



Elizabeth Ann Parks

October 25, 1933 - February 23, 2026

Elizabeth Ann Parks, age 92, a resident of Del Rio, passed away on February 23, 2026.

Mrs. Parks was a proud graduate of East Tennessee State University and dedicated 35 years to teaching, primarily at Cocke County High School and Ben Hooper Vocational School. In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Parks was a sponsor for the school newspaper, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Student Council. Following her retirement, she remained actively involved in her community through the Cocke County Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. She found great joy in keeping up with the accomplishments of her former students and celebrating their successes long after they left her classroom. Mrs. Parks had a deep love for life and for people. Nowhere was that love more evident than in the devotion she consistently showed to her family throughout her 92 years. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, YJ Parks, her father, John Bernard Wild, her mother Helen (Suggs) Wild, and her sisters Nancy Ruth Wild and Sylvia "Sue" Hawk.

She is survived by her brothers Judson Carson Wild and Bobby Gene Wild, sons, Roger Allen Parks and wife Debbie Pierce Parks of Del Rio, Mitchell Lee Parks and wife Debra Graves Parks, of Greeneville; grandsons, Tyler Braden Parks, Thomas Bradley Parks and wife Valerie Jean Parks; and great grandchildren Madison Kate Parks, Weston Drew Parks, and Beau Ryder Parks.

Mrs. Parks's family also wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Wellington Manor for the compassionate and dedicated care provided to Mrs. Parks during her final years.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 pm Saturday, February 28, 2026 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. David Green officiating. Burial will be following the service at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral service.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
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Newport, TN 37821
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Funeral service

FEB **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Elizabeth was a wonderful person and neighbor and will be missed dearly. Melinda (Willis) McDaniel

Melinda McDaniel - March 29 at 09:42 AM

VM

“ My deepest condolences. She was a great lady and teacher.

Vickie Lunsford Maner - February 28 at 07:52 PM

AF

“ So sorry to hear this. She was a sweet lady.

Angelia Cureton Fowler - February 28 at 06:16 PM

DW

“ Dear Mitch, Debbie, Tyler, Brad, Valerie, Weston, and Beau: We are so very sorry for the loss of your sweet Meme. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers. In Christ,
Tom and Dawn Wright



Dawn wright - February 27 at 11:06 PM

AB

“ Sincere condolences to the entire family of Elizabeth Parks... I was fortunate to have been one of her students in VOE in which I learned skills that were instrumental during my college years and beyond..Such a wonderful educator and lovely lady...

Abby Balch - February 27 at 08:34 PM

CI

“ So sorry for your great loss.

*My deepest condolences
John Frazier*

cindy - February 27 at 10:10 AM

RO

“ *Mrs Elizabeth you will be missed, she always treated me like family. Love her. Prayers for the Son's and family. Russell ans Sharon Ottinger*

Russell Ottinger - February 27 at 07:21 AM

TD

“ *To the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Parks: Mrs. Parks was my teacher, mentor, and friend. Her professionalism, dedication, and passion for education and teaching has made such an impact on so many. I will always remember the support and kindness she showed me in my teaching career. May she be at peace and may you find comfort in your sweet memories. Terri Denton*

Teresa Denton - February 25 at 03:43 PM

VD

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Mrs. Parks was my Vocational Office Education (VOE) teacher in the late 1980's and she was such a jewel. I wouldn't be the woman I am today had it not been for her instruction. I pray that you all find peace and comfort in knowing that she is now in the arms of Jesus and reunited with her precious YJ. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Vanessa Dennis - February 25 at 02:41 PM

JC

With deepest sympathy, Jan Carpenter

Jan Carpenter - February 27 at 02:55 PM

GB

“ *I was in Miss Wilds typing class the first year she taught at CCHS. The students enjoyed have a new young teacher, especially the boys. Later when I became interested in genealogy, we reconnected and I found that I was kin to her. She will always be remembered by those who knew her.*

Garry Brooks

Garry Brooks - February 25 at 09:37 AM

CF

“ *There's no way I can articulate what Mrs.Parks meant to me and my appreciation for her. I was blessed to be a VOE student of hers in 1978-80. I couldn't wait to get to her class each day. She was so nice and professional and no doubt her teachings had a profound effect on my career. Thank you so much Mrs. Parks. Now, go rest.....well done!*

My deepest sympathy to her family.



Connie Willis Frisbee - February 25 at 08:49 AM

CB

“ *She was my typing teacher in high school. A very sweet caring person. Our heartfelt condolence are with all the family* □

Connie & Marsha Ball - February 24 at 04:11 PM

GW

“ *My sincere condolences.*



Glenda Willis - February 24 at 12:31 PM

MS

“ *Marvin & Becky (suggs) Seay lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Parks*



Marvin & Becky (suggs) Seay - February 24 at 12:03 PM

B&

“ *Bobby &. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Ann Parks.*



Bobby &. - February 24 at 11:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Parks.*



February 24 at 10:58 AM

BE

“ I'm sorry for the loss of Ms Parks. She was a wonderful teacher in the 70's. May God hold you close through this sad time.

Betsy - February 24 at 08:53 AM

LD

“ Many prayers and much love to all the family, loved ones, and friends of Elizabeth Parks. In the 60's Mrs. Parks was one of my best teachers at Cocke Count High School. She was so nice to all her students and was such a good typing teacher, she made typing such a joy to learn.



Years later, she became "Aunt Lib", I always called her when I would see her, because our son married into the Wild family, so we said that made us kin.

We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers as you say goodbye to your sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt.

Matthew 5:4

With Sincere Heartfelt Sympathy,
Linda & Bud Dawson

Linda Dawson - February 23 at 11:10 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - February 23 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ Roger, Mitch, and family,
Your mother was my VOE teacher in 1977-1979, and she had a wonderful impact on my life. I loved her, and appreciate her influence both in my student life as well as my personal life. Most of all, I'm thankful for the spiritual example she had by openly serving Christ and sharing her faith. Words can't really express how much I love and appreciate the blessing she was to me. As you already know, she was truly a jewel. I'm so thankful that we will meet again someday in the land where we will never again have to say goodbye. No tears. Just rejoicing. May the Lord comfort your hearts.

Kathy Willis Brooks - February 23 at 06:47 PM

DO

“ Truly one of the finest, most professional teachers to serve Cocke County's children, Elizabeth Parks will continue to be a positive influence through the work of her students. I was privileged to become her coworker in later years and was blessed to become a friend. We shared a passion for genealogy and she welcomed me into her home of numerous occasions when I was researching a new project. She was immensely proud of her heritage and equally proud of her family. I'm so happy to have been a part of her world. May she rest in peace.

Duay O'Neil - February 23 at 03:40 PM