



## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, July 10, 1952

**Died:** Thursday, May 10, 2018

### Candace Hatton Parker Obituary

Candace Hatton Parker passed away on May 10, 2018 in Decatur, Georgia, surrounded and supported by her loving family. She was born in McRae, Georgia on July 10, 1952 and grew up in nearby Hazlehurst, Georgia. She was the daughter of Elmer and Eunice Hatton.

She graduated from Jeff Davis County High School in Hazlehurst where she was a majorette and an outstanding student. She later attended South Georgia State College in Douglas, Georgia. She moved to the Athens, Georgia area in late 1976 where she lived for 35 years. For the last several years of her life, she lived in Decatur near to all of her close family.

Candace was known for her kindness and concern for others. She promoted tolerance, love and compassion for all people and often spoke of being inspired from childhood by the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. She was socially active and committed to civil rights, including marching and protesting for justice and peace.

As her friends and family know well, Candace will be remembered for her outstanding cooking and baking skills. Her family often called her the “cake whisperer” and she would bake lavish and extremely delicious cakes on a nearly weekly basis for friends, family and co-workers. She liked to describe the family motto as “anything worth doing is worth overdoing.”

Candace loved animals and especially cats, with whom she had a special power to communicate. She treated her cats and those of others like they were her children.

She was an environmentalist and lover of nature. She was proud to declare herself a literal tree hugger.

## Service Summary

---

### Graveside Service

10:30 AM Wed May 16, 2018

### Honey Creek Woodlands

Conyers, Georgia

Candace was passionate about music her whole life. She had diverse tastes in music that she passed on to her children. She enjoyed live music and attended many concerts and shows with family and friends throughout her life.

She was a committed Christian who loved God and Jesus. She traveled overseas to Israel, Russia, and Scotland on mission trips. Her faith was vitally important to her and helped her through good and challenging times.

Candace will be profoundly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She was intelligent, beautiful, dedicated to her family, selfless, tolerant and most of all kind. She always thought of others before herself and gave so much love to the world that she touched the hearts of everyone with whom she came into contact.

Candace is survived by her son Clay Jones, her daughter Rachel Parker, her daughter-in-law Lee Fields, her grandson, Duncan Jones (who knew her as Gandy), and her in-laws, Marsha and A.J. Fields.

Services will be held at Honey Creek Woodlands in Conyers, Georgia on Wednesday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.