



Grable Parker

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While celebrating his life and cherishing his memories, we regret to announce the passing of Donald Grable Parker, 81, surrounded by family, in his hometown of Eustis, FL. Grable transitioned to Heaven on January 19, 2024. As a watermelon farmer and broker, he continued working throughout the last weeks of his life. Grable was dedicated to his family and pets, his passion for work, his love of nature, and his desire to stay alive. He was an avid hunter and fisherman since childhood, spending time on Florida waters spanning across the entire state, beginning on Lake Gracie, moving to the open waters in Miami and then his favored Sanibel & Captiva shorelines. Grable's most treasured moments were spent on the water, under the open skies or camouflaged within the quiet of the woods.

Grable was born and raised in Eustis, FL to Sonny & Emily Parker, and graduated from Eustis High School. Despite his own desires of attending The University of Florida, he made his parents proud by becoming an alumni from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. He wore his class ring, every day of his life with pride, while still bleeding orange and blue. After spending 33 years farming watermelons and raising his daughters in Ft. Myers, FL, he returned to his hometown of Eustis to recline in his last chapter.

Grable is survived by his Life partner ~ Emeline Parker of Eustis, Daughters ~ Zann Parker of New York City, Kane Parker Frazier of St. Simons Island, his three Grandchildren ~ Graeline Frazier, Way Frazier, River Vail, and his two yellow-haired best friends ~ Rhett and Scarlett Parker.

Services will be held in the Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel, Eustis FL at 1 PM on Monday, February 5, 2024, Rev. Brooks Braswell will officiate, interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery., Eustis.

For those unable to attend the services, please click the link below either at the time of service or after to be able to view.

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/northstar/97374/hash:F36382E939FC5DA1>



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In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Lisa Marie Karban, 16435 McKinley Road, Umatilla, FL 32784. Lisa is a beloved friend of Grable's, and small business owner of Bark Town & Kitty City of Umatilla. She has helped tremendously over the years and has offered temporary adoption for Rhett and Scarlett until a permanent family can be established.

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/lisakarban>






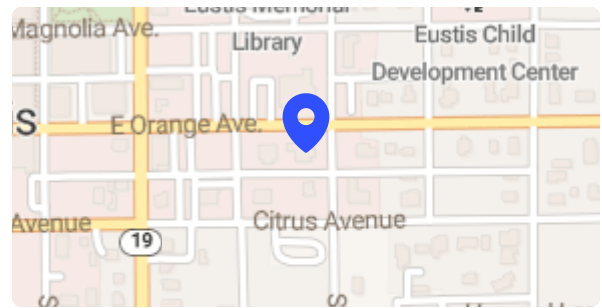
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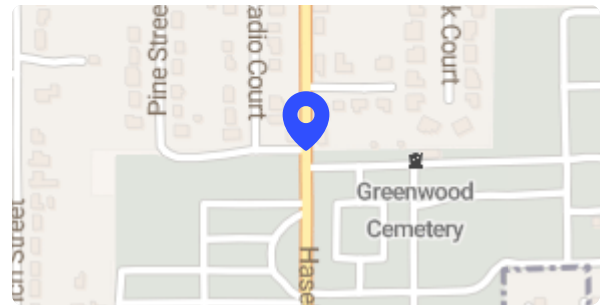
Chapel Service

-  **Monday**, February 5, 2024
-  1:00 PM ET
-  **Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel**
326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis FL 32726



Cemetery Details

-  **Greenwood Cemetery**
220 Haselton Street, Eustis FL 32726





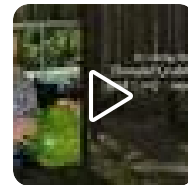
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Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors shared a **Video**.



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What a well lived, beautiful life, and with such a wonderful family. Thank you for sharing, and my heart goes out to all of you! xo



Natasha January 31 at 11:25 AM

Beautiful video. Thinking of you all and so sorry for your loss.Love, The Mok Family



Richard B. Hodges shared a photo to the **Citadel** album.



February 2 at 8:36 AM



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BL

Beverly Lowman posted:

To Em, Zann and Kane, though many years have passed, we have such wonderful memories of all of you as our Ft. Myers neighbors. And especially of Grable towing his much loved boat (was it the Boss Lady?) down the street to fish the waters off Sanibel- every chance he got. He worked hard and played hard and was the consummate outdoors man! Chris Lowman just adored the times Grable asked him to go fishin! And we had many wonderful southern home cooked meals there with the greatest southern cook we knew, Em Parker! He was a true southern gentleman and a proud "girl dad", Rest in peace, dear Grable. Love and sympathy, Beverly and John

January 26 at 4:33 PM

KA

Kane January 29 at 8:10 AM

Thank you Mrs. Lowman. Such sweet words. Xoxox

LK

Lisa Karban posted:

Grable, I'm grateful for the trust you put in me through the last 7 years caring for Rhett and Scarlett. You've become more of a grandfather to me than a client. Your unwavering loyalty through the years means more than I was able to get a chance to tell you. My Crew and I will miss your weekly visits. We promise to make sure and find a loving permanent home for your furkids. And to your family I extend my heartfelt condolences. Please know that I am here for you and share in your sorrow and hope that the cherished memories we hold will bring some comfort amidst the pain of loss.

January 24 at 7:02 AM

KG

Kathy Griffin posted:

I was a friend and classmate of Grable during all our school years in Eustis. Many years later when my husband and I were living in Allendale, S.C., we saw him again as he was working watermelons there for a short time each summer. We didn't see him often, but he was always thoughtful to remember us and leave a few watermelons each summer at my husband's business. We were sorry to hear of his passing and are sending prayers for all his family and friends. What I remember most about Grable was his keen sense of humor. I know he will be missed by all his family and friends. Kathy Boyd Griffin Columbia, S.C.

January 23 at 3:51 PM

KK

Ken King posted:

We are so saddened by the loss of our friend and neighbor.

January 23 at 10:47 AM



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Jane Leigh Rice Lassiter posted:

Dear Em, Zann, Kane, Grae, Way, River, Lee, Donna. I am so sorry and my thoughts and love go out to all of you. Grable was my H.S. classmate, a good friend for years, and I have many fun memories of him. You Parkers and Porters hold a special place in my heart. Sending hugs and again, love. Jane Leigh

January 22 at 12:12 PM



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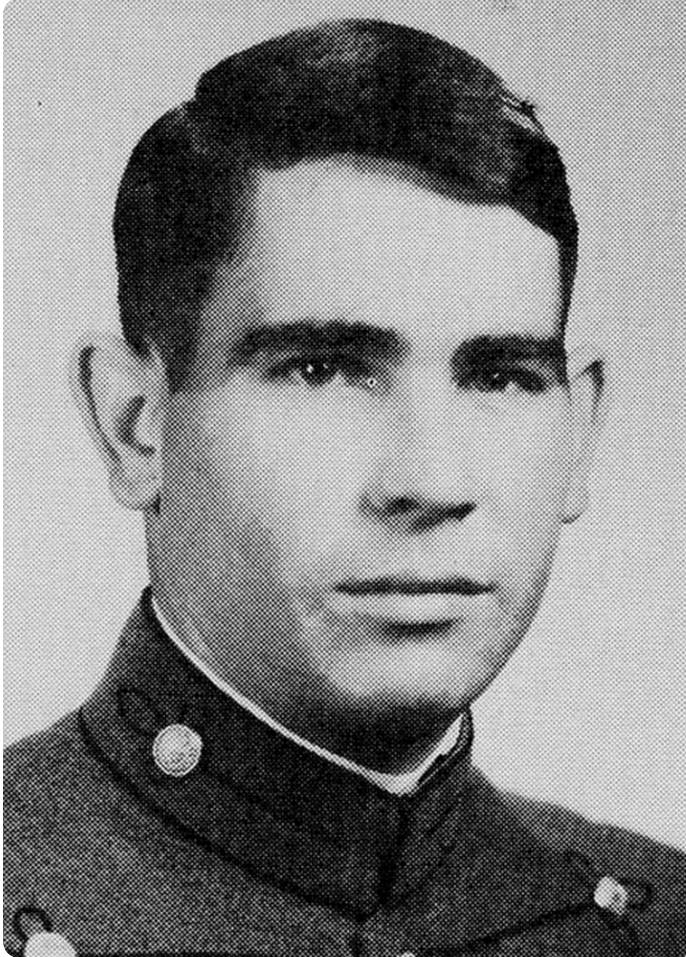
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Grable by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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