



John Earl Parker

May 1, 1955 - November 8, 2024

On May 1, 1955, a spark ignited in Hot Springs, Arkansas, growing into the bright, guiding light that was John Earl Parker. Born to William H. and Pearl E. Parker in Hot Springs, AR John was the youngest of three sons, who often wisecracked that his mother “stopped when she got it right”.

Known amongst his closest friends as a “Prayer Warrior”, he lived a life rooted in love and light, illuminating everyone he met with his electric personality, sharp wit and kindness. He embodied warmth, humor, and endless generosity. A selfless man, he made sure everyone’s needs were met before his.

He graduated from Hot Springs High School class of 1973 where he formed lifelong bonds with his brothers from other mothers, Benny Arego, John Cook, and Randy Goodwin.

John’s journey as a tradesman began at the age of 17, becoming an electrical apprentice. After graduating he became an Inside Wireman for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IEBW) Local 619. He traveled across the country, working in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arizona, and Iowa before returning to Hot Springs becoming a Master Electrician, an Electrical Contractor and owner of Home Electric, servicing thousands of homes and mentoring young apprentices in the greater Hot Springs area for over 50 years.

John was an adventurer, a man with a love for the outdoors and a taste for a little thrill. He cherished time spent fishing for smallmouth bass, taking his Land Cruiser off-road, and wading through creeks just to see where the path might lead. His sense of humor and fun was infectious; he was known to take a chance on a lottery ticket or a slot machine, finding joy in life's little gambles and always ready with a grin when lady luck shined his way. An avid Razorback fan and seasoned pit master, he loved to spend game-days grilling meats while listening to his favorite Blues and Rock'n'Roll artists.

In 2005, he married his high school sweetheart, Cyndi Biondo, after nearly 30 years of friendship. He was a proud and doting father to his daughter, Trisha, and a loving bonus dad to Lindsay Orlicek, whom he embraced with the same warmth he brought to every endeavor.

Though he may have flipped his final breaker switch, John leaves a legacy of laughter, love, and light that will never dim.

John was preceded in death by his parents Pearl Waitkus and William H. Parker, wife Cyndi Biondo, and brother, Richard Parker.

He is survived by daughter Trisha Parker of Fayetteville, stepdaughter Lindsay Orlicek (Zach) of Bella Vista, beloved cat Sir Charles, brother Larry Parker of Poplar Bluff, MO., nephew Rick Parker of Arlington, TX., niece Sandra Crawford of Frisco, TX., and niece Dawn Hicks (Steve) of Poplar Bluff, MO.

Save the date. A celebration of life will be held on February 22, 2025. More details to come.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ John was my first friend outside of my neighborhood children. We met the first day of the 1st grade at Oaklawn Elementary School in 1960 and were good friends by the end of that week. When John first visited my parent's house that year, my Dad already knew John because John rode as a young child by himself the Hot Springs City Bus my Dad drove. Before we were teenagers and as young teenagers John and I fished in the Glazypeau Creek for smallmouth bass during stays at my Grandmother's house in Mountain Pine and fished in his Stepfather's pond out Highway 70. My Grandmother was a nurse's aid at St. Joesph's Hospital on the nightshift and John, sometimes Randall Black and I stayed up all hours at night in the house, yard and pasture playing and talking. I like to think John's love for smallmouth bass fishing started back then. Within a minute or so of seeing John at the 50 Year Hot Springs High School Reunion in July 2023 John told me he had recently caught a 5 lb. small mouth bass. No boy, teenager or man could have had a better first and lifelong friend than John Parker. These memories are sent as just a few of many of my longest and fondest memories, Robert Banfield

Robert Banfield - February 16, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SF

“ I worked around John for many years on jobsites around Hot Springs and he always had a joke for every occasion and always kept people laughing! He had a deep love for Blues music and fishing! He will be missed by all that knew him!

Steve Fox - November 18, 2024 at 03:51 PM

JD

“ As a former classmate of John (HSHS 1973) I ca attest to the fact that he was a friend to everyone. He will be missed!

James Daniel - November 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM

JG

“ JOE BOB GARNER lit a candle in memory of John Parker



JOE BOB GARNER - November 16, 2024 at 09:31 AM

PK

“ The last conversation I had with John was at a birthday party in September. When I asked him how he was doing, his reply was “better than I deserve”.

Patti Keahey - November 15, 2024 at 11:31 PM