



Margaret Elizabeth Parker

September 25, 1920 - August 6, 2010

Margaret Elizabeth “Betty” Downey Parker, 89 of Spencer, died Friday, August 6, 2010 at Genesis Health Care.

She was born September 25, 1920 in The Bronx, NYC to the late Elizabeth Naughton Downey and William J. Downey Jr.

She received a Bachelor’s degree in English at St. John’s University, graduated from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula and studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She was a lab technician at St. Clare’s Hospital in New York, and then worked for a private lab. Then she became a professional actress, performing in more than 60 roles off-Broadway and in regional theaters.

Mrs. Parker was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she was a lector and an extraordinary minister.

Those left to cherish her memory include husband of 50 years James E. Parker, one daughter Deirdre Parker Smith (Stephen) of Spencer, one brother William J. Downey Jr. of Woodstock, IL and several nieces and nephews.

Mass will be celebrated 11:00 AM Monday August 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father John Putnam and Father James Ebright. Burial will follow

at the church cemetery.

Visitation will follow the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 375 Lumen Christi Lane Salisbury, NC 28147

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *"Parkie", My prayers go out to you and your family for your loss. I hope that your memories and love keep you at peace. Your wife will be missed*###imported-begin##Timothy Lott###imported-end##

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“ *Please know that we are with you in our thoughts and prayers.*###imported-begin##George and Sherri Stilwell###imported-end##

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“ *Dearest Parkie ... I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.*###imported-begin##Cindy Gudger Baldwin###imported-end##

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“ *Dear Parkie.
I did not know your wife very well, but I did hear lots of wonderful things about her from you and others who did. I am so sorry to hear that she was sick for several years and know how that must have broken your heart.
I have such fond memories of my time at Catawba and remember how amazed I always was by your talent.
Much love to your and your family.
God Bless
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“ *Parkie and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know she had a full and amazing life.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathryn
Youngberg##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to James "Parkie" Parker and all of
Margaret Elizabeth Parker's family and friends!##imported-
begin##Rebecca Taft Fecher##imported-end##*

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“ *Betty was a wonderful wife to James Parker and she will be missed
greatly. All my love to the Parker's for their loss.*

Love,

Meghan Klein##imported-begin##Meghan Klein##imported-end##

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