammi roberts cousin - May 04, 2013 at 03:29 AM

TC

i am soo very sorry to just now hear about ricky , i just pulled up my fb for the first time in weeks and saw this, i am so shocked. i hope u can forgive me and mother for not knowing, we would have been there, ricky is my cousin and he and his whole family have been there for me and our families. ricky was such a special person, i never saw him without a smile, as he worked so very hard. his hard work is over but i am sure that smile is still on his face as he goes to meet his, mother, father, neice and grandmother and grandfather may all of the family feel gods precious grace for him and all of u in the hard days ahead. i am just so shocked. i dont even know what to say. please forgive us for not knowing. i love u all . god bless u and keep u all pulled close to him for comfort for as long as u need it. tammi roberts

tammi roberts cousin - May 04, 2013 at 03:35 AM

RS

“ Matt and Zach and family-Keeping you all close in Prayer- Ms.Rhonda (SBC)

Rhonda Sanders - May 02, 2013 at 08:47 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Ricky Parker



Rhonda Sanders - May 02, 2013 at 08:43 AM

VF

“ *Vicky Fiddler lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



vicky fiddler - May 02, 2013 at 05:24 AM

WF

“ *William & Janie Fry lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



William & Janie Fry - May 01, 2013 at 05:55 PM

JC

“ To all of Ricky's family, my deepest condolences. I moved away from Henderson county in 1972 but tried and continue to come home often to visit my Dad and son and grandson. I remember my Dad before he passed away, loving it when I would stop by Scott's BBQ and bring some home to him along with some fried pie. I still make it a point of stopping by several times during each visit home to either by a pound or two for the family or just a couple of pulled pork sandwiches for myself and how disappointed I've been on occasion when the SOLD OUT sign was out before I could stop by. Whoever was behind the counter when I did stop by always greeted me with a smile and wonderful hospitality...all thanks to what Ricky built. I remember a few years back being at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas on business and going to Virgil's BBQ located there and low and behold on their place mats were all of their recommended BBQ locations throughout the U.S. and their most favorite pulled pork BBQ was Scott's BBQ. I made a point of asking them for some of the place mats and bringing them home for you all. I'm coming home again the end of May and will definitely stop by and offer my condolences in person. Ricky will be missed but I'm sure he would want the family to honor him by continuing what he started...making the best pulled pork BBQ anywhere and the friendliest service by far anywhere.

Jack Chalk - May 01, 2013 at 01:41 PM

TB

“ Tom & Mona Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Tom & Mona Blankenship - April 30, 2013 at 08:51 PM

CS

“ my friend you were the hardest working man in lexxington.you will be missed by a whole bunch of people .it has been an honor knowing you and your family.rerun

carl stubblefield - April 30, 2013 at 07:33 PM

GR

“ Gina Ross lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Gina Ross - April 30, 2013 at 05:46 PM

KI

“ Kimberly Ivy lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Kimberly Ivy - April 30, 2013 at 02:21 PM

CJ

“ Christy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Christy Jacobs - April 30, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CJ

Oh so many memories.... especially the old skating rink days. Sending all my love to Lisa & the whole family. May God Bless You with the strength you will need through this trying time.

Christy Jacobs - April 30, 2013 at 10:50 AM

CR

“ *COTTON RHODES lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



COTTON RHODES - April 29, 2013 at 11:39 PM

JK

“ *You will be missed deeply Ricky. You gave much to all the surrounding communities. Although I met you through my job, I thought of you as my friend.*

Jennifer King - April 29, 2013 at 08:30 PM

CH

“ *Chris&Jeanita lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Chris&Jeanita - April 29, 2013 at 06:59 PM

CH

You will be missed by so many people our sweet dear friend. Prayers sent to your family in their time of need.

Chris & Jeanita Hosea - April 29, 2013 at 07:07 PM

JH

“ Joe & Becky Hans lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Joe & Becky Hans - April 29, 2013 at 06:50 PM

JB

This one great person who will be missed

Joe & becky - April 29, 2013 at 06:53 PM

DB

“ Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Danny & Shelia Beecham - April 29, 2013 at 04:51 PM

CL

“ Chuck & Cathy Lawler lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Chuck & Cathy Lawler - April 29, 2013 at 01:22 PM

LY

“ The words that come to mind as I see the picture or hear your name is "kind hearted". He was always there to help his fellow man, donated no telling how much of the best bbq I've ever eaten & always had a smile on his face. Thank you for all you've done for this community & may God wrap His comforting arms around your family in the coming days. I'd like to think that when you got to the gates, Peter said, "We've already got the fire going in the pitt for you & the hog is fresh. Come on in!!!"

Lora Young - April 29, 2013 at 12:51 PM

BT

“ Bob & Donna Tamplet lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Bob & Donna Tamplet - April 29, 2013 at 07:46 AM



“ To Ricky's family and friends...We are so sad for your loss of your family member and friend. Ricky never new a stranger and was always so nice and polite to everyone that walked through the BBQ door. Always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed by us. May God comfort you in these so very sad times. Michael and Jeanie Overman and family!!!!

Jeania Overman - April 29, 2013 at 03:44 AM

TM

“ Thomas And Sherry Maness lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



thomas and sherry maness - April 29, 2013 at 03:08 AM

TM

“ Terri Martin lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Terri Martin - April 29, 2013 at 01:50 AM

GT

“ Greg And Lesa Tinin lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Greg and Lesa Tinin - April 29, 2013 at 12:08 AM

KE

“ Kellie lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



kellie - April 28, 2013 at 11:32 PM

TP

Ricky was one of the most honest and loyal person I have ever know back when we were young before he owned his business we run around together we would always end up at a restaurant Ricky never would eat I at first thought maybe he didn't want to spend the money at that time he was tight with his money I offered more than once but he refused so one night I just asked him why he would not eat they served Bar b q and he felt they were competition to the man he worked for in my option The owner realized what a fine up standing man Ricky was that is is why he made Ricky the owner of it I will miss my friend though I never got to talk to him much I valued him he was a great man and will be sadly missed to the family I as you are sadden by your loss may god bless and confront you in this time

Terry Parish - April 29, 2013 at 08:48 AM

SY

“ Stephen & Courtney Yarbro lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



stephen & courtney yarbro - April 28, 2013 at 10:25 PM



“ Chris Houston lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Chris Houston - April 28, 2013 at 10:20 PM



“ *Chris Houston lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Chris Houston - April 28, 2013 at 10:13 PM



Long live the King of BBQ! You will be missed!

Chris Houston - April 28, 2013 at 10:17 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Box lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



wanda box - April 28, 2013 at 10:11 PM

WB

My fondest memories of Ricky are those of high school, such a sweet guy, and he like me never forgot anyone, always called me by name when I came in for Bar B que...Rest in peace sweet friend!!!

wanda box - April 28, 2013 at 10:19 PM

OP

“ *OLIVIA PARKER lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



OLIVIA PARKER - April 28, 2013 at 10:00 PM

OP

I will miss you daddy... you will always be my guardian angel in heaven. I love you very much!

OLIVIA PARKER - April 28, 2013 at 10:01 PM

JA

“ *Johnny And Diane Adams lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Johnny and Diane Adams - April 28, 2013 at 09:55 PM

PH

“ *Paula Hays lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Paula Hays - April 28, 2013 at 09:40 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Hays Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Cynthia Hays Gilliam - April 28, 2013 at 09:23 PM

DM

“ *Dena & Melanie lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Dena & Melanie - April 28, 2013 at 09:23 PM

MB

“ *Michael & Stacy Bright lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Michael & Stacy Bright - April 28, 2013 at 09:19 PM

CN

“ *Crystal & Tim Nichols lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Crystal & Tim Nichols - April 28, 2013 at 08:26 PM

KP

“ *Keith & Debbie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Keith & Debbie Patterson - April 28, 2013 at 08:09 PM

KP

Ricky will be forever missed I never went to Scotts BBQ without seeing Ricky with that big smile on his face ,he was one of a kind and we lost a great friend .May God give his family comfort as only he can heal this great lost! God bless and keep you in his tender loving care

Keith & Debbie Patterson - April 28, 2013 at 08:15 PM

LC

“ The way I will always remember him: His smile was infectious. Ricky was a great roller skater. We had so much fun at the Lexington Skate Center back in the days. Ricky was always a wonderful friend to me and I always made a point to stop in to say hi when I visited Lexington. His beautiful spirit and smile will be missed.

I send his family prayers and peace during this time.

Lori Wood Caste - April 28, 2013 at 08:08 PM

EB

“ Ricky will be remembered by me for his love of family and his good nature. His laughter was what I remember the most. May the lord bring comfort to the family and in knowing this....that he is in a better place and although missing him hurts to your very soul....you will be with him again. You will then have all the answers ...may the lord have Angels watching over you. Amen.



Eric Blankenship - April 28, 2013 at 07:50 PM

LM

“ *Linda Blankenship McBride lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Linda Blankenship McBride - April 28, 2013 at 07:22 PM

LM

What a wonderful time Ricky and Lynn Wadley is having in heaven BBQ!!! Ricky. You will be missed and never forgotten always!! To Your Family: Memories and God will help you through the days ahead!! God Bless You All!!!

Linda Blankenship McBride - April 28, 2013 at 07:28 PM

KS

“ *Ken Scott lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Ken Scott - April 28, 2013 at 06:53 PM

KA

“ *Kim Adams lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Kim Adams - April 28, 2013 at 06:28 PM

RL

“ Zach and Seth, please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. Your dad will be greatly missed.

Rita Greenway Ladig - April 28, 2013 at 04:06 PM

IF

We are sorry for your loss. Our condolences to the family.
Imogene & Fred Frye

Imogene & Fred Frye - April 28, 2013 at 05:59 PM

 Shelia Cupples

“ Shelia Cupples lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Shelia Cupples - April 28, 2013 at 03:14 PM

DS

“ Darrell & Dolores Davis, Sr, lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



Darrell & Dolores Davis, Sr, - April 28, 2013 at 02:51 PM

DL

“ David Leite lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker



David Leite - April 28, 2013 at 02:48 PM

CP

Thanks David for the wonderful article you wrote and shared... As a longtime neighbor and classmate, (his family and my family are the same ages) I can attest.. that you wrote it exactly as history knows the facts... Ricky was the epitome of ;Bar-B Q King...

Cindy Page - April 30, 2013 at 08:46 PM

RH

“ to a great friend and the best bar b quer i know of the pigs in heaven better run



ricky d henry - April 28, 2013 at 01:29 PM

MS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time

Otis & Mindi Stines and Family

Mindi Stines - April 28, 2013 at 01:08 PM

JE

Ricky will be missed by his family, but he will also be missed by many, many friends. He will even be missed by many people who never got to know him personally. He was a good man who would help any way he could. He has donated many times to benefits in this town. Many prayers for his family.

Jean - April 28, 2013 at 05:00 PM

SP

“ *Ricky, you were a good guy and a joy to be around! Rest in peace brother.* ”



Steve Pieczynski - April 28, 2013 at 09:58 AM

SM

“ *Sue McGee lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker* ”



Sue McGee - April 28, 2013 at 09:20 AM

DR

“ *Lisa, I am praying for you all. So sad to hear this. We all loved Rick. Let us know if you need anything at all.* ”

Diane Tucker RN - April 28, 2013 at 08:31 AM

NS

Rest in Peace Ricky You were a great friend May god be with your family during this time.

Nada Todd Springer - April 28, 2013 at 02:28 PM

TD

“ *Tina Dyer lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker* ”



tina dyer - April 28, 2013 at 07:36 AM

TD

You will be greatly missed.

Tina Dyer - April 28, 2013 at 07:37 AM

PM

“ *Penny Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



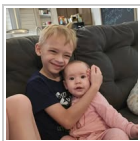
Penny Mcgee - April 27, 2013 at 11:49 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Betty Sheppard - April 27, 2013 at 10:22 PM



“ *Sandra Orman lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Sandra Orman - April 27, 2013 at 10:14 PM

IA

“ *Ida Autry lit a candle in memory of Ricky Parker*



Ida Autry - April 27, 2013 at 09:46 PM

CP

“ *Ricky was always a joy to be around. His family will be in our prayers. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Charlie Powers

Charlie Powers - April 27, 2013 at 09:43 PM