



William Gary Parks

September 11, 1945 - January 20, 2010

William Gary Parks “Bill the Painter” of Rock Hall, MD died on January 20, 2010 at his home. He was 64.

Born on September 11, 1945 in Baltimore, he was the son of the late, Thomas Parks and Emma McGraph. William moved to Kent County in the 1950’s where he lived with his Aunt Grace and Uncle Avery Ashley. He then moved to Baltimore to work for UMBC college and then back to Rock Hall in 1990 with his wife, Theresa Parks and five daughters. William worked for different companies, including Washington College, before working on his own. He painted many historic homes in Chestertown, including the town hall, the police department and many other homes in the area. Bill’s passion was for painting, which he did for 51 years. He loved what he did and he enjoyed every bit of it. His job helped him meet many people and he established many friendships through his work. Bill loved being with his grandchildren and family when he wasn’t working. When he had a “couple extra dollars,” he enjoyed going to Dover Downs. He enjoyed watching the Ravens play and even went to his first Ravens game last year.

He is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Parks; children, William Parks of Baltimore, MD, Mary Adams of Hurlock, MD, Dawn Parks of Rock Hall, MD, Cindy Parks of Rock Hall, MD, Jennifer Parks of Rock Hall, MD, April Parks of Chestertown, MD and Kelly Parks of Chestertown, MD; grandchildren,

Michael Baumann, Abby Mench, Dakota White, Emma Parks, William Colon Parks, Shauna Rush, Camren Rush, Ashley Vandruff, Luis Colon Perez, Scott Rush, Tony Parks, Lupita Parks, Paco Parks, Isabella Parks, Natalie Kristen and Byron Nicolas. Also survived by a great grandson in Penningtongap, VA ; two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held on Sunday January 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home; where friends and family may call from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family will be accepting contributions through Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620.

Interment will be held privately.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620. 410-778-0055.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Gary Parks* ”



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“ *William Gary Parks* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Gary Parks* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Gary Parks* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I wished that I got to tell you how much I loved you before you passed away. I know that you knew we all loved you very much, but I still wish I could have told you. You have definatley left an emptiness in my heart, that will never be filled by another. I wish there was a way I could have one more touch of your hand or feel your arms around me hugging me tight, I long to hear your voice, even if it is to tell me what I am doing wrong. My heart aches to see your smile and hear that distinct laugh that you have. Daddy I miss you so much. I will do all that I can to take care of mommy and my little sisters. Always and forever your daughter Dawn###imported-begin##Dawn###imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ Dad

Although your gone your never going to be away from my side i will talk to you and still tell you how my day was and how im feeling. Im just so glad i had 27 wonderful years with you and i have so many fun memories i just wished when you started to talk about you passing away i would of lisened but i always hearded you telling me to take care of mommy and my sisters and i will do that the best way possible. I will always be your little girl and you will always be my awesome father i love you dad and will miss you very much###imported-begin##april###imported-end##

January 27, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ HEY BABE YOU WERE THE CENTER OF MY LIFE MY DEAREST FRIEND AND LOVE THERE COULD BE. I LOOKED IN TO YOUR EYES AND FOUND MY SOUL MATE.I BELIVE IN LOVE UNENDING AND FELT THE DEEPEST LOVE I;VE EVER KNOWN.FOR THE LOVE WE SHARED WILL CONTINUE TO GO ON IN ME AND OUR DAUGHTERS.YOU KNOW WE ALL SHARED THAT SPECIAL BOND WITH EACH OTHER.YOU WERE MINE AND WILL ALWAYS BE MINE YOUR LOVE WAS THE RAINBOWTHAT FILLED MY HEART WITH SUNSHINE AND MY LIFE WITH ALL HE LOVE I NEEDED.IM PROUD TO SAY I LOVE YOU.I CANT STOP LOVING YOU.YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY PRINCE CHARMING MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR YOU WERE MY WORLD.TRUE LOVE NEVER DIES.BUT WHAT HURTS THE MOST NO MORE 3TO 5 PHONE CALLSA DAYFROM YOU.YOU NOT WALKING IN THE DOOR TELLING ME ABOUT YOUR DAY.THANK YOU FOR THE RAINBOW OVER THE HOUSE FRIDAY.I KNOW YOU PAINTED THAT FOR ME BECAUSE IT WAS A CLOUDY DAY.I LOVE YOU MY DARLING REST IN PEACE ME.##imported-begin##theresa##imported-end##

January 23, 2010 at 11:01 PM



“ Uncle Bill,

All my memories will burn bright in my thoughts and in my heart. You were 1 of a kind. I choose not to think of you as being truly gone - because your not. Your memory will live on. You and Aunt Theresa gave me alot of summers with the girls - Whether or not you could afford me being there - I learned alot, weeding that little garden was fun and playing in the corn field was a thrill - Now, the GOAT chasing Kelly PRICELESS, I wish I could have seen her face.

I really admired the simple life that you and Aunt Theresa had. You two rubbed 2 nickles together and came up with 2 rows of corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, I don't remember what else, I can go on and on -

I just looked back and realized that my memories with the Parks are amazing adventures that I wouldn't have had without a twist of Uncle Bill and a dash of Aunt Theresa. You were a force to be reconned with! You still are I'm sure (I sit here with tears in my eyes and a smile on my face) my childhood was grander than I recenty thought, Thanks - I Love you Diane I'll miss you R.I.P.##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

January 23, 2010 at 07:29 PM



“ Uncle Bill, you meant so much to me. you made me happy. I had so much fun with you. I will miss you. love Anna##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

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“ Bill, you will be greatly missed by me. Words can't express how I feel. I'm at loss as well as my sister and my nieces. My heart goes out to them. You were a good hearted person and you will remain deep in my heart. I LOVE YOU, your sisten-n-law MARY.##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

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“ I didnt know him for too long but the time that I did know him he made me feel like I was one of his very own grandkids he was very sweet and funny always made me laugh when he took me to school he would tell me stories about when he was growing up and gave me advice on driving, boys (ha ha), school, and to stick up for myself and to never let anybody push me around and I will always have those memories with me- Ashley##imported-begin##Ashley##imported-end##

January 23, 2010 at 05:28 PM



“ He was a great pop-pop. He was funny,smart,and I am and always will be his little princess . He said he was going to buy me a horse but he never got the chance to but I know that if he was ever able to he would have because he would do anything to put a smile on my face. I like how he would let me paint with him , and he said I was his little painter. - Abby (your little princess)##imported-begin##Ashley##imported-end##

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“ *Uncle Bill we are going to miss you so much you were liked by everyone I liked that you could make anyone smile you were such a happy person all the kids loved you and you loved the kids I am so glad I had you as my uncle we will cherish all the memories we have of you and you will always live on in our hearts we will never forget you not even for one second of any day we love you and already miss you "RIP UNCLE BILL"###imported-begin##michelle kolb###imported-end##*

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