



Gertie Parker Watson

October 30, 1925 - July 1, 2021

Gertie B. Parker Watson, was born October 30, 1925 to Granville & Josie (Black) Gaston in Mt Ida, Arkansas. She passed away on July 1, 2021 at the age of 95.

Gertie graduated from Norman High School in Norman, Arkansas in 1943. She married Coy Parker on November 25, 1944. Gertie and Coy had two daughters, Sharon and Rebecca.

Gertie had many jobs over the span of her lifetime including working in the shipyard, switchboard operator, selling Stanley Stainless Steel. She worked for the Hot Springs Plumbing and Hardware in 1944.

Coy was a plumber and started working his own business in 1962 which became Parker Plumbing. Gertie worked in their office doing bookwork and answering the phone. She ordered all the parts and schedule the calls. The Company grew over the years and eventually employed 4-6 plumbers.

Gertie got her Master Plumbing License in 1975, being the first female in the Arkansas to get her Master's License.

Coy passed in November, 1974.

Gertie married Lawrence (Larry) Watson in 1975. They continued to own and operate Parker Plumbing till she retired in 1995.

Larry and Gertie joined others to refurbish Jones Park, working to clean it, mow, paint, and raise money for basketball goals, covered seating and picnic tables.

Gertie realized she had a love for political life and volunteered for various elections and working at election polls. She even went to Bill Clinton's inauguration and one of the balls in Washington, DC. In 2007, she became a Justice of the Peace and served in that capacity until December, 2010.

Gertie was a charter member of the National Park Christian Church in Hot Springs and is a current member of the Hot Springs First Christian Church. She was also a member of the Emblem Club, Civitan, VCK Club and Red Hats.

Her favorite thing to do was working in her yard and you would see her working there in the evenings and weekends. She had the most gorgeous yard and flowers and won Yard of the Month more than once.

Gertie is preceded in death by her parents, Granville & Josie Gaston, brothers, JD Gaston, Everett Gaston, sister, FloElla Parker, husbands, Coy Parker and Larry Watson, daughter, Sharon Parker Tappana, great-grandson, Dayton Michael Johnson, and grandson-in-law, Michael White.

Survivors include, daughter, Rebecca Parker; grandchildren, Chris (Darlene) Johnson and Joni White. Also, great grandchildren, Jaclyn (Lee) Lobbs, Kimberly (Jon) Parsons, Cole Smoke; great, great grandchildren, Preston (Jennifer) Stanfill, Lexi (Kyle) Fisher, Jefferson Lobbs, Ayden Parsons, Jayce Plumley and great, great, great grandson, Louie Stanfill; plus a host of nieces,

nephews and other relatives.

Services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at First Christian Church.

Burial at Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 PM Monday, July 5, 2021 at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

The family wishes to thank Kindred Hospice and all of her caregivers. Thank you for the good care and for loving her.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

Hot Springs, AR 71913

Previous Events

CHURCH SERVICE

JUL 6. 11:00 AM.

First Christian Church

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Gertie when I became an Elk member in 1988. She volunteered in the restaurant as the cashier. We would eat on Wednesday nights and she would greet us. Such a warm heart and wonderful smile. She will be missed. Rick Myrick and family. . .

Rick Myrick - July 06, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ I met Gertie in about 2004,looking for a rent house. She rented to us one of her houses.we lived there about 3 years.later in years,I had the opportunity to be a caregiver for her.she was very sweet to me.we talked alot also at the dining room table.she told old stories all the time.we talked about our Lord and Saviour which she was so ready to meet and now she is rejoicing with the one she longed to see.ms.gertie was a joy and a blessing to me as with the other caregivers.we love you ms.gertie and look forward to seeing you in heaven soon!!!



Kyla yeatman - July 05, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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“ RIP Gertie. I enjoyed serving in Hot Springs Civitan Club and many Democrat activities with you.. You were such a joy. My condolences to Gertie's family.

Kathy Allen - July 05, 2021 at 04:59 AM



“ I only knew Gerti a couple of years , sitting with her. Loved hearing her stories of her childhood about her wonderful family. She was a smart grateful lady I loved as my own family. We had so many laughs sitting around her dining table. It was a pleasure to be her friend. She loved her family and her fur baby EmmyLou. I'll miss her ❤️

Tupie Sheppard - July 04, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Mom I love and miss you so .such. I pray when all of this is over I have made you proud with with what I do with your legacy you have left behind. You worked so hard to have all of the things you left behind. I am so lucky to have had you for a mom. God bless you . Rebecca.



Rebecca Parker - July 03, 2021 at 06:01 PM



I loved her like a Grandmother and I just found this out today passing by and noticed her home was gone . My father worked for Parker Plumbing Many years . I remember as a child her spoiling me and my brother all the time . She will be so missed 🥹❤️❤️

william Griffith Jr - August 01, 2023 at 05:34 PM