



## Virgie Parrish

October 3, 1937 - December 2, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:  
VIRGIE PARRISH

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME  
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Born in Newbern, Tennessee on Tater Hill Road, Virgie was the seventh of eight children. At the time of her passing, she was 86 years old. Both of her children, all five of her grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter, were beside her as she peacefully departed this earth for her Heavenly home. Her parents, Gaines and Dollie Mae Johnston, preceded her in death, as well as her husband, Homer Quentin Parrish. Additionally, all seven siblings (Loyal Gray, Brite Johnston, Toy Norwood, Sweetie Richardson, Tincie Ferguson, Taylor Johnston, and Angel Cole) also passed before her. She is survived by both her daughter, Lynanne V. Parrish (Carbondale, IL) and her son, Jeffrey Q. Parrish (St. Louis, MO)., as well as five grandchildren (Tiffany L. Kesler (Waterloo, IL), Brooke A. Lott (Orlando, FL), Paxton Q. Parrish, Preston J. Parrish and Presley R. Parrish (St. Louis, MO), and great-grandchildren, Scarlett Lyn Kesler-Green, Myla N. Lott and Caiden J. Lott.

A beloved and retired Music and Art teacher, Mrs. Parrish retired in 1998 from

De Soto Grade School, where she taught for 39 years. Prior to that position, she taught at Cave-In-Rock, Lick Creek and Johnston City (all in Illinois). Upon retirement, Virgie continued to teach the gifted classes at De Soto Grade School, as well as give hundreds of children piano, vocal and instrumental lessons over the years. A highly accomplished individual, after graduating as Valedictorian of her high school class, she put herself through Bethel College in Tennessee. While working full-time, she earned dual B.S. degrees in both Music Education and Business Education, and she earned the title of Valedictorian of her graduating class.

Her knowledge and her talents expanded well beyond her formal education, as she believed one should continue to educate themselves throughout their lifetime. She began painting lessons, and that became one of her favorite hobbies. Virgie also had an extensive knowledge of politics, history, and world geography. She and her husband would revel in conversations on a nightly basis.

As a devout Christian, Virgie was an active member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, until its closure. She then became an active member of Grace Methodist Church in Carbondale. Her presence will be forever felt there; every life she touched has been blessed beyond measure. She was truly an angel on earth, who is now singing with the angels in Heaven.

Funeral Services for Virgie Parrish will be Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 10:00 am in Grace United Methodist Church in Carbondale with Pastor Marty McMichael. Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of love may be directed to Grace United

Methodist Church and will be accepted at the services.

# Cemetery Details

## Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (cst)

Grace United Methodist Church  
220 N Tower Rd  
Carbondale, IL 62901-1931  
(618) 457-8785

# Tribute Wall



“ I didn't know Mrs. Parrish, other than meeting her a few times. But I know she is much loved by the De Soto community. She was truly an inspiration and example for so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends and the community of students she shared her love of music with. May she rest in peace.

Susan Copeland - December 08, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Olivia F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Parrish.

Olivia F. - December 08, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the family loss. She was a awesome music teacher for me at DeSoto Grade school! R.I.P. Mrs Parrish!

Leann Dailey - December 06, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ The Delgado Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Parrish.

The Delgado Family - December 06, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.



December 06, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.*



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December 05, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Ron, Misty, and the girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Parrish.*

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**Ron, Misty, and the girls** - December 05, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Kevin Miller and Russ Clever planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Parrish.*

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**Kevin Miller and Russ Clever** - December 05, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.*



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December 05, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.*



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December 05, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.*



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December 04, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Kay and Ron Eckiss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Parrish.*

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**Kay and Ron Eckiss** - December 04, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virgie Parrish.*



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December 04, 2023 at 04:13 PM