Bond Memorial Chapel

1098 Weston Drive

*Mt. Juliet, TN*

**Elsie Marie Jefferson Parker (Elsie J. Parker)** left this world on Friday August 16, 2024, after a long battle with Dementia and a final short battle with Brain Cancer.  She was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend.  She cared for her husband and then her mother who were sick and preceded her in death. Before Dementia took her independence in early 2013, she lived life to the fullest, working a full-time job in her younger years and then traveling and enjoying her family in later years before devoting her life to caring for her late father who suffered from Dementia before she did.  She was a force to be reckoned with and her verve for life was immense.  She embraced it fiercely.  She always took the opportunity to help people who were not as fortunate as she was, and she would have given the clothes off her back to someone in need if she thought it would help them.  She loved animals immensely and often said that she preferred them over some people. She loved her only child as much as any human can love another and then some. She was strong as an oak and as stubborn as a mule and had an engaging sense of humor and sly wit. She entertained people with her uncensored personality and honesty, basically having “no filter” in her verbal delivery, which endeared her to everyone.  It was indeed “her way or the highway,” which her family fondly remarked about her.

Born May 24, 1937, in Pitt County, North Carolina, Mrs. Parker lived in Washington, North Carolina before moving to Mt Juliet, Tennessee in 2004 to be close to her daughter and son-in-law.

She is survived by her only child Vanessa Parker-Davis (Dr. Peter Davis) and her brother Linwood B. Jefferson (wife - Thelma Jefferson) and was preceded in death by her husband Jack C. Parker, Jr., (mother) Bertha H. Jefferson, (father) Millard Allen Jefferson and (sister) Barbara J. Alligood (husband - James Alligood, also deceased).

A celebration of life will be held on September 24, 2024, at 3:00pm CT at Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 455 Broadmoor Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to <https://truerescue.org/> (cat rescue) and <https://ofsds.org/> (senior dog rescue) both in Mt Juliet, Tennessee, in honor of Mrs. Parker’s love of animals.