Celebrating the Life of

Linda V. Parker

Sunrise
December 6, 1941

Sunset
November 9, 2026



Obituary

Linda Verline Parker was born December 6, 1941, in Hackensack, NJ. She was the only child of Reather Mae and Thomas Parker.

Her parents moved from North Carolina and Virginia to Hackensack, in search of a better life. They were surrounded by a large network of family and friends.

As a teen, the family relocated to Paterson, NJ where Linda attended and graduated from Central High School.

Linda was a very talented piano and organ player, and after completing High School, she played the piano and organ for various churches in the Paterson and Hackensack areas. By day, she was employed in the customer service industry, but once the sun went down, Linda could be found playing and singing in clubs and lounges, spreading joy to those who listened. She would later collaborate with Sylvia Robinson, the Moments, and also be at the burgeoning of what she referred to as " those kids making all that noise rapping" the Sugar Hill Gang.

Over the years, Linda gave birth to seven girls. Her parents supported her and she was able to continue playing and writing music. She even recorded a few records titled "I Thought it Was Me" and "Number One Fool".

Linda was an innovative person who had several business ventures, including a book that taught children how to read music, a photo puzzle business and LP Methods. She was outspoken, quick-witted, bold, ever loving and generous to a fault. Linda celebrated every major holiday, and loved to entertain family and friends, dishing out scrumptious meals and gifts.

She will be remembered for being a good mother and grandmother, a loyal friend, the life of the party, having the lucky numbers, being an open ear/door, having a free couch to sleep on, and for forcing you to eat, even if you were not hungry.

NO ONE COULD SPIN A STORY LIKE LINDA!

Linda was predeceased by her daughters; Andrea and Kim.

She is survived by her daughters; Cheryl, Jody, Debra, Laurie and Marcey (Henry), eighteen grandchildren; Lachea, Shana,Wayne, Thomas, Ashley, Nalijah, Jahniah, Nicholas, Isaiah, Randy, Shamarra, Brianna, Terrance, Romello, Jeremiah, Henry, Matthew, and Kenya, and a host of seventeen great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. relatives.

OUR FAMILY'S MATRIARCH WAS DEARLY LOVED AND WILL BE MISSED!

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Community Baptist Church

224 First Street, Englewood, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Lester Taylor, Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional of Clergy and Family

Invocation

Opening Hymn of Comfort/Solo

Old Testament Scripture ~ *Psalms 23*

New Testament Scripture ~ *First Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from friends, family, clergy

The Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

The Message of Hope
Rev. Dr. Lester Taylor

The Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Arlington Cemetery
748 Schuyler Ave.
Kearny, New Jersey

Repast
Elks Lodge 37 Linden Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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