



## Ernest R. Parker

November 18, 1931 - April 22, 2025

With great sadness, we announce the recent passing of Ernest Richard Parker, of Orlando, FL, who passed away peacefully on April 22, 2025, at 93.

Born November 18, 1931, in Islington, London, England, Ernie lived a life defined by service, strength, and steadfast love for his family. He served honorably in the British Army's Royal Corps of Signals for 24 years, spending most of his career in Paris, Cyprus, and Belgium before retiring with the rank of Sergeant.

After retiring from military service in 1971, Ernie made a life-changing decision to immigrate to the United States with his family, moving to Connecticut. He eventually settled in Florida in 1979, making Florida his home. Once in the United States, Ernie embarked on a successful business career, which offered him the opportunity to travel the world. Known for his leadership, humility, and deep sense of duty, he left a legacy in both military and civilian life.

Ernie built a life grounded in family, community, and his church (Incarnation Catholic Church), where his faith and generosity left a lasting impact. Known affectionately as "Mr. Bingo," Ernie founded the church's Bingo night, creating a tradition that raised funds for the church and school. He also served faithfully as an Acolyte, Junior Warden, and assistant to Bishop Lou Campese, becoming a cornerstone of the parish community. His British charm, calm

demeanor, and warm sense of humor endeared him to everyone he met.

A passionate football (soccer in the US) supporter, Ernie was a lifelong and proud fan of Arsenal Football Club – a true Gooner through and through. His love for the sport extended beyond the stands; as a FIFA Certified referee, he refereed matches throughout his military career and for his son's youth soccer team. Whether on the pitch or cheering from home, his enthusiasm was contagious and enduring. He also found great joy in golf — whether playing a round with family and friends, watching the majors, or perfecting his swing on the golf course. It was more than a pastime; it was a peaceful retreat, a way to bond with family and friends, and a lifelong passion that brought him joy.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy M. Parker; his children, Lois Parker, Michael Parker (Robin), Martin Parker (Monica), Richard Parker (Dana); stepchildren, Albert Kaidor, Jr. (Michelle), David Kaidor, Susan Kaidor-Salyers (M. Shawn). He is also survived by his brothers, John Parker (Dawn) and David Parker (Lyn). He was a proud grandfather to 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest W. Parker (stepmother Edith), his mother, Grace Ivy Matilda Jessop, and his siblings Grace Parker, Ronald (Ron) Parker, Frederick (Fred) Parker, Joyce Daly, Olive McDonald, Diana Taylor, and William (Billy) Parker.

A service will be held at the Incarnation Catholic Church, 1515 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804, with a reception being held after the service at Chapel & Cellar, 216 W. Lyman Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Ernie's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

Incarnation Catholic Church  
1515 Edgewater Dr  
Orlando, FL 32804-5818  
(407) 843-2886

# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh uncle Ernie, I only actually met you a few times due to the distance, however that was enough for you to be a once met never forgotten kind of man... I will never forget when we came over to the US and we met up with you Auntie Dotty, Auntie Di & Jim... You ALWAYS had us all absolutely belly laughing with your wicked sense of humour. Mocking auntie Di and her taking off her shoe and threatening to beat you with it in the Chinese restaurant if you didn't stop 😂 I'll never forget the look of love between you and Auntie Dotty. A lovely you rarely find nowadays. If I can have a lasting relationship like that then I have already won in life. My Dad always spoke so highly of you and if deeply saddened at your passing. Fly high uncle Ernie and carry on winding up auntie Di up there as I'm sure you will!! I hope your reunion with you siblings is a pleasant one. Until we meet again my dear Uncle Ernie. Rest in perfect paradise ❤️❤️xxxx

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**Chelsea Parker (John & Dawn's Daughter)** - May 12, 2025 at 08:47 AM

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*Lovely words Baby Girl xx*

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**Dawn Parker** - May 13, 2025 at 05:09 PM