

## *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude.....

Processional.....Minister & Family

Scripture.....Old & New Testament.....Pastor Carl Poythress Jr.

Prayer.....Pastor Carl Poythress Jr.

Selection.....Deandra Poythress

Acknowledgement/Resolutions.....

Reflections.....(Limit to one minute please)

Obituary.....June Parks

Selection.....Deandra Poythress

Eulogy.....Pastor Carl Poythress Jr.

Recessional.....

### *Interment:*

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery  
10175 Rawiga Rd  
Rittman, OH 44270



## *Obituary*

Richard M. Parks born July 2, 1958, to Isabelle Middlebrooks and Richard Harper in Oakwood Village, Ohio. He was the eldest of seven children.

Ricky graduated from John Adams High School where he was captain of the wrestling team and thee chess champion. Shortly after graduating from high school, Ricky joined the US Marines Corps, where he was a cook. Ricky served six years upon receiving his Honorable Discharge. Being an exemplary soldier he also received a good conduct medal; a service deployment ribbon and a Marksmanship badge for the M-16 rifle.

Ricky attended New Bethel AME Church as a child. He really appreciated spending quality time with family and friends at cookouts, family reunions and other family functions. He can be remembered as a loving son, brother, uncle and family member. His favorite saying was "Big Rick signing off".

Ricky departed this life on October 28, 2020. He was preceded in death by his sister, Angela Denise Parks and his stepfather, Edward Monroe Middlebrooks.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother: Isabelle Middlebrooks, father: Richard Harper, four brothers: Mark (Petrina), Michael (Bethany), Gary and Keith (Trevis), one sister; Loretta. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Humbly submitted  
The Family

### Foot Prints

One night a man had a dream . He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene were two sets of footprints in the sand. When the last scene of his life flashed before him., he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. That really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me" The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you".

### *Pallbearers*

Mark Parks   Michael Parks   Gary Parks  
Durvan Barrett   James Parks   Carson Canada  
Jameel Saleem

### Honorary Pallbearers

Damon Polk & Randy Perrian

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Richard M. Parks, thank everyone for your love and support shown to us during our hour of bereavement. May God bless each and everyone for you.

### Arrangements Entrusted To:

R. A. Prince Funeral Services  
16222 Broadway Avenue ♦ Maple Heights, Ohio 44137  
Phone: 216-518-1777 ♦ Fax: 216-518-1975  
raprince.com

## *In Loving Memory Of Richard M. Parks*



Our Gift  
July 2, 1958

God's Gift  
October 28, 2020

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Wake: 9:30 AM   Funeral: 10:00 AM

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Pastor Carl Poythress Jr., Officiating Minister  
Zayith Eduth Ministries