



Ivolyn Edna Davidson

May 7, 1938 - August 4, 2016

Ivy's Life

Ivolyn "Ivy" Edna Parker Davidson, age 78, lived in Orlando, Florida. She passed away on Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at 6:04 AM while recovering from a lengthy illness. She died of heart failure, during hospital rehabilitation, in the early morning hours as she was sleeping peacefully.

Ivy was born on Saturday, May 7, 1938 at 10:30 AM in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the 6th of 7 children born to Ivory Lee Parker and Edna Viola Johnson Parker. Ivy had 2 brothers and 4 sisters: David, Olive, Elma, Phyllis, Nolya and Robert.

Ivy was married on Friday, May 10, 1957 to John MacWard Davidson, "Dimples", in Baltimore Maryland.

Ivy is survived by 4 of her 5 children:

Jolyn Davidson Marlatt and husband Craig Marlatt
John Lee Davidson and wife Barbara Cook Davidson
Jennifer Davidson Sison and husband Robert Sison
Jeneice Davidson Mozisek and husband Douglas Mozisek

Ivy had 8 Grandchildren:

Daniel Marlatt, Julia Marlatt Martinez, Kristy Marlatt Smoot, Jonathan Marlatt, Jacob Davidson, Jessica Sison Peterson, Joslin Sison, and Tony Mozisek

Ivy had 12 Great Grandchildren:

Elian Martinez, Adriel Martinez, Paris Martinez, Javon Marlatt, Cedrick Marlatt, Damion Marlatt, Kyla Smoot, Keithen Smoot, Zarah Smoot (deceased), Zailee Davidson, Dominic Davidson, and Rose Marlatt with one more due in February 2017

Ivolyn's Early Life:

Even as a young girl, music played a major role in Ivy's life. On Saturdays Ivy and her 2 sisters Elma and Phyllis would sing live on Baltimore radio station WCBM. They regularly appeared on several local television shows in Baltimore. Shows like: 'The Hugh's Hour', 'You Said It', 'The Eskimo Club', and 'High Time'. They also sang for the USO, Military and Government programs, churches and social organizations like Elks, Moose and Shriner's.

Ivy excelled in school. From 1953-1956, she was involved with Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y, school theatre groups, choir, and Future Teachers of America. She was Secretary of the Students Association and of her graduating class. Ivy received the prestigious Arion Music Award for the state of Maryland. This was awarded to junior and senior class members chosen by their school for outstanding achievement in band, orchestra or chorus. She also received a Senatorial Scholarship to the Peabody Institute.

Although Ivy sang professionally with 'The Parker Sisters' during most of her school years, it was while working for the Martin company in Baltimore that she met her husband to be John "Dimples" Davidson and, as Ivy often said,

instantly fell in love.

During that same time Ivy received a call to audition for 'The DeMarco Sisters' and quickly rushed off to New York for the audition. Other singers from groups like 'The Chordettes', 'The McGuire Sisters' and the 'Pied Pipers' were also invited to audition for the same job as a fifth member of 'The DeMarco Sisters'. During the auditions, Ivy received a call from Gloria DeMarco who let her know that she had been chosen to join the group. She quickly returned to Baltimore, packed her things, and the following morning she took the train to New Jersey to begin singing with 'The DeMarco Sisters'. John was supposed to meet her at the train but had an auto accident and never made it. After she arrived in New Jersey, the DeMarco's whisked her off at midnight to a salon to have her hair cut and dyed black. Around 3 AM it was off to New York to buy gowns, shoes, and jewelry, from Macy's and Sears, for the new gig with the DeMarco's. Later that same day they were in studio learning choreography and music for 20 different songs in five-part harmony. It was a seven-day crash course before taking the stage with 'The DeMarco sisters'. The world-renowned Guy Lombardo also heard Ivy singing at that time and offered her a job singing with his orchestra as a songstress but Ivy did not take him up on the offer. There were other opportunities coming in for possible leads and dancing contracts at that time.

While singing at the Chantilly Club, John and 2 other suitors showed up. Ivy had an interesting time keeping them separated at different tables but her heart was drawn to John, and on May 10, 1957 at 7 PM they had a candlelight wedding ceremony and their journey together began.

Their love for each other was more important than their ambitions. They joined their lives together, "Because some lives have to be shared and enjoyed as only two people truly in love can do." Letter from John, March 3, 1957

Their Family

Ivy and John Davidson began their married life living in Dundalk, Maryland. Neither of them wanted to live in Baltimore so they moved to Orlando and bought a home on Drexel Avenue.

Their 1st child, Jolyn Marie, was born on Wednesday, July 16, 1958 in Orlando, FL at Orange Memorial Hospital. John was also a licensed pilot and when Jolyn was just 3 months old John flew his new family to Baltimore for a visit with the relatives.

One year later on Saturday, September 5, 1959 their 2nd child John Lee was born in Orlando, FL at Orange Memorial Hospital. John's father had always said that they would have a son with blue eyes and would have to name him John. At a very young age John Junior learned to say 'please' and 'thank you' and the family members thought it was so adorable and would always ask him to say it.

In 1960 their 3rd child, Jeff Holland, was an unexpected tubal pregnancy. Though they were not able to enjoy him here on earth, they are delighting in their eternal reunion together in Heaven now!

On Saturday, September 23, 1961, Jennifer Gail was born in Baltimore, MD at John Hopkins Medical Center Women's Division. Ivy had summoned to court to speak on behalf of her father and, due to unexpected complications, she could not return home before giving birth. All were very surprised she was born with birth defects to her right foot and leg. However, God has used this for His glory both medically and spiritually. Her many surgeries both as a young child and later in life would help doctors develop new surgical methods

that have since been used worldwide to save limbs and expand medical knowledge in this area.

“Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” John 9:3

Last but not least (depending on who you ask) on Monday, February 23, 1970 Jeneice Diane was born in Orlando, FL at Orange Memorial Hospital. Little Johnny was hoping for a brother and upon learning it was ANOTHER SISTER he ran into the bathroom at the Royal Castle restaurant and cried. However, as the years rolled along, Jeneice excelled in sports like football, baseball, basketball, and anything but dolls, lace or feminine frills. As John put it “Johnny got a brother; the plumbing was just different.” They both bled Orange and Blue...Chomp, Chomp!

Miscellaneous Information

Places Ivy worked:

Martian Company, Cherry Plaza, Mr. Dounut, Ronnies, Showalter Flying Service, McDonalds, and a substitute teacher for challenged kids

Singing Groups Ivy participated in:

The Parker Sisters

The DeMarco Sisters

The Harmonettes

The Davidson Family

Various Church Choirs

Wade n Ivy

Ray and Ivy

Acknowledgments

Ivolyne Edna Parker Davidson accomplished many things for a woman of her time. Her greatest experience happened at an Oliver B. Green evangelistic tent meeting in Orlando, Florida. He spoke on the topic: What must I give up to follow Jesus? On that day Ivy surrendered her ambitions and accomplishments and laid them at the foot of the cross. Both John and Ivy raised their children with the truth of the love of Jesus and the salvation He has provided for all on the Cross of Calvary.

Because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the family continues to live out a legacy of free-will faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This legacy has continued from generation to generation, past, present, and future.

PRAISE GOD!

“It is finished” John 19:30

Tribute Wall



“ Thinking about you today grandma! I love you.

Tony D Mozisek - June 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Jolyn Marlatt lit a candle in memory of Ivolyn Edna Davidson



Jolyn Marlatt - March 09, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Ivolyn Meadows lit a candle in memory of Ivolyn Edna Davidson



Ivolyn Meadows - December 16, 2018 at 06:44 PM



Ivolyn Parker and I did not know each other but her and my brother (Maberon Meadows) went to HS together. My brother and I are 17 years apart so he was in HS when my mom was preg with me. I was suppose to be named after my grandmother until Maberon asked mom if she liked the name Ivolyn and she did so here i am Ivolyn Meadows. I wish I knew her last name years ago I would had searched her long before this weekend. After I read her obit and seen what kind of person she was I am glad that my brother chose her for me to share the same name. So sorry for your loss.

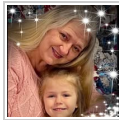
Ivolyn Inez Meadows - December 16, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ Jennifer Davidson-Sison sent a virtual gift in memory of Ivolyn Edna Davidson



Jennifer Davidson-Sison - September 12, 2016 at 12:43 AM



Thank You Mom and Dad for helping me to know JESUS as my LORD, SAVIOR and FRIEND. There is nothing more important in life than that!!!

I am forever grateful that you taught me and my siblings, God's Word. I pray I continue to leave that very same legacy of truth and love to my daughters, grand daughter and any yet to come for generations and generations, and generations, In JESUS NAME!!!

You gave me the best and most important gift you shared JESUS with ME <3 <3 <3

LOVE ALWAYS

YOUR GOLDEN ONE ... JENNIFER GAIL <3

Jennifer Davidson-Sison - September 12, 2016 at 12:52 AM



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jennifer sison - September 08, 2016 at 01:48 PM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a beautiful life she lived and she was so lovely! So glad you were all such a close knit, loving family. I'm glad you have such wonderful memories of her -- those will be with you always.*

*Love,
Christie*



Christie Driscoll - September 06, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JS

Thank You beautiful Christie! I love you and so appreciate your prayers and love💕

jennifer sison - September 08, 2016 at 07:33 AM

DC

“ *Jennifer and family. Your mom was the sweetest mom that I knew growing up. She was always there for you all and always devoted. I know she will be waiting for you at the gates of heaven with open arms. Love you all. God bless.*

Desiree Castellano - August 29, 2016 at 09:00 PM



Thank YOU Desiree <3 I'm so glad we grew up together! Your dad was always so kind to me and I enjoyed him greatly!!! We both were blessed with great parents. LOVE YOU <3

Jennifer Davidson-Sison - September 02, 2016 at 09:21 PM

JS

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jennifer sison - August 26, 2016 at 07:50 PM



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Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 26, 2016 at 06:17 PM



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Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 26, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ Jennifer Davidson-Sison sent a virtual gift in memory of Ivolyyn Edna Davidson



Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 26, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *Jennifer Davidson-Sison lit a candle in memory of Ivolyyn Edna Davidson*



Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 26, 2016 at 05:50 PM




“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ivolyyn Edna Davidson.*



August 22, 2016 at 11:03 PM

JM

“ With all my heart I wish I could take a peek and see you in heaven...the wondrous things that God said to you....to see you young and full of life ...you meeting all these you dearly loved and often spoke about....you mom and familyour precious brother whom has been waiting to meet his mother for the first time...to able to see you and our father ...who knew you were coming....to know all you believed is true and God gave you amazing treasures as you sacrificed so much for so many....your love was easy and always you ended a conversation with the words ...I love you.....now it is me whom may say I love you for the last conversation for now....my heart will sorely miss you for now but I am proud to say ...you were mom ..to me forever ...love you so much mom. You are amazing... And even more so now...no more suffering and pain....you are whole and I know where ever there is singing in heaven ..your there singing...have ana amazing eternity ...I celebrate your wonderful new life...thank you mom for everything... Thank you for your for love of God... It transformed my life ...to God be the glory...it is finished. 

Jolyn marlatt - August 12, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ My Mom never knew a stranger and was always giving her time and money to those in need. My dad always said it would not do her any good to be a millionaire because she would just give it away, and he was right. She taught me to love people where they are, help in whatever capacity I can and to love Jesus above all else. Thank you Mom for your unconditional love, guidance and for your constant support in whatever endeavor I was involved in. I miss you and look forward to our forever reunion in heaven... Love you mama!!

Jeneice Mozisek - August 11, 2016 at 01:25 PM

LC

She always greeted everyone with the biggest smile! She was a blessing to all who met her!

Lillian Cruz - August 11, 2016 at 03:08 PM

MP

Always had a sweet smile on her face and she was full of love

Maria Parker - August 11, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ *It has been an incredible 38 years having Ivy as my friend and mother-in-law. She was a real giver with few boundaries that she wouldn't cross to help someone in need. She always managed to have a friendly heart and attitude in spite of the intense physical battles she often had to fight along the way. Even when she was at her worst medically or health wise, she always had a smile for anyone who needed it.*

Ivy was one of the most naturally gifted singers I have ever known. At the drop of any hat her and her sisters or children could jump into singing perfect and beautiful harmonies effortlessly. And that has trickled down through the generations to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. And she had a tremendous love and respect for all kinds of music and for musicians as well.

God has made some incredible people for this world we live in and Ivy was certainly one of the most incredible. She could have had great fame and fortune if she wanted to but instead chose to fall in love with a man, have a family and raise them in the love of Christ. In the end those are the things that really matter.

Being Ivy Davidson was always who she was regardless of how she felt or who she was with. For her, life wasn't about chasing money or fame. It was about helping those around her feel better about life and about themselves. For this gift I will always be grateful. This is how I will remember you Ivy. See you again soon Ivy. . .

Craig Marlatt

Craig Marlatt - August 11, 2016 at 11:16 AM



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Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 11, 2016 at 10:40 AM



*I LOVE YOU MOMMY and MISS YOU
But I know it is only for a short while :)*

Jennifer Davidson-Sison - August 11, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Ivy



Todd DeGusipe - August 11, 2016 at 08:44 AM