



Emily Elizabeth Britton Parker

June 21, 1925 - November 2, 2017

Emily Elizabeth Britton Parker, 92, of Macon, Georgia, went to her eternal home early Thursday morning, November 2, 2017, at McKendree Village in Hermitage, Tennessee. Emily was married to Pledger W. Parker, a retired United Methodist minister and member of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. They were married for 67 years prior to his death in 2014.

Emily was born on June 21, 1925, to Charles and Eleanor Britton, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her sister, Phyllis Britton Canady (Marvin). She grew up in various South Georgia communities where she went to elementary and junior high schools, and she attended Evanston Township High School in Evanston Illinois before graduating from A. L. Miller High School in Macon, Georgia. She graduated cum laude from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, in 1947, and later did graduate studies in Library Science at Georgia Southern College, University of Georgia Extension Service, Georgia College at Milledgeville, and Mercer University.

Emily was the Head Librarian of the Junior Department of the Washington Memorial Public Library for four years, an Elementary School Media Specialist for nine years, the Director of Christian Education at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church for three years, and a school teacher for four years.

She was actively involved in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church as a youth and as an adult. Emily organized the South Georgia Conference Ministers' Wives Retreat and served as President for two years. She was an avid participant in the Women's Society of Christian Service and United Methodist Women on the conference and local church levels. She was very active in the life and ministry of the churches her husband Pledger served as pastor. After his retirement from the pastorate, they connected with Mulberry Street United Methodist Church in Macon, Georgia, where they particularly enjoyed being part of the Interest Group Sunday School Class and the "Scampers" Camping Group. In 2010 they moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to be near their daughter, Cherie.

Emily was devoted to her family. She was the consummate hostess, and loved to cook for family and friends. She loved hiking, camping, and bird-watching, was a charter member of the Georgia Wilderness Society, and served as a Director and Education Chair of the Ocmulgee Audubon Society. She was involved in the Macon Exchangettes, the American Cancer Society, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and served on the Board of the Friends of the Library. Emily loved attending cultural events, touring the United States, and playing and teaching board games. She possessed a powerful will and went after her interests with zest and vigor.

Emily is survived by three daughters: Giglia Parker of Loma Linda, California, Karen Parker DeVan (Jim) of McDonough, Georgia, Cherie Parker (Jack Keller) of Nashville, Tennessee; four grandchildren: Ben DeVan (Kartini del Prado), Allison DeVan (Justin Wienke), Juliana Keller Ewing (James), Joshua Keller (Whitney Pennington); and four great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service officiated by the Reverend Dr. Peter van Eys will be on Monday, November 6th, 2:00 p.m., in the West View Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia. A Memorial Service, officiated by the Reverend Creede Hinshaw and

the Reverend Jimmy Towson, will be held at the Mulberry Street United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 7th, 1:00 p.m. The family will greet guests in the Parlor immediately following the Memorial Service.

Honorary Pallbearers are the ministers and spouses of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the members of the Interest Group Sunday School Class of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *Emily Elizabeth Britton Parker*

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“ *I will always have fond memories of Aunt Emily. I am so thankful to have spoken to her 2 weeks before she passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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