



Mr. David Lee Parnell Jr

June 16, 1944 - April 3, 2018

David Lee Parnell was born June 16, 1944 in Galveston, Texas to Mildred Henderson and Tom Parnell. He passed peacefully from this earthly life early Tuesday morning, April 3, 2018 at Mainland Center Hospital leaving behind a void that will never be filled.

Parnell, as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, was known for his bright smile, contagious laugh, his continuous jokes and teasing, and his delicious cooking. He loved people with all of his heart, and he never met a stranger. Parnell was the life of the party! When he showed up, a good time would be had by all. If you knew him, you knew he loved to barbecue for his family and friends, and he never turned up at any gathering without something delicious that he prepared. He loved basketball and football, and he loved to support the La Marque Cougars while eating those turkey legs at the game. He especially loved his Dallas Cowboys. And just like a true die hard Cowboy fan, he loved them no matter what the score.

Parnell was educated in La Marque schools and was a proud graduate of Lincoln High School's Class of 1965. It was in school where he met his childhood sweetheart Dorothy Louise Watson. They were united in marriage August 22, 1966. During their 51 ½ years of marriage they worked hard, loved hard, and raised their only son Derrick together.

Parnell had a natural gift for working with his hands, and he found

employment at Giles Volkswagen. Later, he would become a shop foreman at Hamon Nissan where he would eventually retire.

At the time of his passing, Parnell was attending Greater Bell Zion Baptist Church in Texas City with Pastor Jerry B. Lee.

Parnell is preceded in death by his mother Mildred Henderson, father Tom Parnell and his mother and father-in law Booker T. and Ruby Watson. He leaves to cherish his memories: his lifelong love Dorothy Louise Parnell, one son, Derrick Lee Parnell, grandchildren Collin, Dallas, Asia, Terel, Tramane, and Denzel, great-grandson C.J, and his adopted son Tommy Kyle. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Booker T. and Mildred Watson, Curtis and Joyce Ellis, and Jeanette Hall, in addition to a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by family friend Dr. Beverly Lewis, the Gary and Ellis families and members of the Front Door Social and Charity Club.

Cemetery Details

Rising Star Cemetery

LaMarque, TX 77568

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Bell Zion Baptist Church
5917 Carver Avenue
Texas City, TX 77591

Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David Lee Parnell Jr*

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“ *I knew David way back when he worked at Giles VW and I worked at a auto parts store delivering parts. Although it was my job to unload those parts, David would always come running and do it for me if it was something going to the body shop.*

He was always happy and a pleasure to be around.

We came in contact again when I worked at a convenience store by his house. He had been BBQing that day but he took time to reminisce with me about things that happened at Giles.

I was happy to see him and enjoyed talking to him again. He even came back and brought me some of the best BBQ I've ever eaten.

That was many years ago but those are some of my memories of a wonderful person.

I do not know Ms. Parnell or his son but I would like her to know that he spoke so well of her often. I give her credit for making him the happy people-friendly person he was.

May God bless you all but it appears that the Lord needed to see his smiling face.

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Dot, so sorry for your loss. I'll be praying for you & your family. Brenda Sanford Freeman

Brenda Sanford Freeman - April 09, 2018 at 03:59 PM

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“ LORD WE THANK YOU FOR THE TIME WE HAD HERE ON YOUR EARTH WITH OUR FRIEND AND LOVE ONE,PRAYING THAT ONE DAY WE WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN WITH YOU IN HEAVEN.MAY YOUR BLESSINGS OF PEACE & STRENGTH & OUR LOVE & PRAYERS BE THE SUPPORT THAT DOT & FAMILY NEEDS AT THIS TIME AND FOR EVER .LOVE ALWAYS ABE & GLORIA LEE.



ABE LEE - April 06, 2018 at 10:52 AM