



Marilyn S. Parks

October 23, 1939 - October 19, 2023

Marilyn S. Parks, 83, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 10:13 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2023, at her home.

She was born October 23, 1939, in Benton, Illinois, the daughter of Curt and Jane (Keith) Scarborough. On June 20, 1959, in Benton, Illinois, she married Dr. Robert J. Parks, and he survives in Mt. Vernon.

Marilyn was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She was widely traveled, and was a voracious reader, and earned her Master's in Divinity in her early 70's. Marilyn was a "daughter of the soil," and loved Southern Illinois, where she was born, took root, and passed away. She loved her farm, and her animals, and especially loved dogs.

In addition to her husband of 64 years, Dr. Robert Parks, she is survived by one son, Philip Parks and wife Valerie (Smith) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; daughter, Dr. Jamie Leddin and husband, Dr. Patrick Leddin of Nashville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Brock Parks and wife Abby, Zach Parks and wife Elizabeth, Seth Parks and wife Lizbeth, Alex Daley and husband Kevin, Clay Leddin and fiancée Jess Sabo; seven great-grandchildren, Fin, Garon, Arlo, Emma, James, Santiago, and Clementine; and a brother, Curt Scarborough and wife Roni of St. Charles, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her father, Curt Scarborough; mother, Jane (Keith) Rednour; and step-father, A.G. Rednour.

Funeral services for Mrs. Parks will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, in Mt. Vernon. Burial will follow at

Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, October 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

19479 IL-37

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

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Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Doc and family,
I was a college BSU friend of Marilyn and also enjoyed staying at their farm a few years ago. She was such a kind and generous person. My prayers are with you as you travel the road of grief.
Sharon (Handling) Reynolds and husband Cal*

Sharon Reynolds - October 30, 2023 at 02:19 PM

GH

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE GIANT LOSS OF THE PARKS FAMILY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND THE FAMILY FIND PEACE KNOWING SE IS IN GODS TENDER HANDS. MAY THE LORD SHOWER YOU ALL WITH HIS BLESSINGS TO FIND PEACE WITHIN YOURSELVES. .

GINA HUIITE - October 31, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn S. Parks.*

October 23, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn S. Parks.*



October 23, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Marilyn was a very special lady. She always made us feel so welcome and special. We are thankful that we had a chance to get to know her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family during this time. We send our love, the Popet family.

Ruben Popet - October 23, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn S. Parks.



October 23, 2023 at 10:20 AM



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

October 23, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ We are in St. Louis for surgery so will not get to see all of you but want you to know we love Marilyn and she will be so missed. Jerry & Joyce Harpole

Joyce Harpole - October 21, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ My condolences to Doc & all her beautiful family. She was a mentor to me & facilitated a great Sunday School class & a Bible study group. She loved the Lord above all else & always gave Christ the glory in all she was able to do ❤️❤️

Kathleen S Jones - October 20, 2023 at 03:51 PM

MS

Such a beautiful soul. Her love of her fellow man was in evidence by her doing and showing her care. Her smile lit up the room. Her love of southern Illinois showed in her effort to protect its history. My condolences to Dr Parks and the family.

Marilyn Stombaugh - October 20, 2023 at 06:36 PM

BP

My prayers are with you and your family Dr Parks. She took the heaven express of that I'm sure!

Beth Phelps - October 20, 2023 at 08:41 PM

LW

*Our love goes out to the Parks family. We loved her and enjoyed her Bible studies class on Thursday evenings. We will miss her but she's dancing in Heaven.
Stephen and Linda Warren*

Linda Warren - October 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM