

Obituaries

Mrs. Amy Parker Durham

Mrs. Amy Parker Durham, 57, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, and daughter, but most importantly a child of God, while surrounded by her family, passed from this world to her heavenly home, on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at Flint River Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Ben Winslett officiating. Amy will be interred at Cedar Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Swaringen officiating in the church cemetery at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

The family will greet friends at the church on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

Amy was born in Monroe, NC on June 8, 1968, to Hugh Linwood Parker, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Parker. Her biggest memories growing up were participating in dance for nine years, being a flag-girl in marching band, and being very active in church youth groups.

Amy attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English. While there she participated in both Air Force and Army ROTC, eventually receiving an Army officer's commission in the Engineer Corps and served in the Army National Guard. She met her husband Mike in Army ROTC, and after graduation began a 23 year journey to posts in the US and Germany as an army spouse. She worked as a news and document editor for several organizations before stopping work to raise her children as a stay at home mom and home-school teacher. She was an amazing teacher, with both children enrolling in college with scholarships. Amy loved to travel, experience new things, and share those with her children. She also loved to junk and would always find a way to stop at a new or favorite junk, thrift or antique store. She loved art museums, books, and had a lifelong love of reading classic literature.

Amy found joy in helping people, she liked to give and show kindness for those in her family and church. This came from her love of the Lord and she was a humble child of God. She found peace and guidance in the Bible and comfort knowing her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amy is survived by her husband Mike Durham; her son Ryan; her daughter Claire; her mother Mary Elizabeth (Lib) Parker; her brother Hugh Linwood (Woody) Parker, Jr. (Amy McAdam Parker); and several nieces and nephews, Brandon (Lisa), Joshua (Shana), Megan (Dusty), Ethan and Sawyer. She is also survived by her aunts Karen Maurice (Peter) and Betty Clark.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hugh Parker.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memory of Amy to Hospice Family Care, Huntsville Hospital Foundation:

www.huntsvillehospitalfoundation.org/get-involved/give-now or to the Cedar Grove Baptist Church cemetery fund, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Care of: Alice Cox, 12509 Highway 742 N, Polkton, N.C., 28135,

The arrangements are in care of Hampton Cove Funeral home in Alabama and Leavitt Funeral Home in North Carolina. Online condolences may be made at www.hamptoncovefh.com and www.leavittfh.com.

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Green Sentenced to Life Without Parole in 2017 Scotland County Murder Case

During the November 17, 2025 session of Scotland County Criminal Superior Court, Defendant Terrence Terrell Green pled guilty to First-Degree Murder and two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon with the Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury. Green received a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

He entered his guilty plea on the morning jury selection was set to begin.

According to the State, the evidence would have shown that on the afternoon of March 29, 2017, Green broke into a home on Tuskegee Avenue, fatally shooting Deangelo Patterson and seriously injuring two others. District Attorney Jamie Adams and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Victory represented the State.

District Attorney Adams thanked the community for its support in bringing the case to resolution. "My office will continue to prioritize the prosecution of violent crimes with the use of firearms against our citizens," Adams said. "The community's support and willingness to participate in the prosecution of this case was the main contributing factor in the defendant's decision to plead guilty. Remember, if you see something, say something — it may save someone's life."

Adams also thanked the Laurinburg Police Department for its investigation and the citizens who reported for jury service.

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Rebecca Sue Pressley Sikes

Rebecca Sue Pressley Sikes, 87, of Polkton, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 14, 2025, at Rocky River Baptist Church in Polkton, NC with Pastors Dennis Stegall and Donald Rhyne officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

Rebecca was born on September 8, 1938, in Union County, the only daughter of the late Charles Loyd Pressley and Gracey Belle Simpson. She retired from Stanly Knitting, located in Oakboro, NC.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her four brothers.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Ted Rhoad Sikes; their children, Ronnie Sikes (Kimberly), Anthony "Neal" Sikes (Nancy), and Danny Sikes (Laura); eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



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