



## Mr. Talma Parham

October 3, 1925 - January 18, 2017

Talma Parham, 91, of Peoria, IL peacefully transitioned from this life to eternal life on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at Heddington Oaks Care Center in West Peoria.

Talma was born October 3, 1925 in Etta, Mississippi to Oscar and Maggie (Ivy) Parham. He honorably served our country in the US Navy during World War II. After his military tour of duty, he married Arnola Rutherford on April 23, 1949 in New Albany, MS. To their union four daughters were born, Lanelda, Carolyn, Sherry and Jennifer. Arnola passed away December 7, 1999 after more than 50 years of marriage.

Talma was a gentle man and great provider for his family. He formerly worked for Armour Packing Company for many years; later retiring from Caterpillar, Inc., in 1988. He was a faithful member of Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ for over 25 years where he served as a Trustee and Board member. He was also known for his devoted service to the van ministry, culinary ministry, hospitality ministry and his dependability for having the church doors opened for funeral services. Talma loved his family and having morning coffee with his buddies.

Talma leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted daughters; Lanelda (Benjamin) Kelson of Lawrenceville, GA, Carolyn (Max) Parham, Sherry (Bishop Timothy) Criss and Jennifer (Jacob) Williams all of Peoria; seven grandchildren, Christopher (Tasha) Parham, Tekia (Charles) Childs, Timony (Kevin) Kirkwood, Ricky (Tereta) Rutherford, Brandon

(LaPorsha) Brown, Arienne (Benjamin) Thornton and Candi Witherspoon; 20 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is also survived by his special friend, Yvonne Jordan. He is also preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, DeWitt Parham, Matthew Parham, William Parham and Casey Parham; four sisters, Mattie Parham, Dale Parham, Selma Willis and Sarah Williams and one great grandson, Kaeden Kirkwood.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Host Pastor, District Elder Henry L. Bolden, II. Suffragan Bishop James Ware will officiate. Bishop Timothy E. Criss will bring the eulogy. Talma will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery where US Navy Military Honors will be rendered. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ  
401 Elm Street  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-1924

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Simons Mortuary** - February 21, 2017 at 01:58 PM

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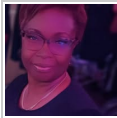
*This is beautiful!*

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**Arienne** - February 21, 2017 at 04:05 PM

BK

*Love you man, thanks for being a part of my life. Ben ja*

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**Benjamin Kelson** - February 21, 2017 at 11:12 PM



*Beautiful tribute!*

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**Tasha Parham** - February 22, 2017 at 07:03 PM

MR

*Wonderful memories! Thanks for sharing.*

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**Mimi Rutherford** - February 23, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *Mr. Talma Parham*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Talma Parham*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Denise Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Denise Jackson** - January 28, 2017 at 09:25 AM

PM

“ *Higher Dimension Faith Center - Pastor Ken & Co-Pastor Lady Renee McCray*

*140 S. Crawford St. Danville, IL 61832*

*To Lady Sherry, the family, friends and loved ones of Mr. Talma Parham:*

*The members, official board, of Higher Dimension along with Pastor Ken and Co-Pastor Renee extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*We understand that your heart must hold deep sadness at the loss of the one you loved, may it also hold the blessings and the memories of his life; his wisdom and his strength will always be a part of you.*

*Earth has no hurt that heaven cannot heal.*

*“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”*

*2nd Corinthians 5:1*

*Higher Dimension Faith Family want you to know that we have you and your family in our prayers continually.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Ken L. McCray*

*Pastor Ken L. McCray*

*Co-Pastor Lady Renee McCray*

*Executive Administrator*

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**Pastor Ken McCray** - January 27, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Talma Parham.*



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January 27, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Parham. I remember him well as I grew up with his daughter Lanelda and all of the girls in the family. Please know that I will continue to say prayers for you and your family and hope all the prayers from everyone will give your family some peace and comfort. Always ... Deborah Thomas Totten*

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**Deborah Thomas Totten** - January 27, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Drs. Addison, Jenkins and Antoine-LaVigne, purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Talma Parham.*



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**Drs. Addison, Jenkins and Antoine-LaVigne,** - January 27, 2017 at 07:24 PM

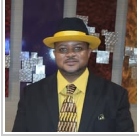


“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Annette Lucy** - January 27, 2017 at 02:14 AM



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**Garrick Riley** - January 26, 2017 at 10:26 PM

CP

*Thank you Garrick!*

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**Carolyn Parham** - January 29, 2017 at 11:38 AM

AR

*This is Awesome!*

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**Arienne** - February 21, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *My prayers goes out to you Lady Criss and family.*

*Rev. Garrick Riley*



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**Garrick Riley** - January 26, 2017 at 10:22 PM

LD

“ *Larry C Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Larry c douglas** - January 26, 2017 at 06:46 AM

JG

“ Our prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. Mr. Parham (dad) was always so kind and gentle. Enjoyed his beautiful spirit. Such a wonderful man..he will be missed.

*Jackie, Gatt, and Keith...Gatlings*

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**Jackie Gattling** - January 25, 2017 at 09:40 PM



JC

“ You have our Sympathy and Prayers.  
PM John & Sister J.C. Jefferson,  
Conyers, GA

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**JC** - January 25, 2017 at 04:32 PM

BK

“ My deepest sympathy to the Parham family in your time of loss. I enjoyed my many talks with PaPa. He always had an encouraging word.

*Christopher James.*

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**Benjamin Kelson** - January 25, 2017 at 12:12 PM



BK

“ Quite a man!!! An example of a real man that all men can follow.  
My friend, coworker, and the best father-in-law on earth. Rest in peace PaPa.



*Love you man. Benjamin.*

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**Benjamin Kelson** - January 25, 2017 at 11:36 AM

FL

“ Talma Parham was beautiful person. He will be truly missed. Fai Lowe

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**Fai Lowe** - January 25, 2017 at 09:27 AM

JE

“ To the Parham family,

*I never met Mr. Talma Parham in person however I feel like I know him through his lovely daughter Carolyn who has been a big sister to me and a wonderful aunt to our kids. Carolyn has shared many funny stories and traveled thousands of miles over the years to be with her father and family. What a blessing she has been to us and I know it's because of the wonderful family she came from. I know Mr. Parham volunteered in church for years and Carolyn has done the same in Madison. I know you all will miss him dearly just know he will live forever in the memories you hold in your heart. Find peace in knowing he was welcomed Home by a host of angels and loved ones who passed before him. His soul is at rest and he is with God. We will continue to pray for you all during this time of mourning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jennifer, Roy, Johnathan and Amelia Edens in Anchorage, Alaska*

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**Jennifer Edens** - January 25, 2017 at 01:34 AM



MD

*To the Parham Family,*

*I thank God for the impact that Brother Parham has had on my life from childhood throughout my adult life. He always made me feel like I was a part of the family as Sister Parham and my mother were the best of friends that resulted in a friendship with his daughters that I will always cherish in my heart.. Brother Parham was a quiet, well-spoken man. He was a man of integrity, honor, and did not tolerate any foolishness. He loved everyone, and was a perfect example of a good provider, father, grandfather, and great-grand father. Brother Parham can now take his eternal rest, because God is going to reward him for all of the accomplishments and achievements including the advice that he shared with others about life. We will continue to pray for you all during this difficult time.*

*Love you All*

*Melvin & Marjorie Kay Douglas (Williams)*

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**Marjorie Kay Douglas** - January 29, 2017 at 06:49 PM

SM

“*My dear friends. May the God for all comfort bless, keep and encourage you during this time, your dad was a wonderful example of love, humility and devotion . You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Shirley Mallory*

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**Shirley Mallory** - January 24, 2017 at 11:32 AM

BK

“ *Our Dad was loving, devoted, supportive and always encouraging. He is greatly missed. RIH Dad.*



*Nel Parham Kelson*

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**Benjamin Kelson** - January 24, 2017 at 09:10 AM

EC

“ *Mr Parham was a friendly man who always spoke to you or wave to you .*



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**Evelyn Tate Clayton** - January 24, 2017 at 12:28 AM

GM

“ *Gail Porter McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Gail Porter McIntyre** - January 23, 2017 at 04:19 PM

EK

“ *Elaine King sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Elaine King** - January 21, 2017 at 02:11 PM

BR

“ *The Parham family is in my prayers. I will always cherish the memories we had of him.. He was such a kind and humble man. I really thought a lot of Uncle Talma. He was there for us when Mama died and I am so grateful he was part of my life. Rest on Uncle. Your days here on earth were fulfilled. Love you much. Barbara Kinds Reynolds and the Kinds family of Oxford, MS*

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**Barbara Kinds Reynolds** - January 21, 2017 at 12:42 PM

GB

*We are truly sorry to hear of the passing of Dad Parham. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We truly understand the grief you are experiencing. With all our love. Elder Michael and Missionary Glenda Burrell and family.*

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**Glenda Burrell** - January 23, 2017 at 06:11 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talma Parham*



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**Emel Buckner** - January 21, 2017 at 12:00 PM