



Doyle Parrish

February 9, 1935 - November 19, 2022

Doyle Parrish, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away on the evening of November 19, 2022 at his home with family at his side. Doyle was born Feb. 9, 1935 in Kemp TX to Homer and Robbie (Adams) Parrish, both of whom met him in Heaven along with his infant son, Nathan Parrish, brothers, W.E. and Jerry Allan Parrish, and loving in-laws, Clyde and Lavena Harris.

In 1953, Doyle enlisted in the National Guard as a high school senior. After graduation and attending Henderson Junior College, Doyle remained in the National Guard and also began working for Texas & Pacific railroad, selling tickets at the Terrell train depot. In January of 1956 he met a beautiful young lady named Ella Mae Harris who caught his eye and captured his heart. They were married a short 6 months later on July 5, 1956, in Kaufman, and together they built a life based on faith and family. In 1961, Doyle was called to active duty during the Berlin crisis. After his discharge in 1962, he returned to the railroad. Texas and Pacific Railroad merged into Missouri Pacific Railroad and, finally, became Union Pacific Railroad. For over 46 dedicated years, he was a valuable asset to the railroad operations until his retirement in 1998. Doyle worked in the railroad branches and offices located in Dallas, Mineola, Grand Saline and, for a brief while, St. Louis, MO. During his employment with the railroad, he was active in AFL-CIO where his involvement enabled him to form contacts amongst colleagues, many of whom turned into treasured friends. Doyle was also a 60 year member of the Masonic Lodge where was endowed at Artesia Lodge (now Bloomfield and Prairieville Lodge). He was

active in Scottish Rite chapter and served on the local councils. Doyle also worked at various times as a night janitor for Doctors Leinart, Mull, and Figueroa, where he gained the nickname, "The Phantom Janitor," or "PJ," to some. When not working and serving others, Doyle loved driving and building race cars, fishing and camping with his family, working cattle on the weekends, country music and, later, spending time with his grandchildren. He and Ella were longtime members of First Baptist Church in Terrell. He was a generous man and would give the very shirt off his back to help another person in need. Doyle was also a very funny individual. Ask anyone who ever spent time with him and they'll surely produce an anecdote or Doyle-ism that they can recall vividly today. Among his many involvements, Doyle was quick to say that the pride of life was his sons. He treasured each of his sons dearly and made sure that not only they, but each person in his family, knew how much he loved them.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 66 years, Ella Mae (Sis) Parrish of Terrell; sons: Terry Parrish and wife, Deborah, of Ft. Worth, and George Parrish and wife, Sarah, of Terrell; grandchildren: Malissa Dominguez, Christina Miller, Weston Parrish, and Nathan Parrish; great grandson, Lucas Miller; siblings: R.E. Parrish, Patricia Johnson and John Parrish as well numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. Mr. Parrish will lie in state 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Monday, November 21, 2022 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in honor of Doyle to Scottish Rite Hospital at <http://www.scottishriteforchildren.org>.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

In State

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

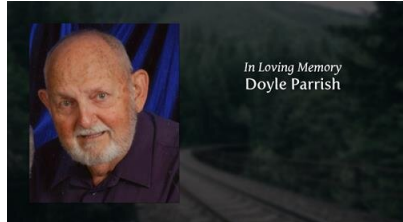
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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Doyle Parrish*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 25, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Doyle Parrish*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *How sad we are now, but how lucky we are. And how fortunate we are still to have all the stories and experiences and memories we shared with and of my brother Doyle. He was so kind. So generous. Everything he did was crowned with his love of family. The only reason we feel such profound loss is because we had such a profound blessing. Rest well dear brother. You have earned your place with all you loved that have gone before you. Pat. Your only sister.*

Patricia Parrish Johnson - November 23, 2022 at 05:29 PM

KJ

“ My Uncle Doyle was one of a kind! He always had a funny story, an impersonation, or a tale to big to believe...mostly about fishing. He graced all of our lives with kind notes, little presents, a hug, an encouraging word, and most of all his big smile. He was a hero to his family, my grandparents, and us kids. He truly loved little kids. I will always remember a package that he and Sis send me while I lived out of country. Filled with pictures, crocheted pieces and a note to remind me that I was loved. I will hold him, and his family, in my heart forever. Karen Johnson (daughter of Doyle's sister, Pat Johnson)

Karen Johnson - November 22, 2022 at 01:33 PM

KJ

“ Doyle was a great Uncle to have - always looked forward to see what would happen when he was around, had to be on your toes. Enjoyed our time together and the letters when I was stationed far away in the Army - no one loved their family and extended family more than Doyle - Thanks for the memories - Darla and Kyle Johnson (Pat's son)

Kyle W. Johnson - November 22, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MW

“ Doyle & Sis have been the best neighbors ever! He's always been loving and supportive of my kids, just as if they were one of his grandchildren. From the first day we became his neighbors, he made me feel welcome and safe and watched over. A wonderful neighbor and friend that will be missed my many!

Malinda Wisdom - November 21, 2022 at 11:48 PM

JB

“ Jan Bourne purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Doyle Parrish.



Jan Bourne - November 21, 2022 at 04:00 PM

AC

“ Autonomous Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Doyle Parrish.



Autonomous Baptist Church - November 21, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ 106 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 21, 2022 at 02:16 PM

SB

“ Doyle,

You took me in like a son/grandson. George was like a father figure to me. You and him taught me so much about the racing community and how to turn wrenches on them. All the Friday nights and Saturdays during the day up until time to go to the races at your house, I will cherish until the end of time. I will say that you and George brought joy into my life with the generosity you both give. I always loved you like a grandpa and friend. I will dearly miss you and will know I'll see you again one day.

Samuel Boyd - November 21, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MK

“ *Doyle and my husband Wilfred Kasper were in the 49th Armor in 1961.. That was a long ten months spent at Fort Polk. Just glad that they did not have to overseas. Peace for the family. Martha Kasper*

Martha Kasper - November 21, 2022 at 11:38 AM



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



November 21, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doyle Parrish.*



November 20, 2022 at 08:33 PM



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



November 20, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Joyce Lightfoot Lee & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doyle Parrish.*



Joyce Lightfoot Lee & Family - November 20, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Doyle and my father worked together for many years at Texas and Pacific Railroad, now know as Union Pacific Railroad. They rode together and we're great friends. Doyle was a great friend to our family as well. He helped our family through some difficult times. RIP Doyle.*

Norman Simpson - November 20, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JH

“ Doyle was like a grandpa father to my son, Justice Hutchins, and like another dad for me one of the kindest, most generous man you’ll ever know I love Doyle sis and I thought of George as a brother I love the Parrish family

johnny hutchins - November 20, 2022 at 01:17 PM

JP

“ Far too many memories to tell...far too many times to forget. Doyle was a most extraordinary brother. He wrote the book on caring and giving. I know because I was his birthday present. His little brother.

John C Parrish - November 20, 2022 at 11:16 AM

GC

“ Doyle was such a wonderful man. He was funny and nice to me. Sis and Malissa and the rest of your family are in my prayers.

Georgia Cheek - November 20, 2022 at 09:37 AM