



Weldon Parrish

March 17, 1942 - March 5, 2023

Mr. Weldon Parrish, 80, of Rainsville, passed away Sunday March 5, 2023. Mr. Parrish was a graduate of Geraldine High School, Snead State, Jacksonville State University, and the University of Alabama School of Administration. He spent three and a half years as elementary teacher and coach at Sylvania School. He was head football, basketball, and baseball coach at Gaylesville for five years. He then moved on to Adamsburg Junior High, where he served as principal for two years. His final home in the schools was back at Sylvania, where he served as principal for fifteen years. After that, he moved into Administration and served as DeKalb County's Superintendent of Education for eight years.

Regardless of the school or the position, one thing remained constant, Weldon Parrish had a heart for education and for students. He is remembered fondly as "Coach" by many and Mr. Parrish by others.

Almost every student who walked the halls of his schools has a story of the time that Mr. Parrish treated them in a way that was memorable. He will be remembered fondly for his kindness and compassion that he showed to his students..

Mr. Parrish is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bettye Parrish; his brother

James Parrish (Brenda), sister-in-law Jane Adams; brothers-in-law Charles Moore (Lisa) and Tom Silver (Debbie), daughter-in-law

Debbie Parrish, special family member Mike Morris (Nona); nieces Andi Adams, Amy Rolling (Brandon),

Nikki Parrish Scott (Brad), Keri Carroll (Chad); nephews Matt Parrish (Lindsey), Randy Silver, Colton

Moore (Taylor), and a host of cousins and friends.

Mr. Parrish is preceded in death by his daughter Candee Parrish, his son Dr. John Weldon Parrish, his

parents Charles and Nina Parrish, and his grandmother Ethel Smith.

Services will be held March 8, 2023, at Rainsville Funeral Home chapel with Bro Roger Graham, Bro Jeff

Mann, and Terry Poe officiating. Visitation 12 -2 followed by funeral service in chapel. Entombment at

Mountain View Memory Gardens with Rainsville Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Gideon's International, www.gideons.org.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memory Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive
Fort Payne, AL 35968

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
Rainsville, AL 35986
(256) 638-2122
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry & Camellia Sims and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Weldon Parrish.* ”



Larry & Camellia Sims and Family - March 07, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Weldon Parrish.* ”



March 07, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Weldon Parrish.* ”



March 07, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Weldon Parrish.* ”



March 07, 2023 at 12:25 PM

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“ *To Bettye Parrish
I'm so sorry to hear about Weldon's passing away. We were big buddies, friends, and even kin folks. I'm sorry that I cannot attend his visitation or funeral due to my health problems. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Jimmy Lindsey*

Jimmy Lindsey - March 07, 2023 at 12:21 PM

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I'm so sorry for your loss he was a nice guy at Sylvania high school I liked Mr Parrish he was the best guy that I could ever talk to I miss him I know you do I'll be praying for you and yours

Nathan Smith I went to Sylvania high sch - March 08, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Weldon Parrish.*



March 07, 2023 at 05:53 AM

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“ Dear Family, School Family, Friends, and Everyone that was United by Church, Neighbors, Fund Raisers for everything school and people/causes needing, and MORE!

Mr. Parrish was an outstanding one of a kind Principal and beyond! His integrity to continue on with life's hardships gave us faith and dedication to carry on.

His impressions in the office made us think harder about our actions there. And changed our (wild) behaviors.

Many moons later at a reunion he recognized my twin and me. We asked if we were in trouble? He said what trouble and winked. We were good. We briefly chatted about our education after Sylvania and experiences. He said, "Well Done!"

Thank you, Mr. Parrish for that compliment. (And not saying all the mischief/mayhem/ issues we had!) Thank you for the plus plus education you gave us at Sylvania! We were only there 5 ? Years but it is still our home school after going to 13 others.

Peace Be With You!

Sandy Thornton and Suzy (Zan) Thornton (without her permission)

Sandy Thornton - March 06, 2023 at 08:08 PM