



The Life & Legacy of Joanne Parker

Joanne Mary Parker, born April 22, 1954, to Robert Lee Parker and Doris Louise Parker, was a beautiful and loving woman who lived her life with a heart for God and for others. From an early age, Joanne's intelligence was recognized when she was advanced a grade in school. She graduated from West Philadelphia High School, where she discovered a love for fashion and participated in a fashion show. She later worked for a fire insurance company before pursuing nursing and spending many years caring for the elderly.

Joanne's greatest joy was found in loving and caring for others, especially her children, Natasha Calfee and Shaun Calfee, and her grandchildren, Jasmin Green and Josiah Horton, who were her heart. Joanne loved God deeply and was never shy about sharing her faith with others. She faithfully served in her church nursery and taught children in Children's Church, sharing God's love with the next generation. She also served in the prison ministry at her church because she believed people deserved a second chance. She also found joy in shopping, cooking for her family, decorating her home, caring for her plants, and listening to music.

Today, we celebrate Joanne not through the sorrow of goodbye, but through the hope she placed in Jesus Christ, the promise of new life and being made new in Him. Her earthly journey has come to an end, but her love, faith, and the seeds she planted in the hearts of those around her continue to live on.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother Doris Parker; children Natasha and Shaun; grandchildren, Jasmin and Josiah; sister, Violet Parker; brother, Jerome Parker; goddaughters, Rachel Langley, Shakira Houston, and Simone Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, family, church family, and friends. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and her faith a testimony. In Christ, we hold onto the promise that what is planted in Him is not lost, but made new.