



## Ms. Suzane Ward Parker

August 10, 1952 - July 8, 2020

Ms. Suzane Ward Parker, 67, of Concord, NC; formerly of Peoria, Illinois was born August 10, 1952 to the late Adlean (Sledge) Ward and George Edward Ward, Sr. The former Senior Human Resource Manager, for International Business Machines/IBM, Vice President of Human Resources for Prudential, and Human Resource Director for Remington Hotels died Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

Suzane was educated in the Peoria Public School District and was a graduate of Richwoods High School. She was always proud to be a Richwoods Knight and as an exceptional tennis player, she stood out as a top player who brought home many proud trophies. Later, she went on to higher education earning her Bachelor's in Arts History in Education from Western Illinois University. In addition, she later earned her Master's Degree in Business Administration from New York Institute of Technology, Long Island, New York. After many rewarding years in Human Resources, in 2005, Suzane decided to leave corporate and start her own consulting group, DJC Group. The primary purpose was to provide strategic direction; marketing and sales support for client relationships and manage specific engagements, prepare requests for proposals, managing schedules and deliverables for her clients.

During this same timeframe, she became an expert with researching, buying and selling high-end antiques and collectibles. Her love and interest for antiques grew into a successful business. This also developed a strong partnership with Sotheby's of New York; where her own collection grew very

extensively.

She was a great supporter of several different organizations over the years. Suzane made it a point to be actively involved with community causes that made a difference; such as The National Black Chamber of Commerce, National Bridge Alliance, Great Expectations for Teens, Society of Human Resource Management International Institute and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Due to her extensive history background, her love of geography, and her curiosity for new and exciting places, she was blessed to travel the world to places like the UK, The Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Cuba Venezuela, Brazil, West Africa, China, France, and most of the Caribbean. Wherever she traveled, she was always very comfortable with all diverse groups people. Learning about different cultures and countries brought her such joy.

When she wasn't traveling the world, Suzane also had additional hobbies she enjoyed, which included gourmet cooking, gardening, spending time with friends and family, reading, listening to Aretha Franklin and watching reality shows. Her favorite show was 90 Day Fiancé. She would find so much humor watching that show.

On August 25, 1973, she married Ronald Parker and from that union, they had their loving son Brandon Parker. Those left to cherish her memory are her loving father, George E. Ward, Sr., of Peoria Heights; three brothers, George Ward, Jr., and Brian (Denaria)Ward both of Peoria and Gregory Ward of Charlotte, NC; two sisters, Diane Irving of Lewisville, TX and Robin (Clifford) Lindsay of Charlotte, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother; six sisters, Donna, Jacqueline, Crystal, Beth Ann Ward, Deborah Cunningham, Paula Ward and one brother, Lawrence Ward.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Wednesday July 15, 2020 at Simons Mortuary Chapel with a visitation at 10 am. Rev. Eddie Jackson will officiate. Suzane will be laid to rest at the Historic Springdale Cemetery, next to her beloved Mom.

Special Thanks to Hospice House of the Comforter and Hospice Care CNA  
The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or  
Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. \*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! \*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The chapel can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 15, 2020 at 12:48 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - July 15, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 15, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Love you Auntie Suzane. Will miss our talks and laughs. You always said “Kitty, I’m old school call me do not text me.” I loved that part about you because hearing your voice, advice and encouragement, made my day a little bit brighter when we got off the phone. You will definitely be missed. I know I’ll see you in Heaven with our Father one day. Love, Katrice (Irving) Briggs



Katrice Briggs - July 14, 2020 at 08:09 PM

RO

“ *For My Big Sister  
Suzane*

*Together we shared a child's world.  
We talked...we disagreed.*

*We shared many hurts and joys.  
The older we grew, the stronger the bond  
between us became.*

*I was always so proud to have you as my big sister.*

*Now life has taken us down separate paths,  
But your well-being and happiness  
will always be foremost in my thoughts.*

*Neither the span of miles...  
Nor years between us...  
Can ever change the feelings I have for you.*

*I love you big sister, and I always will.  
Love Always, Robin*



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Robin - July 14, 2020 at 02:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Ms. Suzane Ward Parker.*



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July 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DG

“ *Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



Denise Burns Green - July 13, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JD

“ *Jess& Barb Peterson, Compton, Steward, & Daniel's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker.*



Jess& Barb Peterson, Compton, Steward, & Daniel's - July 12, 2020 at 10:28 PM

HJ

“ *Helen Jackson Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



Helen Jackson Johnson - July 12, 2020 at 09:50 PM

RP

“ *Ron Parker purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker.*



Ron Parker - July 12, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CF

“ Rest in Heaven My Beloved Heights Sister and Friend Suzane Ward Parker.



Constance Faulkner - July 11, 2020 at 12:04 AM

RP

“ Ronald Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker



Ronald Parker - July 10, 2020 at 10:06 PM

TW

“ Theresa Smith Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker



Theresa Smith Walker - July 10, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 09, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ *Joan Jackson (Metlock) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



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**Joan Jackson (Metlock)** - July 09, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JO

“ *Condolences to the Parker family from the Johnson family*



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**Johnson** - July 09, 2020 at 02:18 PM

CS

“ *Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



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**Curtis shumate** - July 09, 2020 at 07:27 AM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Suzane Ward Parker*



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**Joanie Brown** - July 09, 2020 at 02:27 AM