



## Rita Anne Parker

October 28, 1951 - July 5, 2021

Rita Anne Zimmerman Parker of Pulaski passed away July 5th, 2021, at Southern Tennessee Regional Pulaski. She was born on October 28, 1951 in Winchester, TN and was 69 years old.

Rita was raised on a dairy farm where she showed cows as a young girl. She was a graduate of Franklin County High School where in her senior year she was voted Miss FCHS. She played in the band and was a drum majorette. Upon graduation from high school she attended and graduated from Martin Methodist College where she was also elected as Miss Martin College during her freshman year. She had an early love for music and learned to play the piano and organ at an early age. She was an organist at First United Methodist Church of Winchester and also at St. Andrews United Methodist Church for over 40 years. Rita enjoyed playing the organ for weddings, funerals, and several years at the Giles County fair. She worked as secretary to the Administrator at Giles County Hospital and as an agent for Shelter Insurance until her health forced her to retire. Rita fought a valiant struggle with MS for over 34 years.

Visitation will be held on Thursday July 8th from 11:00am until 1:00pm in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

Funeral service following at 1:00pm with Brandon Bass officiating.

Burial will follow in the Maplewood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Backpack program at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 831 Mills St. Pulaski, TN 38478

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Martha Moore Zimmerman, sister-in-law, Pat Zimmerman, and nephews, Tyler and Dean Zimmerman.

She is survived by her husband, Allen Parker of Pulaski.

Daughter, Alana (Randy) Scruggs of Columbia

Daughter, Alicia (Michael Farnam) Parker of Mt. Juliet

Grandchildren, Parker Scruggs, John Carter Scruggs, and Buchanan Farnam

Brothers, Eddie (Carolyn Garner) Zimmerman of Winchester

Bobby (Debbie) Zimmerman of Winchester

Bill (Sherry) Zimmerman of Gaffney, SC

Lifelong family friends, Bill and Judy Mayfield.

Several nieces and nephews also survive

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements for Rita Anne Zimmerman Parker.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Chapel Of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home And Crematory

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory  
1910 Elkton Pike  
Pulaski, TN 38478  
(931) 363-0828  
bennettmay@energize.net

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ so sorry for the loss of your family member  
mrs. RITA my heart go out to the family!



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**mike chandler** - July 11, 2021 at 09:51 PM

JM

“ Allen, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during  
this difficult time. Ms. Rita sure was someone special to all who  
knew her. Julie MARRS

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**Julie MARRS** - July 08, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DF

“ Allen I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Rita was a special lady!  
Praying for comfort for you and your family.

*Dawn Franker*

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**Dawn Franker** - July 08, 2021 at 12:56 PM

AH

“ Dear Allen, So very sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was  
beautiful both inside and out. My prayers are with you and the girls.  
Ann Hays

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**Ann Hays** - July 08, 2021 at 11:07 AM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - July 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM

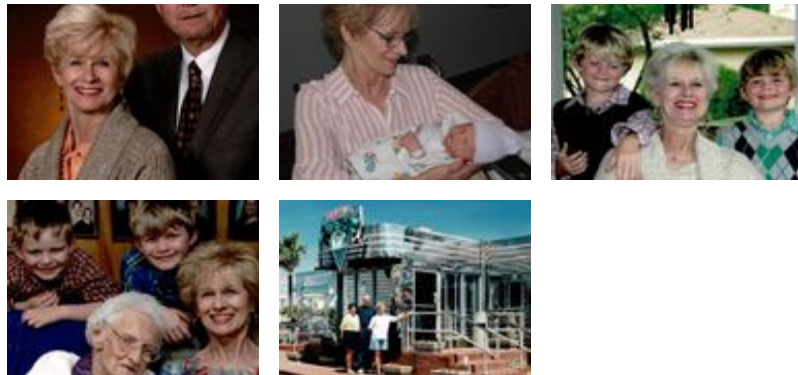
SP

“ Mrs. Rita was the epitome of grace and kindness. My heart goes out to Mr. Parker and the rest of her sweet family and her lifelong friends.

Sebrina Vernon Perialas - July 07, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - July 07, 2021 at 02:48 PM

FC

“ Beautiful Rita! She played the organ for our wedding in 1967. We had to get permission to bring the instrument into our sanctuary as we do not have instrumental music in our worship service. She played so beautifully. ❤️  
God bless her sweet family and friends. Heaven is blessed with her sweet music now.

Freda Clifton - July 07, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ BARRY KIMBRELL lit a candle in memory of Rita Anne Parker



BARRY KIMBRELL - July 07, 2021 at 02:24 PM

PB

“ Love...strength...determined desire...describes Rita's will to play music for others to enjoy. Sharing her gifts was very difficult for her during the past several years and yet she perceived each Sunday. Her dear Allen, with love and care, made sure she was sitting at the organ at St Andrew ... and Rita made her music. Both of them inspiring the rest of us. The organ is quiet now but Rita's music 🎵 🙏 Is playing beautifully in heaven with Jesus! You go girl! We love you and Allen!  
Paulette Bass Bledsoe 🎵 🙏 💜



paulette bass bledsoe - July 06, 2021 at 10:27 PM