



## Mr. Preston James Parker, Jr.

August 10, 1952 - March 27, 2023

Livestream : <https://youtube.com/live/csUtGLA9Mzs?feature=share>

Preston Parker (also known as Jr.) was born on August 10, 1952 to the parents of Preston and Margaret Parker. He was the third child out of seven siblings. In his early years, he participated in the boy scouts where he grew to love camping and other outdoor activities. He attended Archbishop Carroll High School where he played football, and graduated from Calvin Coolidge Senior High School. He then went on to pursue higher education at Montgomery College where he received his Culinary License, and continuously earned the honor of being recognized on the honor roll list. However, receiving his Culinary License was only the beginning of his journey as a chef.

Over the years, he gained over 32 years of food service experience. Although receiving his Culinary License was the first official sign of his career as a chef, the training started very early. As a child he worked at the fish market owned by his father along with his other siblings, which added to his skillset at a young age. Over time, he found himself working with the Marriott Corporation as well as the Congressional Country Club. Additionally, he worked for the National Institute of Health (NIH) for over 26 years where he served as a Supervisory Chef.

During the course of his tenure at NIH, he met his wife Sherry Parker and they joined together in holy matrimony on March 23, 1995. When he wasn't working, he loved to get dressed up and party. He always seemed to gravitate towards matching sets with his maxi coats. When he wasn't making fashion trends, he loved to watch football, basketball and baseball games. He enjoyed March Madness with one of his favorite foods, which was chicken wings. Outside of games, he loved watching tv shows like Chicago PD and Chicago FEMS. To prepare for his evening television, he loved cooking meals on the grill or quick trips to Jersey Mike's for their Italian subs. You would always be able to know it was him if you saw a teal blue 1995 Chevy Astro van as it was one of a kind and so was he.

He is survived by his wife Sherry Parker, his son Enrique George and daughters Raquel and Raven Buie. He also leaves behind his siblings Norman Parker(Katie), David Parker and Robert Parker(Shelva), and Mary Parker. Additionally, he leaves behind several nieces and nephews to include Marsha Richards, Margaret Byars, Denise Parker, Leonard Parker, Deon Bishop, Kenisha Parker, and Sharkina Parker. He also leaves behind a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by sisters Hattie Richards and Dorothy Parker, and nephews Sam Richards and Nathan Parker.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service w/ Livestream

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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