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A Celebration of Life

Emmitt Parks was born on February 20, 1948 in Fort Valley, Georgia. He was the only child born to the late Emmitt Lee Parks Sr. and Annie Roe Parks.

Emmitt attended Henry Alexander Hunt High School in Fort Valley, GA and graduated in 1965. He continued his educational career at Fort Valley State College (1965-1969), obtaining a BA in Sociology and Pre-Professional Social Work. In his early college years he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Emmitt continued his education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1971 with a Masters of Social Work.

At the University of Minnesota, Emmitt met Peggie, (his wife to be) who was also attending Graduate School. They were married in 1971.

Emmitt worked at North Point Health & Wellness Center (formerly Pilot City) for 42 years as a Psychiatric Social Worker. During his career, he received many awards for his distinguished service, including: Who's Who in the

Midwest, Hennepin County Enduring Contribution Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Pilot City. Emmitt retired from North Point in 2013.

At heart, Emmitt was a handyman and enjoyed home improvement projects. He was a gardener and sports spectator (particularly Vikings, Timberwolves and PGA). He was an avid fisherman and birdwatcher.

Emmitt is survived by his daughter Stephanie L. Parks, Barbara B. Jones (sister-in-law), Robert Belle II (brother-in-law), and a host of cousins. He will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, especially Jimmy Thompson, LeRoy Felder, James Brown, Bettye Ward, Elijah Hill and Isaac Smith.

Emmitt's earthly presence will be forever missed by those who knew and loved him!

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Emmitt Lee Parks Jr. may be made in support of psychiatric care at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center. Please make checks payable to NorthPoint and mail to: Development Office, 1256 Penn Avenue North, Suite 5300, Minneapolis, MN 55411 or donate online.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ I named my first son after Emmitt in hopes that he too would become a man so uncommon in the demonstration of dignity, compassion, and wisdom. Many of the most trying moments I have encountered personally and professionally have been eased through careful consideration of what Emmitt would do. I will miss him deeply but find solace in knowing the difference he made for so many who had the privilege of receiving his grace.

Brownell Mack - November 17, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Emmitt L. Parks, Jr..



November 16, 2022 at 08:41 PM

NL

“ Deepest sympathies to Stephanie and others mourning the loss of Emmitt. I worked with Emmitt for 19 years at North Point (formerly Pilot City). He was one of the kindest, steadiest, and caring people I have ever known. I remember him talking about your birth and precarious beginning and your later accomplishments, Stephanie. He was so proud of you.

Nancy Lawroski - November 16, 2022 at 02:16 PM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathies to Stephanie and the rest of Emmitt’s family. Emmitt was a kind and gentle soul who devoted his life to helping others. He was steady as a rock and I had the privilege of seeing firsthand how his calm and steady presence helped so many people in serious distress in the 12 years that we worked together at Pilot City. I also got to enjoy Emmitt’s friendship outside of work, attending numerous Vikings and Timberwolves games with him as well as Game 6 of the 1991 World Series. I will deeply miss you, Emmitt!*

Jason Walker - November 16, 2022 at 12:29 PM

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“ *of the Staff & Board of NorthPoint purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emmitt L. Parks, Jr..*



of the Staff & Board of NorthPoint - November 16, 2022 at 09:20 AM

JT

“ *Rest In Peace my lifelong friend. It was a wonderful 50yr. journey to be cherished forever. I shall carry on with you in thoughts.*

Your Brother Jimmy Thompson

Jim Thompson - November 10, 2022 at 05:17 PM

LF

My thoughts and prayers are with Stephanie during this time of sorrow. From the early days at FVSC in Fort Valley? Ga. and the journey of the Fab Five to the U M and beyond our friendship has never wavered. Emmitt was a true friend, a confidant, and a trusting Brother (not only in Omega, but in life period). Emmitt will be truly missed. My prayers are continually with you Stephanie and I'll always be there when and if you need me.

LeRoy Felder - November 17, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BR

“ *Very sorry to hear about Emmitt's passing. I was blessed to have known him for many years and greatly appreciated his wisdom and thoughtfulness. He will be missed. Rest in Peace, Brian Z*

brian - November 09, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the transition of your father and my lifelong childhood best friend. Emmitt and I grew up together, was in every class together in grade school and high school, went to Fort Valley State University together, pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity together, as a matter of fact he was number 2 and I was number 3 on our pledge line. We spoke at least two to three times a month on the phone. So, my sincerely condolences go out to you Stephanie and the entire Parks family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, and I sympathize greatly with your loss.*

*Rest In Peace my friend, Classmate, and line brother.
Elijah Hill*

EK Hill - November 08, 2022 at 11:05 PM