



Gerry Craig Parham

August 27, 1957 - June 1, 2018

Gerry Craig Parham, 60, of Salisbury, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 1, 2018. He passed away at Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte.

Born in Buncombe County on August 27, 1957, he was the son of the late William Sam Parham and Myrna Bartlett Parham.

Gerry graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1975 and received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina – Asheville in 1979.

He spent 17 years teaching Latin at Mt. Tabor High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and retired in 2009.

Gerry faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Salisbury and was a member of the Jeremiah 29:11 Sunday school class.

He was affectionately called “Goat” or “Gappo” and was a member of the UNCA Mud 500 Club.

“Death, a necessary end, will come when it will come.” - Shakespeare

Those left to cherish his memory are his sister, Teresa P. Lane of Atlanta, GA; brother-in-law, William David Lane; two nieces, Kristen Lane Senn of Huntington Beach, CA and Audrey Conner Lane of Tustin, CA; several aunts and uncles; extended family and friends and his UNCA family, too many to name. He also has a brother, Kevin H. Parham.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Salisbury 223 North Fulton Street Salisbury, NC with Dr. Rev. Kenneth Lance and Rod Kerr officiating. Burial will be private at Pisgah View Memorial Park in Candler, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to First Baptist Church of Salisbury.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Parham family.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I just learned today of Gerry's passing as I live in western NC and have had no internet for two weeks due to our extreme weather. Before moving here last year, I lived in Salisbury and was a member of First Baptist where I met Gerry. I played the piano for our Mid-Week Worship on Wednesday evenings. Gerry always sat up front and we often talked about Asheville as I grew up in Marion. He was very faithful in his attendance and always most complimentary about the music. I know he will be greatly missed at First Baptist. Please accept my condolences and prayers. May our Savior grant you the strength, comfort and peace you need for the days ahead.

Ann T. Heard

Ann Heard - June 10, 2018 at 09:48 PM



Teresa Lane

Thank you Teresa Parham Lane

Teresa Lane - February 15, 2019 at 03:17 PM

MS

“ I was fortunate to have Mr. Parham as a teacher and from him I learned of the magic of Ray Harryhausen cinema, the dangers of dangling participles and many other marks. Translating the Aeneid was a high mark during the awkward stages of adolescence, and he showed us that we could be more than ourselves. *Alia lacta Est*, and he will be missed but not forgotten.

Michael Salcedo - June 05, 2018 at 09:45 PM

JW

“ I would like to send my regards and convalescences to Gerry's family. I knew him from UNC-A and remained friends during the years following.

John Wenta

Teresa; sometime in the future I would like to speak with you. Please give me a call.

828-423-3198

John Wenta - June 02, 2018 at 03:34 PM

TL

John my number is 404 663 6400 and you can call me also and I will call you too

teresa lane - June 06, 2018 at 02:53 PM

MY

“ Thoughts and condolences go out to the Parham family. I was very fortunate to be a student of his Latin class while I was in high school. He was a great teacher.

Michael Younger - June 02, 2018 at 02:00 PM

KS

“ Thoughts and prayers to Mr Parham’s family during this time of loss. Mr Parham was a great teacher and a kind person at a time when I (and a lot of high schoolers) needed it the most. I will cherish the time I was able to spend in his classroom! We will miss you!



Kassie Sparling - June 02, 2018 at 12:22 AM

MO

“ So sorry for your loss. Gerry was a special person to all the MTH family. You are all in our prayers. God Bless You All! Mrs. L. H. J. Overfelt

Mrs. L H J Overfelt - June 01, 2018 at 03:38 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Gerry. When I told my son who graduated from a Tabor in 2007, he indicated that”Mr. Parham was one of the best teachers I ever had. He understood every student that walked into his room. I am saddened by his passing.” That’s a pretty good tribute from a former student. Gerry will be missed by his Mount Tabor family. John Giles

John Gikes - June 01, 2018 at 03:20 PM

TL

Thank you

Teresa Parham Lane - June 01, 2018 at 08:26 PM

SF

“ Starla ..rick..and Carson Foster lit a candle in memory of Gerry Craig Parham



Starla ..rick..and carson foster - June 01, 2018 at 03:03 PM

SM

“ Gerry was a fine man and had a great sense of humor. I loved working with him at Mt. Tabor. He was a wonderful colleague and fellow Academic Team Coach. He taught my youngest daughter, Kelly, for four years in Latin and she loved him. He will be greatly missed.

Sandy McNeely - June 01, 2018 at 02:57 PM