



## Mark Steven Parkinson

January 19, 1952 - January 1, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Mark Steven Parkinson announces his passing on Monday, January 1, 2018 at the age of 65. Mark had lived in the North Georgia & Chattanooga areas for most of his life and was a faithful member of The Rossville Church of God of Prophecy and its ministries. Throughout his adult life, Mark served his Lord Jesus Christ and was a quietly benevolent steward who took care of those in need as a way to live out his Christian walk. He volunteered for various school system endeavors as well as civic events. Mark graduated from Hixson High School, the University of West Georgia and Chattanooga State Community College. He was a Retired United States Navy Veteran having served more than 25 years of service for his country and also retired from Signal Mountain Cement after more than 30 years of service. He was also a nurse for more than 20 years having worked at Hutcheson Medical Center and then culminating his career as a compassionate Hospice nurse. Mark enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. He felt great joy in exploring God's magnificent creation, sharing that with family and friends was his passion. Mark truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures--chatting with friends and family, serving where needed, fixing things that needed repair, and being with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Beulah Hunerwadel and sister, Patricia Carter.

Mark will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 43 years, Diana Parkinson &

his children, Amy Gass & Jonathan Parkinson all of Rossville, GA; the two brightest stars in his life, his two grandsons, Stephen Thompson & Brayden Gass; loving extended family, mother-in-law, Bethel Coleman; Mary (Todd) Franklin & children; sister-in-law, Kathy (Doug) Ward & children; brothers-in-law, James (Becky) Coleman & children, Ken Carter & children, plus numerous extended family & friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. Doug Stephenson officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday & prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make contribution to the wounded warrior project at [support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate). Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chattanooga National Cemetery**

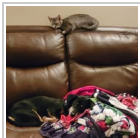
Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ I am 63 years old, I was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease at the age of 57. I had severe calf pain, muscle pain, slurred speech, frequent falls, loss of balance, difficulty getting up from sitting position. I was placed on Sinemet 3 times daily, it helped me but not very much. My neurologist advised me to try natural treatments and introduced me to Mayaka Clinic Parkinsons Disease Herbal formula, I read alot of positive reviews from other patients who used the treatment and i immediately started on the treatment. I had great improvement and relief with this treatment, total decline of symptoms. Great improvement with speech, co-ordination, balance, muscle, mood etc, I gained back my life with this treatment and can never be thankful enough. Visit Mayaka Natural Clinic official website ww w. mayakanaturalclinic. com

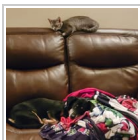
Rose Mountford - September 10, 2020 at 04:58 AM



“ Angela Carden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



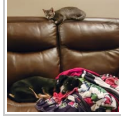
Angela Carden - January 10, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Angela Carden lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



Angela Carden - January 10, 2018 at 12:29 PM



*With deepest sympathy for the entire family. Mark was a wonderful and caring man. I hate to hear of this tragic loss. My heart breaks*

**Angela Carden** - January 10, 2018 at 12:32 PM

TB

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with you Amy and your family today! I wish I was in town to be there but my spirit is. Mark was a Awesome man and will be deeply missed by everyone! Love Terri Lowe Burkett*

**Terri Lowe Burkett** - January 10, 2018 at 09:58 AM

CR

“ *CDR Larry Oxford, Retired lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



**CDR Larry Oxford, Retired** - January 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family*



**Dedra Bridges** - January 08, 2018 at 07:21 PM

NP

“ *Your family are all in my thoughts and prayers over this sudden & tragic loss of Mark.  
Dr. Nancy Van Prooyen, fellow educator*

**Nancy Van Prooyen** - January 08, 2018 at 06:33 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your tragic loss of such a good man. Praying God will give you the answers you deserve, and the comfort and blessings you need.

Rod Cook - January 08, 2018 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ Diana you are in my thoughts and prayers. So many fond memories of Mark from our days at Osburn. Remembering him volunteering at Field Day and counting money after the Carnivals. He had an infectious smile. Love you!



Diane Gilstrap - January 08, 2018 at 07:56 AM

VB

“ Diana, I am so sorry. I have very fond memories of you and Mark from my teen years. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Love, Vickie Kent Baxter

Vickie Kent Baxter - January 07, 2018 at 07:56 PM

TW

“ Trena White lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



trena white - January 07, 2018 at 03:37 PM

TW

Mark was not only a co-worker but a friend ....he will be missed by many.....

trena white - January 07, 2018 at 03:38 PM

LH

*Diana, I am so sorry about this and the shock that you are having experiencing. You and Mark have been constantly on my mind since I heard. My brother had such nice things to say about Mark from his days in the Naval Reserve. I wish you peace of mind and heart.*

Linda Harris - January 08, 2018 at 07:54 PM

SR

“ *Just wanted the family to know we are praying for u all. My heart breaks for ur lost. I know God will send u peace and comfort. Love the Robertson Family.*



Sandy Roberson - January 07, 2018 at 03:31 PM

TB

“ *I am truly so very sorry for your family's loss. I worked at Hutcheson and knew Mark from there but later realised that for awhile y'all lived in our subdivision as well. Prayers for your family.*

Tara Burns - January 07, 2018 at 12:52 PM

DF

“ *Darlene Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



Darlene Funderburk - January 07, 2018 at 10:12 AM

JA

“ We are so deeply sorry for your the loss of this truly special man. He always had a smile on his face and his laugh was contagious. Your family is much in our prayers.

Jenny Ackerman - January 07, 2018 at 09:11 AM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers



Lynn Taylor - January 07, 2018 at 08:49 AM

DR

“ DCC David Long, Retired lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



DCC David Long, Retired - January 06, 2018 at 09:49 PM

GB

“ Gerald & Kathy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



Gerald & Kathy Blevins - January 06, 2018 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Renee Southerland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson

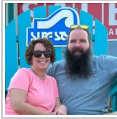


Renee Southerland - January 06, 2018 at 08:22 PM

RS

*Diana and Amy, my heart goes out to you. I can only imagine the emotions that you are feeling. I can still see Mark coming into work on OSU at HMC, wearing his "fanny pack". He was such a joy to work with, never having a cross word to say to anyone. We lost a great man, but is is sitting at the feet of Jesus today. May that be a comfort to you. Prayers for all of you.*

Renee Southerland - January 06, 2018 at 08:25 PM



*Renee, Here it is going on 6 years later and I just started reading though these. That being said, your statement personified dad in such a great way, I will never forget it.*

Amy Mulinix - August 19, 2024 at 03:55 PM

LR

“ Lynn Lamb Hollis And Sha Durham Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



Lynn Lamb Hollis and Sha Durham Ragsdale - January 06, 2018 at 07:35 PM

SD

“ *Starla Dietz lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



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**Starla Dietz** - January 06, 2018 at 04:31 PM

LF

“ *Linda Verstynen Fite lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



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**Linda Verstynen Fite** - January 06, 2018 at 02:37 PM

KD

“ *Jeff and I are so sorry. We really thought Mark was a really happy guy full of life. We are praying for you all.*



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**Kim Davis** - January 06, 2018 at 11:36 AM

PH

“ *Pat Hairel lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



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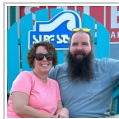
**Pat Hairel** - January 06, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ When I first transferred to NOSC Chattanooga in 2005, LCDR (then LT) Parkinson was the first officer in my unit to offer his help. I think it was because he was a mustang (prior enlisted) so he was able to connect with everyone in the unit. He was such a hard worker and very knowledgeable. He helped out new officers, enlisted, and the FTS Corpsman. He was always smiling and was a joy to work with. He loved the Navy and volunteered a lot of his personal time to help keep everyone mobilization ready. His tireless efforts to make the Navy Ball a success is another example of his commitment to the Navy. He will definitely be remembered as an all around great guy. He was loved by so many. His wife, children, and grandchildren meant the world to him! My love and prayers go out to Diana, Amy, Jonathan, and all the rest of this beautiful family. May you all find peace and healing during the days to come. You have the support of so many people who care about you all and loved Mark. Much love to you all. Karen Chambers, HM1 Retired.

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**Karen Chambers** - January 06, 2018 at 03:01 AM



Thank you Karen.

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**Amy Mulinix** - August 19, 2024 at 03:57 PM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss!! I didn't know him that well except through Katie. He was very polite and seemed to be a great man. May God be with you and your family during this hard time.

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**Amanda** - January 05, 2018 at 11:51 PM

SD

“ Amy, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. No words can ever heal this pain.

Susan, PBX Parkridge Hospital

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Susan A. Dame - January 05, 2018 at 10:57 PM

DS

“ A man that was protecting his own family in his own home. Unanswered questions. Our prayers and thoughts go out to this family.

Henry & Dawn Saylor

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Dawn Henry Saylor - January 05, 2018 at 10:19 PM

DI

“ I'm still speechless by the passing of this special man. I truly thought you were invincible but in my heart I knew you was merely just human and one of the finest I have ever met. It has left me heart broken that your gone but may all your rewards from the Lord pay for all the good you did on earth. May the Lord comfort your loved ones as they adjust to passing.

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Dion - January 05, 2018 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ Bob And Kay Clemons, Patrick And Seth lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



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Bob and Kay Clemons, Patrick and Seth - January 05, 2018 at 09:59 PM

DS

“ Mark Parkiknson truly was a servant-leader. IF there ever was a man who loved to serve the needs of others, it was Mark. I know for a certainty that God welcomed Mark home to heaven with a "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."  
Doug and Judy Stephenson

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**Douglas STEPHENSON** - January 05, 2018 at 09:38 PM

JG

“ God lead my family and me to Ft. Oglethorp in 1987 and planted us next door to Parky and Diana and baby Amy. What a blessing.

*My heart breaks to think of you left without him. He an my husband, Jack Giddy, bonded as great friends and even worked "extra"as repair men for small carpenter repair jobs.*

*Because of Diana, i was encouraged to go to college at UTC. She made teaching seem like a possibility for me. I will always be grateful for her encouragement.*

*I will always recall the night Parky loaned us the money to take care of our little dog, Toy, when she had trouble delivering her puppies and had to go to doggie hospital. Unselfish, Good hearted, Parky.*

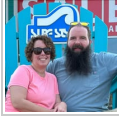
*How i wish we had taken time to visit after moving away in 1992.*

*Love you guys. I have been praying for you all since i heard the news. God will be there to help you ...but the pain will linger. Jack and Parky are in Heaven walking on golden streets and touching the face of God.*

*Judy Giddy - Florence, Al.*

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**Judy Giddy** - January 05, 2018 at 09:21 PM



*Love you! Jewwie*

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**Amy Mulinix** - August 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM

BB

“ *LCDR Parkinson was a great man. He always had a positive attitude and provided an example for junior sailors to emulate. Thank you for everything. May God bless you and your family. We will all mourn your loss but you are in a better place now. I will pray for your family and I deeply express my condolences. We will all miss you very much.*

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**Brandon Blount** - January 05, 2018 at 09:08 PM

JE

“ *Our prayers are for you. Jeff and Debbie*

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**Jeff** - January 05, 2018 at 09:06 PM

BD

“ *I knew Mark mostly as Steve from our neighborhood growing up. Diana and family, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you try to find your way through this tragic and untimely loss. Steve was always such a sweetheart in our neighborhood, at our Hixson schools, and I'm so thankful I reached out to him a few years ago to say hello. I am blessed to have known him. Your sweet family was a blessing to him as he was to you. I know it's difficult to let go, and I'm praying for you!*

*Berta Evans Davidson*

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**Berta Davidson** - January 05, 2018 at 08:51 PM

EF

“ *ENS MARVIN FRY lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



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**ENS MARVIN FRY** - January 05, 2018 at 08:24 PM

SJ

“ *We got a chance to meet Mr Parkinson when we started taking photos at the Navy Ball. He was always friendly and kind to us both. We had much respect for him and his wife, Diana. We know he will be missed. We're thankful we had a chance to meet him & his family. Special prayers for your family. Rest In Peace sir. Love, Wallace & Sharon Jenkins w/Unlimited Photography*



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**Sharon & Wallace Jenkins** - January 05, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PF

“ *Pam French lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



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**pam french** - January 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM

PF

“ This man was a true Officer and Gentleman. The best friend and mentor anyone could have asked for. I consider myself one of the lucky ones that had the opportunity to know him. There is a reason god puts people in your lives and I am so thankful he was in mine. CDR Parkinson taught me so many things but the one that stands out the most is that when you make a “pinky promise “ you ever go back on it. Love you as a friend RESPECT you as an OFFICER

pam french - January 05, 2018 at 06:19 PM

FW

“ Love & prayers to you, Diana & your precious family.....

frankie shadrick weaver - January 05, 2018 at 05:57 PM

Teena Gravitt

“ LCDR Parkinson worked hard to make the NOSC Chattanooga Navy Birthday Ball an annual event. He would always lend a helping hand to his shipmates. LCDR Mark Parkinson you are loved & respected by your Navy family. RIP Shipmate.

Teena Gravitt - January 05, 2018 at 04:57 PM

CB

“ Charlie & Robin Boykin lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson



Charlie & Robin Boykin - January 05, 2018 at 04:30 PM

Mariah  
Smith

“ *Many fun Riverbend and Navy Ball memories.  
Thanks for everything you did for NOSC  
Chattanooga.*



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**Mariah Smith** - January 05, 2018 at 03:46 PM

CM

“ *I will always remember "Parky's" smile and  
laugh!!!  
You will be missed, Shipmate. Rest easy...we  
have the watch.*



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**CDR Karen Moore** - January 05, 2018 at 03:11 PM

DC

“ *I remember when Mark sing in church, he had a beautiful voice and  
we all were blessed. Don Camp*

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**Don Camp** - January 05, 2018 at 02:07 PM

EJ

“ *Enola Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mark  
Steven Parkinson*



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**Enola Johnson** - January 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM

DJ

*I went to Hixson High with Steve. We've been sharing this tragedy on our HHS Alumni FB and the class of 1970 FB. I are all in shock and saddened by the circumstances surrounding such a wonderful guys death !! Steve is fondly remembered by his friends at HIS for his vivacious smile !! He was a keeper for sure !! And one of my husband's cousins told me yesterday that Steve and Patti were also cousin's to my husband too. Such a small world. Prayers and thoughts to you all !!  
Jim and Doris (Masterson) Jenkins*

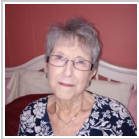
**Doris Jenkins** - January 05, 2018 at 03:48 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Simerley Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Parkinson*



**Tammy Simerley Barnett** - January 05, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *Reading about all the things Mark accomplished in his life was amazing. He always had such a sweet spirit when we went to Hixson High together. I'll never forget his infectious smile. Rest in peace Mark. Pam (Parham) Gray*



**Pamela Gray** - January 05, 2018 at 01:27 PM

JW

*I am so sad to hear of Mark's passing! We went to school together for many years. He was a bright light throughout school. His smile always made you feel good even on tough days. His accomplishments in his life don't surprise me! My heartfelt condolences to his family-love and prayers during this difficult time!*

**Janet Edwards Westmoreland** - January 05, 2018 at 02:20 PM

MF

*I was shocked to hear of his passing! He was truly one of a kind! I remember meeting him when I came into the Naval Reserves in 2007. He made a lasting impression on everyone whom he came into contact with. It's with great sadness that I won't be able to make the service since I am on deployment. Rest easy shipmate! We will meet again someday.*

*Ensign Fry*

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**MARVIN FRY** - January 05, 2018 at 08:22 PM