



Byron Thomas Parks

July 14, 1946 - July 10, 2018

Byron Thomas Parks, 71, went to be with the Lord on July 10, 2018. He was born July 14, 1946 in Dallas, Texas to Thomas and Hazel Parks.

He will be greatly missed as he was known for his servant's heart and his love for music which touched everyone who knew him.

He was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas and proudly attended North Texas State University School Of Music.

Byron was an accomplished musician! He was a co-founder of The Dallas Jazz Orchestra and a member for over 40 years. His musical accomplishments include being a promoter, recording engineer, conductor, band historian, composer, arranger, and most of all an advocate for all musicians. His dedication and his love of Music made Byron, "One of a kind!"

Byron loved his family and his profession, and most of all the musicians who played alongside him for so many years. And... there are so many. Among those musicians is a friend, Galen Jeter, who Byron met in the Music Department at North Texas. These two musicians worked, performed, and played trumpet together for 50 years.

Byron was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Taylor Parks, his mother, Hazel Smith Parks, and cousin Tim Smith. He is survived by his brother, Neal Bradford Parks; his Aunt and Uncle, Dorothy and Clayton Smith; his cousins, David Smith, Cindy Smith McCary, Sheri Smith Warner, Tammy Meadows, and Vicki Connor.

Our family is grateful and appreciative of your outpouring love for Byron and our family. He was loved by so many and he loved all of you.

Graveside service will be held at Grape Creek Cemetery in Corsicana, TX on Saturday, July 14th, at 10:00 AM.

Memorials may be made to The Grape Creek Cemetery Association, c/o Cindy Smith McCary, 616 SECR 1070, Corsicana, TX 75109.

Cemetery Details

Grape Creek Cemetery

9500 SE County Road 1020
Corsicana, TX 75109

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grape Creek Cemetery
9500 SE County Road 1020
Corsicana, TX 75109

Tribute Wall



“ *Byron Thomas Parks*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM