



## Ronald Parker

June 18, 1964 - February 28, 2025

Dateline: Sparta, IL

Ronald L. Parker, 60, died at 5:29 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025. He was born June 18, 1964 in Alton, the son of the late Griffin Parker and Esther (Basden) Parker of Alton. He formally worked as a mechanic with Boral Power Plant in Marissa, IL. Ron enjoyed fast cars and fast boats. Besides his mother he is survived by one daughter, Emme Murphy (Josh) of East Alton one grandchild, Jaydin Murphy, three sisters, Cheryl Kappler (Mike) of Bethalto, Peggy Farrow of Brighton, Sheila Lanham (Rob) of Alton and two brothers, Ralph Parker (Sandy) of Alton and Bobby Parker of Alton. Besides his father he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Russell and Lucille Parker and Jim and Lena Basden, a brother-in-law, Jim Farrow, a nephew, Jimmy Schneider, aunts and uncles, Merle and Marcella Parker, Kay and Pat Paddock and Marilyn and Dan Brown. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 5, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



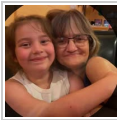
“ Rhonda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Parker.

Rhonda J. - March 05, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ Ron always had a smile and a great laugh! He loved the river. I'm sorry for your loss.

Penny Mautino - March 05, 2025 at 11:19 AM



Thank you! we are gonna miss him very much

Sheila Parker Lanham - March 07, 2025 at 12:50 AM



“ From : The Merle Parker Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Parker.



From : The Merle Parker Family - March 04, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Parker.



March 04, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Parker.

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“ Ron was an amazing man and friend to me. He taught me so much about working on my own vehicles. He was always kind and loving and had a following wherever he went. I love his Mom and brother too. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones. I'm heartbroken. I just talked to him on the phone, it doesn't seem real. Mrs. Parker and Bobby get a hold of me if you need anything. I cannot make the funeral it's too far to make a round trip for me. All my prayers and love goes out for you.



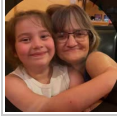
Ketra Howard - March 04, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ I met the Parker Family When I was in Grade School The lived across the street from My Grandparents's Fred & Margaret Vahle. Ron was a lil older than myself He was always Nice to me 🌹 I Just want the Parker Family & Ron's Whole Family To You Are All In My Forever Prayers 🙏🌹



Tammie Vahle Brenner - March 03, 2025 at 01:19 AM



*Thank you Tammie we are Are really gonna miss Ron.❤️*

**Sheila Parker Lanham** - March 07, 2025 at 01:11 AM

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*“ Ronnie, I remember growing up with you in our neighborhood in Alton. You were always the "cool"one with the fast cars and pretty women. You will be awfully missed by everyone. One story I would like to share is when I was in our living room and you used to go down the street, my mom would always say 'There goes Jesus Christ" because of your long, flowing hair. Please be good as I know you will be in heaven and save some women up there for me. R.I.P. Ronnie and I hope we meet again up in heaven.*

**Bill Sewell** - March 02, 2025 at 07:17 PM



*“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Parker.*



March 01, 2025 at 09:52 PM



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