



## Mary Yvonne Granger Parker

April 18, 1938 - August 22, 2022

Mary Yvonne Granger Parker, 84, of Christiansburg, VA, passed into the presence of Jesus Christ her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 22, 2022. She was born on April 18, 1938, in Dayton, Ohio. She was the second of four children.

At a young age Yvonne's father was stricken with polio, and so she had to take care of her two younger brothers and cook meals for her family. This allowed her mother to be able to help her father with the jewelry business, since he had a disability and used a wheelchair for mobility.

In her early teens a friend invited Yvonne to attend church with her, and this is where she learned about Jesus. Soon after she was baptized into Christ accepting Him as her Lord and Savior. She continued in her faith all of her life leading others to follow Christ. She was a member of Morrison City Christian Church while living in Kingsport, Tennessee and Pantano Christian Church while living in Tucson, Arizona.

Yvonne loved education, attending and participating in school while growing up in Kentucky. She decided to attend college at Cincinnati Bible College and study to become a school teacher. She loved helping her first and second graders learn how to read. After retiring from the school system, she continued tutoring and helping refugees from Africa learn and improve their

English skills in Tucson, Arizona.

Yvonne married James “Jim” Parker on April 4, 1969 in Kingsport, Tennessee. Jim and Yvonne lived in Kingsport, Tennessee for 36 years, in Tucson, Arizona for 15 years, and 2 years in Christiansburg, Virginia. Jim and Yvonne enjoyed camping together, starting out with a small tent, upgrading to a popup camper, upgrading again to a Scottie camper, and finally using a 22 foot Shasta camper. They loved campfires, roasting marshmallows, state parks, fishing, hiking, and even beach camping at Lakewood campground in Myrtle Beach. Some of their best memories include their longest trip camping for five weeks round trip from Tennessee to California to see so many great places in America. Yvonne loved making smores, talking to new people she met, and giving tours of the places she visited so others could see and know more about those areas.

Jim and Yvonne had one son, Phillip Parker. Yvonne was very proud that Phillip and his wife, Michelle, served as Christian missionaries in Thailand for 15 years, and still continue to minister to international students and refugees in Blacksburg, Virginia. They have two children, Nathanael and Hannah, whom Yvonne loved dearly.

Yvonne moved into Noble Senior Living in Christiansburg, Virginia in May 2020. The family wishes to thank Noble Senior Living for their excellent care and McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, Virginia for handling all arrangements. The family thanks those who visited Yvonne, sent cards, and remembered her in their prayers.

Mary Yvonne Granger Parker was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Ruth Granger; brothers, Marshall Granger, Carl Granger, and Denny Granger. She is survived by her husband, Jim Parker, her son, Phillip Parker (& Michelle) and her grandchildren, Nathanael (& Sarah) and Hannah Parker.

There will be a graveside service for family and friends on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 11:30 am at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia (5550 Bagging Plant Rd, Dublin, VA 24084). A fellowship meal for family and friends will follow at Dublin Christian Church (5605 Dunlap Rd, Dublin, VA 24084) after the graveside service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the 501c3 non-profit organization Victory44 International (victory44.org, PO Box 447 Max Meadows, VA 24360), an organization that shares the love of Christ with international students and refugees. Online condolences may be expressed to the Parker family by visiting <https://www.mccoynfuneralhome.com/>

# Cemetery Details

## Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

5550 Bagging Plant Road  
Dublin, VA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

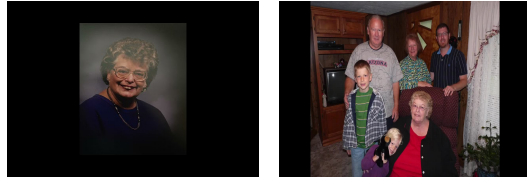
AUG **29**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery  
5550 Bagging Plant Rd  
Dublin, VA 24084-3490  
(540) 674-6893

# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album memorial Video



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**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:34 PM

BC

“ *Bob and I met Yvonne at Morrison City Christian Church around 1980. She was working everywhere at the church. She and others welcomed us into the church family. We enjoyed seeing Yvonne and Jim often. We always looked forward to hearing Yvonne tell about her experiences while teaching grade school. We still tell one of her stories to others. So funny! We visited them several times while they were camping and enjoyed our time around the fire. She was so proud of her family. Yvonne showed her love of God by doing for others. I admired her so much. I know she has so many questions to ask Jesus and the Disciples in heaven!*

*Our Love,  
Bob and Betty Caldwell*

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**Betty Caldwell** - August 25, 2022 at 03:05 PM

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*Thank you for sharing.*

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**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Yvonne Granger Parker.*



August 25, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of Yvonne's passing. She was such a lively lady, always making me laugh, and her hospitality was so generously given. She had a great life with a great hubby and they raised an awesome son! Your family will be in my prayers, that God will grant you peace and healing. May you find comfort in the fact that she knew the Lord Jesus, and she is looking into his dear face today.*

**Denise Laws** - August 23, 2022 at 08:25 PM



*What a wonderful husband so attentive. You could tell how much love I had for each other*

**Shirley staytonFrom Pantano Christian** - August 25, 2022 at 07:25 PM



*Thank you for sharing.*

**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Patty Fletcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Yvonne Granger Parker*



**Patty Fletcher** - August 23, 2022 at 08:09 PM

PP

*Thank you!*

**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:37 PM

DF

“ *Jim and Phillip, my prayers go out to you and your family. Yvonne was such a positive role model for me as a teenage girl. I have such fond memories of times spent with your family. I will continue to pray in the days to come for peace and comfort.*

**Diana Fisher** - August 23, 2022 at 08:07 PM

PP

*Thank you for sharing.*

**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:38 PM

CM

“ *Sending my sympathies to Jim and Phil and all the family and close friends. Your hearts can be light knowing she was a Christian. God bless the family bro bless you q*

**Charmaine L Grubb, Phil's mother-in-law.** - August 23, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JH

*Jim and Phillip, I'm so sorry to hear about Yvonne's passing. She was always so sweet and kind to be around. You and your families are in my prayers.*

**JOHN HAMPTON** - August 24, 2022 at 08:13 PM

PP

*Thank you for sharing.*

**Phil Parker** - August 28, 2022 at 08:38 PM