



Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish

December 20, 1945 - July 29, 2020

Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish, age 74, of Statesboro, GA and Otto, NC passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 after a long battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Born and raised in Metter, GA, Ben was a graduate of Metter High School in 1963 and attended the Atlanta Institute of Art & Design.

After retiring from AFLAC in 2000, Ben opened and operated Turnstone Cabins in Otto, NC with his wife, Dianne. A master craftsman and builder, Ben spent his days building several cabins on their family property. His passion for hunting and fishing were boundless and he loved nothing more than sharing these hobbies with his friends and family. He looked forward to traveling annually to Yakutat, AK to fish for salmon, Apalachicola, FL to fish for red snapper and finding any opportunity to climb into a deer stand. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment was the creation of Parrish Cane Syrup, which he started on the family farm in Candler County. With determination and skill, he planted, grew and harvested beautiful fields of sugar cane and using his great-grandfather's syrup kettle, Ben recreated the sugar cane syrup he grew up loving.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Emmitte Parrish, Sr. and Ouida Lee Anderson, brothers Anderson Parrish, Homer Parrish, and sister Annette Taylor. Ben is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dianne Bragg Parrish; daughter, Michelle Parrish-Morris and husband David; son Benjamin Emmitte Parrish III and wife Teresa; daughter, Sonya Jahn and husband Robert; grandchildren Kristen Lipthrott and husband Blake, Emily Morris, Sarah Parrish, Mischa Jahn, Ashlyn Parrish, and Morgan Jahn; brother Bobby Parrish and wife Evelyn; sister-in-law Becca Pedley; and brother-in-law Jim Bragg and wife Jean, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

To better ensure the safety of our friends and family, we ask that all those who join us in celebrating Ben please practice social distancing and wear a mask. A casual graveside service will be held at Lake Cemetery in Metter, GA on Saturday, August 1, at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org; or the Seena

Magowitz Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, 15215 N. Kierland Blvd Ste. 409, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254 or www.seenamagowitzfoundation.org in honor of Ben Parrish.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Lake Cemetery

Metter, GA,

Events

AUG **Graveside Service 10:00AM**

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Lake Cemetery

Metter, GA, US

Comments



“ Martha and I came to turnstone for just a few weeks of vacation 27 years ago, but we left with a friendship of two wonderful persons. Every year we escaped the reality of life and for just a few weeks, the cabins became a restoration of our soul. We thank you Dianne and Ben for giving us those days by sharing your mountains. Michelle, Ben, Sonya you all also have our deepest sympathy. In all our conversations during those 27 years Dad always spoke so proudly of his greatest accomplishments, that of all his children. Dianne you have our love and our prayers. We will miss him and we will miss you. We hope that in the future we will see each other again and share some wonderful Memories. Whatever you need we are here for you. My daughter Christina sends her best wishes also. “We never lose our loved ones, they accompany us, they do not disappear from our lives, we are merely in a different room.” Paulo Coelho, Aleph

Roy G. & Martha Valdes - Yesterday at 11:32 AM



“ Benji, as I still think of him was a lifelong Excelsior friend, His parents and mine were friends throughout our childhoods, then he became my cousin’s husband. He was a very special person, I have so many memories that he is a part of. He was half of one of the sweetest love stories I’ve ever known, Dianne being the other half. God bless each one of his loving children, and grandchildren. You will be missed.



Jean Bruner - August 01 at 09:45 AM



“ Jean Bruner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish





“ Love, Paul & Kathy Morris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish.



Love, Paul & Kathy Morris - July 31 at 12:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish.



July 31 at 12:08 PM



“ Benji (as we called him in school) was always a very kind, fun loving friend. He was always up for some fun and we had many wonderful adventures together.

May he rest in peace.

with fond memories

Lydia (Daniell) Kohout Class of 63

Lydia Kohout - July 31 at 10:49 AM



“ With Sympathy,
Jerona Anderson Morris



Jerona Anderson Morris - July 31 at 09:08 AM



“ Gene & Sandra Odom



Gene and Sandra Odom - July 30 at 10:32 PM



“ Classmate Dixie Odom



Dixie Odom - July 30 at 10:31 PM



“ Tom and Carol Giddens purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish.



Tom and Carol Giddens - July 30 at 09:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Emmitte Parrish.



July 30 at 07:27 PM



“ A special Anderson Cuz! I shall always remember , as children, going to grandparents house in Bulloch county for Christmas and playing with Benjie and other cousins.

Jane Faulk - July 30 at 06:38 PM



“ Prayers for a peace that surpasses all understanding for you all. Steve and I cannot think of Ben without seeing that bright smile that shone through his eyes. Never was it brighter than when he was with the love of his life, Diane, and when surrounded by his children and grandchildren. We were privileged to have known Ben for well over thirty years. His earthly presence in the lives of many will be profoundly missed, but his spiritual presence will no doubt be palpable.

Love to you all,
Steve and Tisa O'Cain

Tisa O'Cain - July 30 at 04:01 PM