



## Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker

June 9, 1946 - June 19, 2021

Andrew Parker AKA "Dr. Chris Banks" was born Sunday, June 9, 1946 in Marion, Alabama and passed on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Nashville VA Medical Center located at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 75 years.

Andrew was the first child born to Leola Parker. Leola was married in July of 1950 to Floyd "Sonny" Moore and Floyd gave Andrew the nickname "Sonny Boy". Leola and Floyd had three children; Andrew, Sandra and Thurman. Andrew lived with, and was raised by his Aunt Ruby Warren Kynard. Ruby and Clarence Warren had eight children; Dorothy, Clarence, Debra, Brenda, Freddie, Roy, Theodore and Dwayne. Andrew, the oldest, served as the big brother/cousin.

Andrew was a very gifted, bright and intelligent student coming up through school. He graduated with honors in 1964 from J S Abrams High School in Bessemer, Alabama. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and served until 1967. He was honorably discharged. Andrew was a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal.

After serving in the military he relocated to Saginaw, MI in 1967 at the advice of his uncle, Theodore Parker. He moved in with his Uncle Ted in search of employment which he obtained very quickly at Eaton Corporation where he

worked in various roles from production to leadership. He worked for Eaton Corporation for over 33 years until his retirement in June of 2000. Andrew was also a gifted broadcaster and started at W3 Soul with friend and co-founder Don Wiggins in October of 1969. Andrew was in search of an “alias” radio personality name, and he always liked the first name Chris. He needed a last name and at the time he was inspired by the Second National Bank. He thought to himself, “Banks would be a great last name”. That’s where the legend of Dr. Chris Banks was born.

Andrew Parker aka “Dr. Chris Banks was the voice of Gospel Music for the Tri-Cities area for many years, he was amongst the elite of Gospel Music Radio personalities. He served as gospel Music Director for the radio station and continued in that role. In 1988, his friend and coworker Don Wiggins purchased the radio station W3 Soul and changed the name to the legendary WTLZ. Dr. Banks was also very involved in the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA). He served as a member of the Announcers Guild for the GMWA. He was also a member of the GMWA Saginaw Chapter and most recently a member of the Flint GMWA Chapter. Dr. Banks, Vickie Hill, Jerome Brummell and Maria Townsend also co-founded a company called, Glorify Entertainment; the goal was to book, prepare, and groom artists to be successful in the gospel music industry. Dr. Chris Banks was truly the Golden Voice of gospel music and an iconic figure in the Saginaw area for over 30 years. His legacy and impact will live on for generations to come.

Andrew “Dr. Chris Banks” Parker was a man of faith who encouraged many people throughout the years. You could always count on him to play the perfect song or say the perfect words to get you through that tough moment. He was the voice that we listened to on our way to worship, the voice of encouragement and Saginaw’s Golden Voice of gospel music. Dr. Chris Banks will live in our hearts forever!

Andrew Parker was a man known by many names. In Alabama they knew him as “Sonny Boy”; at Eaton Corporation they knew him as “Andy Parker”; the Gospel Music Industry knew him as, “Dr. Chris Banks”; but the titles he cherished the most were father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and man of God!

Andrew married Audrey Y. Aldridge in 1975 and they have three children, Eugenia, Christopher and Samuel. Andrew also had seven grandchildren, Yolanda, Hezekiah, Paris, Hannah, Christopher, Autumn and Deanna; and one great-grandchild, Tayden.

Andrew was a devoted and loving father and grandfather. He loved taking annual trips to Birmingham, Alabama to visit his family. In his retirement years he enjoyed picking up and spending time with his grandchildren. Andrew was an avid lover of nice cars and he loved to keep them shining. You could always catch him hand washing his car every week. He was a very organized and meticulous person who kept nothing out of order!

Andrew was preceded in death by his mother, Leola Moore; father, Floyd Moore; brother, Thurman Moore; special aunt, Ruby Warren Kynard; cousins, Clarence Warren, Jr. and Dwayne Warren.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Audrey Parker; daughter, Eugenia (Ontay) Johnson; sons, Christopher (Jolene) Parker and Samuel (Chalonda) Parker; grandchildren, Yolanda Johnson, Hezekiah Johnson, Paris Parker, Hannah Johnson; Christopher Parker, Autumn Parker, Deanna Parker; great-grandson, Tayden Christopher; sister, Sandra Moore; special cousins, Dorothy Taylor, Debra Pack, Brenda Latham, Freddie, Roy and Theodore Warren; niece, Ashley Moore; nephew, Ian Moore.

In November of 2018 Andrew relocated to the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Clarksville, TN. He was transferred to the Nashville VA Medical Center located at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN on June 2, 2021 where he was hospitalized until his unfortunate passing on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

The family of Andrew Parker would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and medical staff at the Nashville VA Medical Center who provided wonderful care to him until his passing!

The family of Mr. Parker, "Dr. Chris Banks" extends special thanks to Terrell Broady Funeral Home, Nashville Tennessee and the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home of Saginaw.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 A.M. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Family Hour

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
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Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

JUN 26. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Browne's Mortuary - June 26, 2021 at 10:42 AM

PM

Unable to view video on Apple devices. Only able to hear audio which is very disappointing.

Pamela Monroe - June 30, 2021 at 10:46 AM

RS

“ Regina Smith-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Regina Smith-Johnson - July 01, 2021 at 09:59 PM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Derrell Martin - June 29, 2021 at 06:05 PM

OW

“ Oscar & Kimberley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Oscar & Kimberley Williams - June 29, 2021 at 12:40 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Deborah Morris-Williams - June 29, 2021 at 11:32 AM

OW

“ Oscar/Alice Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Oscar/Alice Wilson - June 29, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SB

“ Sabrina Brittain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Sabrina Brittain - June 28, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ Kai Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



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**Kai Bailey** - June 27, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Yvonne Corley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



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**Yvonne Corley** - June 27, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ To my friend Audrey and family ,I will keep you lifted up in pray and send you my love . Linda Buckley Bolton



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**Linda Buckley Bolton** - June 27, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ My condolences and prayers to the Parker family.



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**Joyce Glass-Staves** - June 26, 2021 at 07:04 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Min. Thomas & Helen Speed** - June 26, 2021 at 11:27 AM

YS

“ *Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Yvonne Sanders** - June 26, 2021 at 10:38 AM

KF

“ *Kenneth & Patricia Fuller*



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**Kenneth Fuller** - June 26, 2021 at 09:14 AM

RD

“ *Rev Robert D Jones. Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Rev Robert d Jones. Detroit** - June 25, 2021 at 11:06 PM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to Audrey, Gina, Chris, Sam, and the entire family of Mr. Andrew Parker. May God continue to bless you all.



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**Melleretha Moses-Johnson** - June 25, 2021 at 07:17 PM

GL

“ To the Parker family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during your time of sorrow. May God's love comfort you always.

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**Glendorah Lawrence** - June 25, 2021 at 04:47 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



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**Shirley Cork** - June 25, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



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**Janie Surles-Cork** - June 25, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker.*



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June 25, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Louis Weems** - June 25, 2021 at 12:22 AM



“ *Shelva Scott-Veal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Shelva Scott-Veal** - June 24, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Doris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Doris Jones** - June 24, 2021 at 09:07 PM

SM

“ *Stella Morris-Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Stella Morris-Bell** - June 24, 2021 at 07:17 PM

GW

“ *Gracie Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Gracie Witherspoon** - June 24, 2021 at 06:43 PM

TB

“ *Tonja Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Tonja Brown** - June 24, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CW

“ *Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Calvin and Delores Williams** - June 24, 2021 at 06:26 PM

DH

“ Deborah Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Deborah Henry - June 24, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DH

“ To the Parker family,  
I pray God's strength be with you, as well as peace and comfort that only He can give. Stay encouraged in the Lord.

Deborah Henry - June 24, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BR

“ I will truly miss you my Dear Cousin. I love you so much. Betty

Betty Ridgeway - June 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM

JT

“ John And Lillian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



John and Lillian Thomas - June 24, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MB

“ *Melissa Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Melissa Baker** - June 24, 2021 at 11:15 AM

OJ

“ *Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Orlando Jones** - June 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker.*



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June 23, 2021 at 11:46 PM

AJ

“ *Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Amelia Johnson** - June 23, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



janice ruffin - June 23, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CP

“ *My prayers to my family. I love all of you!*



Carolyn Pruitt - June 23, 2021 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



Deborah Mack - June 23, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



Yvette Wofford - June 23, 2021 at 03:03 PM

JW

“ Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - June 23, 2021 at 01:54 PM

GB

“ Glenda Booker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Glenda Booker - June 23, 2021 at 12:30 PM

SM

“ Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Shender Mckinney - June 23, 2021 at 12:22 PM

JF

“ JERNIGAN FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



JERNIGAN FAMILY - June 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM

AL

“ Andrew Mack LII lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Andrew Mack III - June 23, 2021 at 09:13 AM

LM

“ Larry & Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Larry & Pamela Monroe - June 22, 2021 at 10:48 PM

TJ

“ Tina Jamerson-Mata lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Tina Jamerson-Mata - June 22, 2021 at 01:41 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Debra Austin - June 22, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MJ

“ *Mr And Mrs L Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



Mr and Mrs L Johnson - June 22, 2021 at 12:51 AM

Dena  
Pruitt  
Austin

“ *I will miss you Uncle Chris. My heart and prayers are with you, Gina, Chris & Sam.*



Dena Pruitt Austin - June 21, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JC

“ *Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



Judge Terry L. Clark - June 21, 2021 at 09:05 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Marilyn (Burns) Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



Larry & Marilyn (Burns) Bowman - June 21, 2021 at 05:17 PM

AN

“ Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Alicia Nelson - June 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker



Diane Williams - June 21, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ My condolences and prayers to the family.



A Jeffrey LaValley - June 21, 2021 at 02:06 PM

SM

“ Sending prayers of comfort and love to the entire family of Andrew Parker. Snap and Carla Matthews



Sheldon and Carla Matthews - June 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Joanie Williams** - June 21, 2021 at 12:15 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Debra Dillard** - June 21, 2021 at 12:06 PM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew "Dr. Chris Banks" Parker*



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**Mr&Mrs William Doxie** - June 21, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MD

“ *Our prayers are with you. May our Lord of comfort grant you peace.*



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**Marquetta Davis** - June 21, 2021 at 11:33 AM