



## Ms. Letitia M. Parker

August 16, 1946 - December 19, 2024

Letitia Marie Parker, born Letitia Marie Williams to Jesse Alonzo Williams and Margaret Elizabeth (Burt) Williams on August 16, 1946, in Evanston, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the age of 78. She was preceded in death by her parents, a baby brother, Samuel; a son-in-law, James Beard; a niece, PreKenna Hunt; and two nephews, Charles Anthony Parker; and Bruce Dewitt Gordon.

Letitia grew up in Peoria, Illinois, and attended Douglas Elementary and Roosevelt Junior High School. She graduated from Manuel High School in 1964 and earned a Bachelor of Education from the University of Illinois in 1970. After teaching K-12 for many years, she pursued a Master's in Reading Therapy from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1984.

After retiring from the Kansas City Public School District, Letitia turned her focus to entrepreneurship. She founded a self-publishing business and became the owner of a vending machine service with up to 10 locations. Always eager to help others, she was an instrumental member of the American Black Women's Association, encouraging and supporting others in their professional and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Letitia married Colee Parker on August 12, 1972, and together they had two daughters. She was a devoted Christian, having accepted Jesus Christ as her

Savior under Elder Felton Beck in Peoria, and later deepened her faith at Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Kansas City, Missouri. Letitia was an active member of Mount Carmel Church of God in Christ in Kansas City, Kansas, where she served in various capacities, including Sunday School Teacher and Door Greeter, for over 40 years. She was also known for her daily prayer partnership with Mother Evelyn Fuller and her dedication to studying the word of God.

Letitia is survived by her loving husband, Colee; daughters, Janine Renee Villines (Martin); and Chantele Nicole Parker; grandchildren, James JaVaughn Beard; Jairius Dion Beard (Jessica); and Zoe Simone Bussey; great-grandchildren, Gabriella; and Jamie; sisters, Deborah Jean Denman (Larry); and Marjorie Kay Douglas (Melvin); aunt, Beatrice Parker; sister-in-, Peggy Parker; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Mount Carmel Church of God in Christ 2025 North 12th Street KCKS 66104. Visitation 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 at the Church. Interment: Floral Hills Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolence may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Hills Cemetery

7000 Blue Ridge Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64133

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel COGIC  
2025 North 12th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66104

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Funeral Service and Video Tribute*  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/kyVOaVYGFL4?si=anngPBmkLX2wSRZC>

Marjorie - January 29, 2025 at 01:38 PM

GC

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Letitia. Her quiet voice will be remembered. It is hard to believe she is gone but God knows best. I was blessed with the good times we shared together.*

Gloria Carter - January 25, 2025 at 09:24 AM

EB

“ *Earlene Beard purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Ms. Letitia M. Parker.*



Earlene Beard - January 02, 2025 at 07:00 PM

EH

“ *Errol and Jeanette Henry purchased the Beautiful  
in Blue for the family of Ms. Letitia M. Parker.*



Errol and Jeanette Henry - January 02, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ *Your friends & Family GM purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Letitia M. Parker.*



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**Your friends & Family GM** - January 02, 2025 at 08:47 AM

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“ We know that it's hard to accept death no matter when it comes, but we know that God does all things well and that He knows what's best. At a time when words are so hard to find, know that you are cared for very deeply and loved greatly by so many. While we may feel helpless at times in knowing how to comfort you, the Lord knows exactly what you need. He will minister peace & comfort to you in many unexpected ways. He will walk with you through the coming days & see you through each one. God has promised to wipe every tear from your eyes, to be there loving you, strengthening you & giving you what you need to face each day because He has said in His word "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) No matter what happens, God will hold you close & see you through because you are so precious to Him. God cares right down to the last detail. (James 5:11)



*Colee, Janine & Nicki, please know that my prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

*Janine & Nicki you were blessed to have your mother with you to instill Godly principles and life's lessons that you can hand down to your children. Now as the days ahead may be difficult, look unto Jesus for comfort & to fill the void your mother has left in your life. Remember the life she lived & live this life the way she did, with dignity & honor, giving of yourself to others as she did. Your mother was a loving & dedicated mother & grandmother with a heart that loved deeply, hands that served her children, grandchildren & church family faithfully, and her vision to see each one grow into their Godly purpose as she did all she could to be an example to her family & others as a Godly woman. Your mother prepared for this day so take comfort in knowing that she's safely resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father.*

*Colee, the many years of love, devotion & respect you shared with your wife is truly a testament of God's love being displayed when respect is given by each one. Colee, know that God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love that you showed towards your wife in that you ministered to her during the tough times she*

*faced and during her illness. Colee, your wife was more than just a mother, but she was a Godly woman, a friend, a confidant and someone who loved you as Christ loves the church with unconditional love. The many years she was married to you is a testament that marriage works if you work it. In your quiet time, reflect on her life and the many memories that you shared & hold those memories dear in your heart, for her legacy lives on in you.....her family. May the Lord comfort you with His peace... surround you with His presence...and encourage you with His love. Prayerfully submitted by Your Cousin Mona Lisa Hayes*

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**Mona Lisa** - January 01, 2025 at 12:29 AM

BL

“ *To The Parker Family:*

*Our deepest condolences to you during the loss of our dear cousin, Letitia. May you find comfort in her legacy that continues to live through the many lives she inspired and transformed. We will always remember her kindness, warm-hearted spirit, and voice of peace. Peace be with you. "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deut. 31:8 NIV*

*Your cousins,  
The Glover Family*

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**Barbara Littlejohn** - December 31, 2024 at 01:48 PM