



Martin Parker Sr.

June 9, 1968 - October 4, 2021

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, Martin Fitzgerald Parker Sr. entered this earthly realm to fulfill his God-given purpose. On this sunny, 80-degree spring day, Annie Elizabeth Kornegay Parker and Leo Parker welcomed a happy baby boy. He was born in Washington, DC, grew up in New Haven, CT, and lived a majority of his youth in the Church Street South Housing Development. On October 4, 2021, Martin Fitzgerald Parker Sr. victoriously transitioned from earth to glory.

Martin was trained in the ways of the Lord and as he grew older, he did not depart. He was the youngest of 5 children in the union of Annie and Leo and was educated in the New Haven Public School system. Martin was blessed to receive his spiritual teachings from the late Bishop Jonathan Powell, D.D., and was baptized at an early age while growing up in English Chapel (now English Chapel Cathedral of Miracles) Unified Freewill Baptist Church in Bridgeport, CT. Martin loved attending church and boldly served the Lord while in the earthly realm.

Martin was an active member of English Chapel; he was a devoted member of the English Chapel U.F.W.B. Youth and Young Adult Choir and a member of the English Chapel Male Chorus. He also enjoyed being an active member of

the Y.P.C.L. – Young People Christian League; Martin was fully engulfed in his spiritual upbringing.

On October 26, 1988, Martin became employed by the Winkle Bus Company in West Haven CT; a place where he worked for over 33 years. It wasn't long before the owner of the bus company, Craig Winkle, took notice of Martin and his unique leadership abilities. They soon developed a special bond, to the point that Martin became an adopted family member and Craig's right-hand man at the bus company, where he would not only drive but dispatch and help train new drivers. There are many fond memories of Martin picking up and dropping off his kids, family, and friends on the school bus, as well as doing special outings and trips.

From March 1993 to July 1997, Martin became employed by Youth Fair Chance under Workforce Alliance as a Youth Facilitator. In this position, he was able to help many young people realize and learn new talents. He was able to assist them in bringing about a different outcome for their lives, other than what the streets were offering. Through honest communication, guidance, supervision, and training, he was able to make a difference in their lives. Martin became a true friend and mentor to many young people. In 2017, with his lifelong friend Timothy Tompkins, Martin became partners in the TPark Transportation Company where they became owners of two coach buses, that ran trips to the destinations of their choice.

Throughout the years, Martin's passion for music was exemplified, he was a talented musician, blessed with many gifts from God. He played various instruments, sang, and wrote and produced music. He ministered in the form of music under the direction of Bishop Jonathan Powell, D.D. – English Chapel, Pastor Alton Barnes – Holy Trinity C.O.G.I.C., Bishop Brewer, Jr. –

CT First Jurisdictional C.O.G.I.C. State Choir, Bishop Kenneth H. Moales, Sr. - Prayer Tabernacle Church of Love / COTHS, Pastor Larry Delong – Miracle Temple, Bishop Willa Moody – Agape Christian Center, Pastors Sigmund & Tina Morriar.

Martin played for, sang with, wrote for, and produced for musical artists and groups such as: Revelation, Willie Small and the Willie Smalls Singers, Shawn Brown / JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise, Rahsaan Langley, Ricky Alan Draughn, Rasheem Dixon and Intimate Encounter, Tremaine Hawkins, Edwin Hawkins, Pastor Shirley Cesar, Kevin Monroe and Devotion, and many, many more.

Martin was a mentor and friend to many, he supported and encouraged many in the music industry and left a heavy influence on those privileged to work with him throughout his career. Martin was the creator and owner of True 2 Flow Productions.

Martin leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother and family matriarch, Annie Parker, his loving companion LaTonya Davis, and to continue his legacy: Martin Evans (Tiara), Martin F. Parker Jr. (Natalia), Marcus Parker, Marquel Parker, Martineesha Parker, Antasia Brown, Jayden Davis, Joseph Parker, Kae'lynn Parker, his daughters by heart, Salina Bartell and Jordan Wilson; his grandchildren – Martin Evans, Jr., Terray'e Alers, A'leah Parker, and Teigan Melody Parker.

He is now a root in the heritage tree leaving his sisters Patricia Brickhouse, Patricia Lawson, Shirley Canady, Deborah Canady, Florenda Koonce, Carolyn

Kornegay, Reverend Doretha Jackson Tyson, Lucinda Minder; his brothers – Amos Parker, Bobby Andrews, and Douglas Parker. And his brother and sister by heart Leroy Grant Jr. and Dotti Grant.

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Martin was ushered into eternity by his dearly departed father Leo Parker, Sr., brother - Leo Parker, Jr., brother - Bobby Lawson Parker, Brother/Cousin - Curtis Parker, Sister-in-Love – Cynthia Gamble Parker, and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 776-8179

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Martin Parker Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Elby lit a candle in memory of Martin Parker Sr.*



Elby - October 18, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Praying for the Parker famiy in this your time of sorrow. Praying that God wrap his arms around you and give you strength. Eric and Crystal Jones and Family.*

Crystal Batson-Jones - October 15, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to Martin's family. I meet Martin when attending Holy Trinity, Pastor Barnes church. We got along great. He will be missed. Pat*

Patricia Council - October 14, 2021 at 07:06 PM

SM

“ Praying for the Parker Family!! May the Grace and Peace of God Fully comfort you.



Shirley Miller - October 14, 2021 at 05:47 PM

VC

“ VA Dept of Social Services colleagues purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Martin Parker Sr..



VA Dept of Social Services colleagues - October 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM





EA

“ Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort. God's Blessings to all.

Love,
Auntie Edna and Family

Edna Andrews - October 13, 2021 at 08:03 PM

KB

“ Prayers and Thoughts with Martin Parker Family.He was a Great Keyboard  Player.Listen to him and the Band.At the Elks Club.May God be with you all Today and always.Our Angel  Now   .



Kathy Bridges - October 13, 2021 at 06:46 AM



I will miss you uncle Martin parker rip thank you for Ben a awesome amazing uncle to me

Laseanna Thompson - October 15, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin Parker Sr..*



October 12, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sending condolences, words of comfort & peace to the Family. Keeping Family in prayer.*

Carolyn P. Suggs - October 11, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BD

“ *Martin Parker he was a wonderful , who always watch my family . He was the kind of person who lend a help hand when my needed it the most . I loved the he take care La'Tonya Davis , and raise Jayden giving wise words of wisdom to have though out is life. IOh yeah we can't forget our little Katlynn he the kind of dad that spend quality time with her , not her all his kids . Showing love and affection . And love for that , Cause kids today really need to they're love . And dad is in there life, I love the he the way he was like a big brother to my youngest daughter La'Rista Davis , he would always give wise words or helping hand . I one time I came my daughter for a week, and left New Haven to return home . Ang got home I had everything but left something at daughter house . I call Martin and before new it he was in his car bringing to me That the type of man he always looking out for other . Martin Parker you will be miss , but not forgotten. RIP IN PARADISE*

Bonnalee Davis - October 10, 2021 at 12:13 AM

BD

“ *Bonnalee Davis lit a candle in memory of Martin Parker Sr.*



Bonnalee Davis - October 09, 2021 at 11:21 PM

MM

*Mrs Parker & Family
I am so sorry for your loss-you are in my thoughts”.
Marie Lawson McDaniel*

Marie McDaniel - October 14, 2021 at 10:19 AM

AW

“ *My Condolences to the Parker Family. I'm sorry for your loss. My Prayers to the Family. God Bless* ❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️

Angelina WB - October 09, 2021 at 03:26 AM