



## Leroy W. Parker Jr.

June 22, 1944 - December 30, 2025

Leroy Washington Parker Jr., son of Leroy Washington Parker Sr. and Julia (Phoenix) Parker, was born on June 22, 1944, in Philadelphia, PA. He was the first of six children and carried the mantle of Big Brother with pride and devotion for the remainder of his life.

He attended Philadelphia public schools and graduated from Dobbins Technical High School in 1962. Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving honorably for four years. Following his military service, Leroy worked for the Bell Telephone System before earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Drexel Institute of Technology in 1975.

On September 6, 1969, Leroy married Joyce Hall and together they had two beautiful daughters, Aisha Ain and Shani Lea. In 1976, he moved his family to Spotswood, NJ to begin his professional career with Proctor & Gamble (P&G). After 12 years with P&G he was recruited by Kraft Foods Company, in Battle Creek, MI. Leroy, Joyce and the girls, lived in Kalamazoo Michigan for 2 years before moving to Danbury, CT where they lived for 13 years.

In Danbury, Leroy co-founded Concerned Black Men in Action, a program through which he mentored boys and took them to sports events. He served on the Danbury Board of Education. Chaired the Board of Directors for AMOS House, a family centric homeless shelter, was Commissioner of the Danbury Planning Board and Good Friends (Big Brother) volunteer.

Leroy was very proud of his professional and community accomplishments.

He enjoyed mentoring young managers in his professional life and young black men in his community. He touched countless lives passing on his personal wisdom and advice, his favorite being “Plan your Work, then Work your Plan”.

In February 2002 he retired from Kraft as Director of Engineering for Northeast American Food Operations. Leroy and Joyce fled the cold northeast to Phoenix, Arizona. He loved being retired and enjoyed playing golf, tending to his tangerine trees and couldn't wait to take everyone who came to visit on a trip to the Grand Canyon.

Leroy Parker was a man of deep, quiet faith and integrity, with an abiding love for family and friends. He held strong opinions and beliefs and there was rarely a time when you did not know where he stood on any issue or event. His wife, daughters and grandchildren were the pride and sustenance of his life! Beneath his reserved exterior, Leroy had a tender heart—often moved by injustice and suffering, and always a “pushover” for his wife and daughters. Earning him the affectionate nickname of “sappy sucker” from Aisha and Shani. Leroy was both stoic and caring...often too rare a combination. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his legacy of unwavering love, wisdom and service.

Leroy is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joyce; daughters Aisha (Alex), Shani (Jerrold); grandchildren, Brandon, Sydney and Jason; sisters, Rita and Sylvia (Charles); brother Sherman (Pricilla), nephews, Eric, Marc, Andy, Seth, Charles; nieces, Rachel and Robin and a host of cousins and close family friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Devant (June 2004) and sister Edith (October 2025).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel  
7601 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, MD 20707  
(301) 490-1550  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR **21**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The joint Memorial Service for Leroy and Joyce Parker on March 21st at 3pm eastern will be webcasted.*



March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel - January 10 at 11:48 AM

TV

*Send my condolences to the family and sending hugs  
Love you family  
Tonya Phoenix Vetino*

Tonya Phoenix Vetino - March 20 at 02:27 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leroy W. Parker Jr..*

March 20 at 12:19 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leroy W. Parker Jr..*



March 20 at 12:19 PM

AF

“ Amber Myers & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leroy W. Parker Jr..



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**Amber Myers & Family** - March 20 at 01:10 AM

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“ Amber Myers & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce A. Parker.

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March 19 at 10:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leroy W. Parker Jr..



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March 19 at 10:16 PM

MS

“ Minnie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leroy W. Parker Jr..

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**Minnie S.** - March 18 at 06:08 PM

MS

“Minnie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce A. Parker.

Minnie S. - March 18 at 06:06 PM

PP

“Priscilla and Sherman Parker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leroy W. Parker Jr..

Priscilla and Sherman Parker - March 18 at 12:43 PM

PP

“Priscilla and Sherman Parker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce A. Parker.

Priscilla and Sherman Parker - March 18 at 12:41 PM

SP

“Sincerely, Joshua & Martha Pruden purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Leroy W. Parker Jr..



Sincerely, Joshua & Martha Pruden - March 16 at 03:21 PM

SP

“Sincerely, Joshua & Martha Pruden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leroy W. Parker Jr..

Sincerely, Joshua & Martha Pruden - March 16 at 03:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leroy W. Parker Jr..



March 09 at 08:53 PM



“ I'm going to miss your sternness and how confident you were regarding financial decisions.....I'm going to miss the way with every dinner you had to have bread and butter....rest in peace

Eric Parker - March 06 at 10:48 AM



“ Im going to miss our talks we used to have and the way you never missed a day of soap operas.... whatever you were doing you stopped at 1230 time for soaps... Rest in peace

Eric Parker - March 06 at 10:45 AM



“ To the family, you are in my heart, my thoughts, and my prayers. I will always romanticize Leroy & Joyce's relationship as our family's version of "The Notebook" 💕💕 Rest well Mr & Mrs Parker. 🕊️

Carolyn Phoenix Dixon - March 04 at 09:22 PM



“ Together again for eternity!! ❤️❤️🙏

Rita

Rita Wilson - March 04 at 08:58 PM

LK

“ Condolences from Guy and Leroy King to the family and friends of cousin Leroy. May time and prayers comfort you at this time.

Leroy King - January 23 at 06:21 PM

PH

“ It was an honor to know you Mr. Parker. We will miss you!  
Your friends at Collington.

Phoebe - January 20 at 05:13 PM

SC

“ There are so many wonderful memories of my big brother he was very protective of I his sisters he was my second daddy miss you and love you Leroy



Sylvia Copeland - January 20 at 12:26 AM

RW

“ I will hold on to all our memories until we meet again!

Love you forever,  
Rita 🙏❤️

Rita Wilson - January 16 at 04:07 PM

PP

Missing you both until we meet again. You two were meant to be together in Gods House ,love u both

Priscilla. Parker - March 04 at 09:39 PM

SC

*Together always the love y'all shared was awesome and a good example for us all rest with God ❤️*

**Sylvia Copeland** - March 04 at 11:23 PM

SP

*With all the great things u are the greatest Big Brother that a little brother could ever have .Love you to the Moon and Back with all my Heart LIL Bro ( Heads)*

**Sherman Parker** - March 19 at 07:11 PM

SP

*Will Always Love My Big Bro Leroy until we meet again ( thead)*

**Sherman Parker** - March 19 at 07:14 PM