



Mrs. Verna May Parks

March 10, 1917 - September 24, 2015

Her Journey:

Verna May Parks was born on March 10, 1917, in Wichita, Kansas to the late Leroy and Labana Branham.

Verna accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

She attended Detroit's Northeastern High School. After high school, she attended Wayne State University receiving Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees.

Verna was employed by the Detroit Public Schools system for 26 years as a teacher and counselor, until her retirement in June 1981.

She and Edward "Terry" Parks were married in 1935. They had two sons, Roderick Sr. and Phillip Sr.

Verna's favorite activities were bridge and traveling the world. She also enjoyed studying slavery and black history and spending time at her summer home on Fox Lake in Angola, Indiana.

She was the co-founder of Parks Old Style Bar-B-Q, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan.

She was also a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for over 50 years.

Verna departed this life on September 24, 2015.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Ave.
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Family Hour

Thursday, Oct. 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews & St. Joseph Episcopal Church
8850 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 871-4750
<http://www.smsjdetroit.org>

Funeral Service

Thursday, Oct. 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Verna May Parks*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Parks family, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I find the words comforting at Isaiah 25:8 says that God will swallow up death and wipe the tears from my eyes. I hope the love and support from family and friends will help you during this difficult time. Raquel*

Raquel - October 05, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

Ms. Tuffy - October 01, 2015 at 08:12 AM



“ *Diana Fair White and daughters.*



Diana J Fair White - September 30, 2015 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Your friends at ADP purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Verna May Parks.*



Your friends at ADP - September 29, 2015 at 05:31 PM

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“ Rod

I know you are missing your mom today but I know she will always be with you in your heart, your thoughts and your memories for a life time. Your mother's love, tenderness, advice and direction made you what you are today. You see the world full of wonder and possibilities because of her imagination energy and propensity to make things happen. She instilled in you your drive and perseverance of never giving up or being defeated. I feel so blessed to have been able to know your mother, be in her company and listen to her wisdom. I was not her peer, my mother was, but she always had a kind word, a smile or some "motherly advice" for me. She loved you with so much passion and was very proud of the successful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather you have become. I know it was difficult to see your mother decline from the business woman, avid bridge player, the dedicated Alpha Kappa Alpha soror that used to be but her soul was always there and that is what you will always have to dwell on. Enjoy those memories that she has left you...a touch a smile a frown a kiss and just being the best mother a son could be proud to have.

Joanne Flowers

Joanne Flowers - September 28, 2015 at 12:16 PM

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“ *A Message Of Sympathy For Your Family : May these few words of sympathy help at least in part, to ease the burden that you bear and the sadness in your heart.....Thinking Of You At This Sad Time. The Bible says at Acts.24:15; that God promise to resurrect our loved one and God does not lie assures us of this hope. Titus.1:2.*

p.smith. - September 28, 2015 at 07:53 AM