



## Mary E. (Gorham) Parker

November 25, 1919 - October 3, 2014

Mary Elizabeth (Gorham) Parker age 94 of Painesville, Ohio for the past 41 years formerly of Washington, North Carolina, passed on Friday October 3, 2014 at home surrounded by her family. She was born November 25, 1919 in Aurora, NC.

Her hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles, board games, baking and cooking especially for her family. Being the matriarch of five generations she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was blessed to see her great-great grandchildren.

Affectionately known to all as “Mother”, she mentored and imparted words of wisdom to all who crossed her path.

Mother Parker spent her life in service to others. She retired from Lake Geauga Head Start as a dietary cook. Prior to that she worked as a surgical nurse at Beaufort County Hospital in North Carolina. Mother Parker was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Painesville, OH where she was often heard humming “I come to the Garden.”

Survivors include her children; Lee (Sandra) Coffee Sr., Sam (Ann) Parker Jr., Darnell (Bud) Woods, Omar (Betty) Parker, Donna (Sly) Link, Mary V. Parker, Frank Parker, Iris Dawn Parker, and Alveno (Tammy) Parker and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren representing

five generations. Preceding her in death are her parents Lee Coffee & Rozella Gorham, her husband Sam Parker Sr., and her children Eleanor Parker, Dora Lee Parker, Alvin Ray (Ju Ju) Parker.

The funeral service will be 11 am Friday October 10, 2014 at Union Community Church, 10959 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Painesville.

The family will receive friends Thursday 6-8 pm and Friday 10-11 am at the church.

Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Painesville.

Arrangements Entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Union Community Church  
10959 Johnnycake Ridge Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3556

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Community Church  
10959 Johnnycake Ridge Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3556

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Community Church  
10959 Johnnycake Ridge Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. (Gorham) Parker.*



October 09, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ *To: The Family of Mrs Parker  
From: Betty Jo Blount Moore  
Anna Blount Boyd  
Sgt Ronald Blount*



**BettyMoore628** - October 09, 2014 at 08:29 AM



*Thank you for your love and prayers. Our family is doing well under these circumstances. Throughout the mourning and tears, much love is flowing. Darnell Woods and Family*

**Iris Dawn Parker** - October 14, 2014 at 07:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary E. (Gorham) Parker.*



October 07, 2014 at 04:15 PM