



Roy Jessee Parks, Sr.

September 29, 1940 - March 15, 2009

Roy Jessee Parks, Sr., resident of Searcy and formerly of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed from this life and entered his eternal home on March 15, 2009 at White County Medical Center Hospice with his family by his side.

Jess was born on September 29, 1940 at Cleveland, Virginia. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict and retired from the Washington, D.C. Department of Corrections and the Juvenile Detention Center at Dumfries, Virginia. He was a member of the Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Searcy, Arkansas.

Jess was, and forever will be, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and trusted friend.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 44 years, Sylvia; two sons, Roy Jessee Parks, Jr. (Terri) of Oak Grove, Kentucky and David Wayne Parks (Heather) of Searcy; three grandsons, Bradley Litteral and Bryson Parks of Oak Grove, Kentucky and Dawson Parks of Searcy. Surviving brothers and sisters include, Robert Parks (Florene) and Jim Parks (Ellen) of Cleveland, Virginia; Clarence Parks (Janet) of Florida, Tommy Artrip (Margaret) of Abingdon, Virginia, Betty Fulcher of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Evelyn Cummbow (Mike) of Lebanon, Virginia, Ann Phillips of Castlewood, Virginia, and Patty Franklin (Maynard) of Castlewood, Virginia. Also surviving are a

host of nieces and nephews and very special friends, Jerry and Joyce Johnston and Mike and Jackie Tableriou of Searcy.

The family request memorials be made to the Searcy CARTI at 405 Rodgers Drive, Searcy, AR 72143.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia, Butch and David - I am so sorry for your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Dana (Derosier) Huchthausen

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Parks Family:*
I was saddened to learn of Jessee's passing. I was with the Department of Social Services during Jessee's tenure with the Group Home. By chance he and I served in Viet Nam in the same location during roughly the same time and we believe we celebrated Thanksgiving in the field together.
He was so much more than a cook at the group home. He provided such a positive role model for the kids, he was always willing to go out of his way to help our department and he was fun to be around. I missed him when he left Prince William. He left a legacy of service and compassion and I am glad to have had the opportunity to have been a part of the work he accomplished. While he is gone, a part of him will be with all of us up here in Prince William County and we extend our condolences to his family and friends.
Rest in peace Jessee.
Ric

March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sylvia, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know my thoughts are with you and your family we will be parying for you all thru these hard times.

Love Ronnie Atkins

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sylvia, Butch and David

We are so sorry for your loss. Jess and all of you are in our memories of long ago in Dale City. Please know that we will keep you in our prayers.

Ron & Mel Skinner

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sylvia and family,

I am truly sorry for the loss of Jess, yet I am glad that he is no longer in pain. Our prayers are with you now and always as you go forward with wonderful memories, of all the good times that you can reflect on and have to cherish. May God give you peace and comfort during this continued trying time.

Sandra, Herb and family

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Parks Family; May I express my sincere condolences to your family at this time of sorrow. I had the pleasure of working with "Roy" at the Department Of Corrections, D.C for a number of years. I always found him to be a pleasureable person during many adverse times. Always with his "country candor" he would express situations could be worse. After his retirement, I met him at Potomac Hospital during a visit there, we exchanged pleasantries. He then informed me of his decision of relocating. We gave eachother an embrace, then wish GOD'S speed in life. May I say he's in GOD's hands now. Rest in Peace Roy.

David A. Rapelyea
Deputy Warden for Operations, RET.

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sylvia, Butch & David, We are deeply sorry for your loss. Jess was such a great guy and we always remember his wonderful smile. May God give you strength as you go through this very sad time. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

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Shelly & George Derosier

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“ Dear Sylvia,
My thoughts are with you and I will continue to lift you and the boys in prayer as you struggle to learn to live in a world which will never be the same. To know that Jess is at peace in a place where there is no pain does provide comfort, but I know there will be some darkness in the days to come, so I will ask for God's loving mercy to surround you as I thank Him for Jess' life and for the role he played in mine.
love, joan

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know that going through this is a hard thing but knowing that there is finally peace and no more pain helps in some way. Jess will always be remembered for the funny things he use to do at Granny's house. He always had a way of making us kids laugh. Wish I could be there to give a hug to you all. Love to you all and remember I'm a phone call away.

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will always think of Jess when I put my Christmas decorations out. So glad I got to see you both when you were here in the fall. Wish I could be with you. Peace be with your family.*

March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Parks Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Jess and all of you from when you guys lived in Dale City.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Chris Goss (Travis & Pat Thompson's daughter) and family*

March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM