



## Franklin Parks

August 13, 1955 - June 3, 2021

Franklin (Frank) McKinley Parks age 65 of Denton (Burrsville), Maryland passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center, Laurel, Maryland due to complications caused by COVID.

He was born on August 13, 1955 in Easton, MD; the son of William & Frances Parks. Frank moved to the eastern shore of Maryland when he was 13 years old and met the girl (Mildred Downes) that unbeknownst to him in 4 years would become the love of his life. They have shared many happy years together as husband and wife.

Frank was a student at North Caroline High School, class of 1974. He was a hard-working man, making sure he could always provide for his wife and daughter. He worked for Nanticoke Homes in Greenwood, DE for 19 years starting out as a van man on the field crew and working his way up to a “cushy” supervisor position riding around checking lots, etc. in an air-conditioned car all day. He decided it was time for a change and worked for a year or so at Mitchell’s junkyard in Greensboro. Then he made up his mind he was going to work for the State of Maryland. This led him down the path to, almost 27 years with the Maryland State Highway Administration. Starting at entry level working in the Denton shop and later transferring to the Chestertown shop. He found that he had a knack for teaching others and relocated to the Office of Maintenance in Hanover, where he performed training & certification of state employees, assisting them to become certified

in the District & shops within the State SHA, as Operator I, II and III's. He worked at both the Salisbury and Cambridge shops as the Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer and would have been retiring from the Salisbury location. He often spoke of how many great people he met along the way. Frank had many passions and talents; he loved spending quality time with his family and friends, as well as drag racing and hunting. He was very proud of his family and enjoyed all the get-togethers and outings that they shared. He loved his weekly trips to Helen's Sausage and the Chestertown junkyard, with his grandson Wyatt, which resulted in too many bicycles. Anyone who knows him knows that most evenings he could be found tinkering in his garage. It gave him great pleasure to be able to spend time with his family racing at the U.S. 13 Dragway where he was known by all as the Burrsville Bandit, and once hunting season began he could be found down at the farm.

He was preceded in death by his father, William M. Parks.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mildred Parks, daughter, Frannie Parks (Eric) of Houston, DE, daughter-at-heart Dana Webber of Harrington, DE, grandchildren, Wyatt Wright, Melissa Darby and Michael Darby. He is also survived by his mother, Frances Parks, mother-in-law, Louise Downes and his siblings, John Parks (Annie), Teresa Messick (Lee), Ricky Parks (Sherry), Kevin Parks (Dawn), Linda Pinder (Butch), Arlene Smith (Al), Cathy Schaake (Rick), Buddy Downes (in-law) and Debbie Steele (in-law), along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will be held Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 7-9 pm at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home 106 W. Sunset Ave Greensboro, MD. Services will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 12 pm also at the Funeral Home.

Interment will follow the service in Greenmount Cemetery in Hillsboro, MD.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Visitation

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Funeral

JUN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Interment

JUN 11 (ET)

Greenmount Cemetery  
Hillsboro, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Parks*



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - June 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Franklin Parks*

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October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Franklin Parks*

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October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM

TB

“ To the Parks family, my sincere condolences and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Frannie so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, So sorry, I couldn't make this viewing but I had my brother Curt there for me too.

*Girl, I so remember us playing softball how both your parents were always there supporting us!! Miss those days girlie!! I know you all are going to miss him here but trust me he there in spirit and in heaven a beautiful place where we will all soon be!!! Sending lots of love to all of you!!!*

*Terri Wells, aka: Theresa Baker*

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**Theresa Baker** - June 14, 2021 at 02:14 PM

RV

“ Rodger & Tricia Vogel lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks



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**Rodger & Tricia Vogel** - June 11, 2021 at 09:18 AM

TF

“ The Christopher Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Franklin Parks.



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**The Christopher Family** - June 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



June 09, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ Aunt Fay and Bunkey purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Franklin Parks.



**Aunt Fay and Bunkey** - June 09, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



June 09, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



June 08, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Karen Donton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Franklin Parks.



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**Karen Donton** - June 08, 2021 at 04:58 PM

VJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I knew Millie and Frank in high school. So many memories of the two of them. Our daughters were friends through elementary school and in Brownies before they moved away. And I'm sorry to say, that moving away, as it does to a lot of us, causes us to lose touch with each other except for the occasional class reunion.

*I know this is a devastating loss for all who loved him. He was a great guy. A big smile always present on his face when he met you. He will be gravely missed by many.*

*Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Victoria D, Vonville*

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**VICTORIA D Jones** - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 PM

LM

*Prayers go to the family Frank was a good freind of mine we raced down together n against each other Frank was always the same with that big smile 😊 I will surely miss my good freind Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Larry Bordley of Preston Md/SHA** - June 09, 2021 at 12:56 PM

KL

“ Dear Frannie and family

*I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

*God Bless.*

*Karen Lazar*

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**Karen Lazar** - June 08, 2021 at 10:50 AM

LM

“ *I am very grateful for having had the pleasure of working alongside Frank, at Nanticoke Homes for many years. Always had that smile, and positive attitude. Glad I always got along with him, because he was as strong as a grizzly bear, but not a mean bone in his body. He will certainly be missed by all who know him. My deepest sympathy to all of Frank's family members.*

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**Leon Miller** - June 08, 2021 at 10:10 AM

LP

“ *Love, Jimmy & Denise Cooper and Joe & Gloria Parks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Franklin Parks.*



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**Love, Jimmy & Denise Cooper and Joe & Gloria Parks** - June 07, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



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June 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



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June 07, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



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June 07, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.



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June 07, 2021 at 10:04 AM

RJ

“ Frank was a fine person and will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him. All of our sympathy and thoughts,  
Richard & Theresa Shelton

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**Richard Shelton Jr** - June 06, 2021 at 02:37 PM

RS

“ Richard & Theresa Shelton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Franklin Parks.



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**Richard & Theresa Shelton** - June 06, 2021 at 02:19 PM

DW

“ I had the honor of know one this man for 40 years. It was a true blessing the day him and his family moved to Burrsville and a greater blessing when he honored me by allowing me to call him Daddy Frank. After they moved there I learned that his wife Millie and my mom knew each other growing up so it was no surprise when their daughter and I became friends and later sisters for the family adopted me and I was called their second daughter. After my parents had my brother time with my father was limited but that was ok cause I had daddy Frank who continued to teach me along with his daughter that we need to be independent women and have mechanical knowledge was a plus and a must. Frannie and I spent many hours in his garage watching learning the master at work. Yeah we probably got in the way a time or two but he did not mind it. Frank was a family man he put their needs well above his and was so proud of each member from brother to mother to sister to father in laws cousins it did not matter but as many men of honor family and love he was always say his greatest accomplishment in life was wife Mildred Daughter Frannie and Grandson Wyatt. And I can safely say he will never be forgotten by any of them, nor by extended family Me. He was a man who knew no shame in a man he would do whatever he could whenever needed to help anyone who asked or his f he saw the need for his time knowledge or shirt off his back wether in her s community of Burrsville, at work or at the track it did not matter he was there. I love you And will forever make ss you Daddy Frank.

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Dana Webber - June 06, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SM

“ As the sun rises this white truck would be creeping in our lane and as the sun sets the same white truck would be creeping out our lane, many days the gentleman driving that truck always had a wave and a infectious smile.

*Frank always a welcome site. The reving up of the Burrsville Bandit will be so so missed. All the chats and memories of long ago nanticoke homes days on the porch.*

*Millie and Frannie and all of the Parks family thinking of you in this difficult time. RIP Frank. Will be sorely missed.*

*Sharon and Gary Marvel*



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**Sharon Marvel** - June 06, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JD

“ Many prayers Millie and Frannie and the Parks family. Love ya



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**Julie and James Downes** - June 05, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SI

“ Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Pastor George and Sandy

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**Simmons** - June 05, 2021 at 09:38 AM

NH

“ *What a Guy! I remember Frank the day he entered State Highway Shop Denton, MD, that Big Smile. Frank wanted to advance within the State Highway Administration but he knew he had to have that high school diploma. Frank began attending night school and achieved his diploma. On our awards day we surprised Frank with cap and gown and graduation ceremony with SHA Administrator presenting Frank with his diploma, "grown men do cry" tears of joy for Frank. To add to his story Frank advanced through the ranks of SHA. If you needed something done or he noticed you were down, Frank was there to support you and many times he did just that for me. He was a true Burrsville resident who put Burrsville on the map with his blue mustang "Burrsville Bandit" and did we on Legion Road hear the Bandit reviving up before race day.*

*Millie and Frannie he truly loved you. Than along came the Grandson what a proud GrandPop.*

*I am so sorry for your loss, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*We know he is watching over his family and the folks of Burrsville, Maryland*

*God Bless, Nancie Hall*

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**Nancie Lewis Hall** - June 05, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *I used to love going watching my cousin race. He was a great man and will surely be missed. So sorry Millie n Frannie for you're loss.*



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**Christopher Faulkner** - June 05, 2021 at 08:45 AM

DB

“ *Debra Bright lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks*



Debra Bright - June 05, 2021 at 08:06 AM

DB

“ *To the family of Frank Parks, I'm so sorry for your loss, prayers for comfort*



Debra Bright - June 05, 2021 at 07:53 AM

OS

“ *Oscar And Natalie Sommer lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks*



Oscar and Natalie Sommer - June 05, 2021 at 06:11 AM

DK

“ *Donna Ksenich lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks*



donna ksenich - June 05, 2021 at 01:11 AM

DK

“ *Millie and Frannie, I am so sorry for your loss, Let the good memories and fun times you've had comfort you, He will always be with you in your heart and memories, I pray God will Bless and Comfort you, Sincerely ,Donna (Thomas) Ksenich.*

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**donna ksenich** - June 05, 2021 at 01:09 AM

HM

“ *Millie. And family. Prayers for all of you and family. Hang. In there. Will get easier as*

*Time goes on!! Harold and Mom!*

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**Harold myers** - June 04, 2021 at 10:52 PM

EA

“ *Eleanor Allen lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks*



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**Eleanor Allen** - June 04, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franklin Parks.*



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June 04, 2021 at 08:45 PM

JC

“ Jimmy & Denise Cooper lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks



Jimmy & Denise Cooper - June 04, 2021 at 08:38 PM

PB

“ He was my neighbor for many many years ,, always would give a hand if u needed , you will be sadly missed .rip Frank



pauline brodie - June 04, 2021 at 08:35 PM

RM

“ I am sorry for your loss, sending prayers for you and your family.



Ruth Morris - June 04, 2021 at 08:08 PM

CP

“ So sorry to hear about Frank. A great person who will be missed by everyone that knew him. I know all of his racing friends at the US 13 Dragway, will surely miss competing against him. My heart and prayers go out to the family.

Carolyn "Blondie" Parsons



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Carolyn Parsons - June 04, 2021 at 06:54 PM

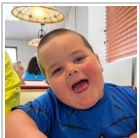
LM

“ Lori Middleton lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks



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Lori Middleton - June 04, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Peggy Fraser lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks



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Peggy Fraser - June 04, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JM

“ *Millie and Frannie, I am sorry for the loss of your Husband and your Dad. My prayers go out to you. Just remember he is always with you in your heart and he will always be watching over you. Hugs to you both.* ❤️ 🙏🙏



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**Joyce Mann** - June 04, 2021 at 06:22 PM

MS

“ *Mary Lee Sard lit a candle in memory of Franklin Parks*



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**Mary Lee Sard** - June 04, 2021 at 05:36 PM