



## Mrs. Virginia Mae Koenig Parker

January 2, 1941 - November 23, 2021

Virginia Mae Koenig Parker, 80, was welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday evening, November 23. She was born, January 2, 1941, in the Stuttgart area to Johnny and Minnie Ellen Koenig. Virginia attended St. John's Lutheran School, graduated from Stuttgart High School class of '59, then married and moved to the Bayou Meto Community where she spent most of her adult life. Virginia was a member of the First Baptist Church of DeWitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of almost 50 years, Donald Ray Parker, her brother, sister-in-law and nephew John Fred, Liz, and Randy Koenig.

Survivors include son, Thomas Ray Parker of Tichnor; daughter, Sarah Ellen "Cookie" Parker, her like-a-son favorite, Scott (Nan) Miller of Bayou Meto; brother, Roger Dale (Sharon) Koenig of Mountain View; nephews Robin (Kimble) Koenig, Ricky Koenig, and Roger Koenig of Stuttgart; Scott Koenig of Little Rock; niece Melanie (Bill) Ward of Cypress, TX, a host of great nieces and nephews, and two special great great nieces, Avery Claire and Leigh Ivy

Williams.

Virginia's love for her family was evident within minutes of meeting her. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend while enjoying every minute of her role in each of their lives. If you were blessed to know her, it was evident her love language was preparing and sharing her good food, which ranged from cakes, pies, Friday brownies and cookies, to fried chicken or hamburgers, to any number of casseroles, all the way to her signature sweet tea.

She wore many different occupational hats during her lifetime, just to name a few; grain cart and truck driver, room mother, co-reporter of the Bayou Meto news, implement company accounting clerk, crop insurance salesman, property and casualty insurance business owner, restaurateur, and duck club cook. Her restaurant and duck club cooking lead her to author and publish her very own cookbook in 2013, which due to popular demand was recently reprinted.

Virginia's love of Arkansas County and the Bayou Meto community took many forms over the years but was most recently reflected in her service with the Bayou Meto Women of Faith charitable organization as well as her support of the local food pantries in both DeWitt and Stuttgart.

Visitation will be held at Essex Funeral Home, 1405 S. Grandview in DeWitt, on Friday, November 26, from 5pm – 6:30pm. Funeral Services will be at Essex Funeral Home Chapel, on Saturday, November 27 at 10am. Burial to follow immediately at the Bayou Meto Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to: Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, P.O. Box 8, DeWitt, AR 72042; ICCM Food Pantry, c/o Joyce Roth, 3834 S. Buerkle, Stuttgart, AR 72160 or the Bayou Meto Women of Faith, c/o Rhonda Hampton, 709 Highway 276, Stuttgart, AR 72160.

# Cemetery Details

## Bayou Meto Cemetery

Stuttgart, AR 72160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
1405 South Grandview  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
(870) 946-3104  
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

## Service

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Johnny Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Mae Koenig Parker*



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**Johnny Sue Davis** - November 29, 2021 at 08:38 AM

JD

*She was a very sweet lady. Praying for y'all.*

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**Johnny Sue Davis** - November 29, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DP

*Virginia and I attended St. John's Lutheran School and Stuttgart High School together. We were in the same class and I remember her as sweet and friendly. Some day we will meet again and worship together in the courts of our Lord.*

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**Danny Packebush** - November 29, 2021 at 05:21 PM

CH

“ *Praying for the family during this difficult time.*



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**Cheryl Hornbeck** - November 27, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JM

“ When Jerry Moser opened Fairwinds Restaurant in 1992, Virginia personally delivered a beautiful swag magnolia arrangement to put above the entrance. She was the sweetest woman anyone would be blessed to know. May God bless the family with peace and comfort.

Jerry & Connie Moser - November 27, 2021 at 08:33 AM

CE

“ Christie, Fred & Anita Escalona purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Virginia Mae Koenig Parker.



Christie, Fred & Anita Escalona - November 26, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Mae Koenig Parker.



November 26, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Mae Koenig Parker.



November 25, 2021 at 08:21 PM

JW

“ I will never forget the first time I met her. She was a true carb and fill off laughter. God Bless and comfort her family.

*Julie Dollar Wright.*

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**Julie Wright** - November 25, 2021 at 07:44 PM