

Her Journey Has Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away
her journey has just begun,
Life holds so many facets
this world is only one.
Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing,
that we know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched...
For that nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so very much.



Acknowledgement

We wish to express our profound and sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness, prayers and kind words shown during the passing of our beloved. It is through your love, prayers, and the grace of God that we find strength and comfort. My God bless and keep you all.

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In Loving *Remembrance* Of



Mrs. Vanilla Parker Hinson

Sunrise
May 26, 1949

Sunset
June 23, 2025

Life Reflections



Vanilla Bekah Ree Parker Hinson died at the age of 76 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital on Monday, June 23, 2025. She was born in Cleveland County on May 26, 1949 to the late, John Calvin Parker & Mary Nichols Parker.

Vanilla was academically gifted and was one of the first African American students to integrate Kings Mountain High School. She was a graduate from Kings Mountain High School & N.C. A&T University. She worked in the Cleveland County School, Parkdale Mills and manager at various establishments. She was active at the Adult Senior Center, loved to dance, read her bible and pray.

Vanilla was proceeded in death by her parents, late husband, James K. Hinson and brother, John Calvin Parker, Jr.

She is survived by her children, Eleanor Mitzi Hines (Charlie); Demaris J. Hinson (Ashley); and Rebecca Y. Hinson-Lewis (Adrian), her siblings, Essie Mae Bristol, Mamie Dorinda Parker, J.C. Parker (Anna) and Quetina Parker Smarr (Johnny); Grandchildren - Alecia, Jonathon (Luzina), Tim, Caleb (Alexis), Khalil, Xavier, Demaris Jr, Austin, Lamont & Tylar and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Forever in our Hearts