



## Rosa Parhams

May 27, 1929 - November 6, 2011

A memorial service for Rosa Lee Parhams, 82, of Roswell will be held at 1 pm Friday, November 18, 2011 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Landjur Abukusumo officiating. Burial to follow at South Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, November 17, 2011, 4:00 -7:00 pm.

Rosa was born on May 27, 1929 in Goldhill, NC. At an early age, she and her family moved to Roanoke, VA. She lived in Roanoke until she graduated from Lucy Addison High School and then moved to Washington, DC to find work. It was there that she met and married Charlie Thomas Monroe, now deceased. From that union three children were born, Janet D. Allen, Ricardo Monroe and Randolph Monroe. The marriage did not last.

Rosa was introduced to Jesse J. Parhams by a good friend. They fell in love and were married in Roswell, NM on July 12, 1958. Jesse was in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA.; after the wedding they made their temporary home there and from that union, Curtis Jay was born.

In 1969, Rosa and Jesse moved to Roswell, NM. Jesse still in the military, retired shortly thereafter.

Rosa was a wonderful homemaker. She loved to cook and sew. She was very famous for her pound cakes, apple pies and punch bowl cakes. During the holidays you could always find lots of food and desserts in the Parham's household. She was a jack of many trades. She was a wonderful seamstress. There were many people who sought out her services for alterations and the making of clothes. She worked at Sears for many years and people would

seek her to help find clothing for their children. Rosa was a den mother for Curtis' Boy Scout Organization and also a county extension worker.

Rosa was a cancer survivor and during the time of her recovery there was no one in Roswell to provide information or help those who had undergone mastectomies. Rosa was instrumental in starting the "Reach for Recovery" chapter in Roswell. She was Roswell's first "Reach for Recovery" volunteer. Rosa's faith was very strong and she fervently believed that God would make a way out of no way. Through all of her illnesses, she always found the strength from within to keep going. You could call on her at any time and she would be there to give you all of the support she could. She was very active in her church, Washington Chapel Christian Worship Center, as an usher and stewardess and remained so until age prevented further service.

One of Rosa's favorite comforts, even as a child, was to find a quiet secluded place and take a nap. Rosa loved to sleep. On November 6, 2011, after eating lunch, Rosa laid down for an afternoon nap. She was enjoying her sleep and our Father in Heaven let her sleep on and carried her home.

Rosa leaves to celebrate her home going, daughter, Janet D. Allen (Roswell, NM); sons, Ricardo Monroe (Washington, DC), Randolph Monroe (Dayton, Ohio) and Curtis J. Parhams and partner Joel McCabe (Buckeye, AZ); granddaughter, Jacqueline Slayton-Clark and husband Alfred Clark (Lubbock, TX); grandson, Mateo Parhams McCabe (Buckeye, AZ); great grandchildren, Ta'Shayla, Shaquaya and Laker; great-great grandchildren, Da'Mauryay, E'Ion, Eliziah' and Dezmond. She also leaves Justus and Christine Bowe, Juanita Green, Larone Graham, Priscilla Washington, Fred Wagoner, Tyrone Wagoner and Alvo Wagoner. There are many nieces, nephews and cousins, too many to name and so many friends who never hesitated to ask about her wellbeing.

Preceding her death was her husband of 46 years, Jesse J. Parhams; Mother, Hattie B. Jackson; Father, Fred E. Moss; Brothers, Fred Moss, Jr., Joe Moss and Robert Moss; Grandson, Kyle Wesley Allen. Her circle of life continues. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online

register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa Parhams*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I was a friend of Curtis' when he lived in Chicago and he often talked about his family in general but especially about his love for his mom. I've even had the pleasure of talking to her on the phone about her cake. I haven't seen him in years and just happened to throw his name in the search engine and his moms obit came up. I'm so sorry for his loss.*

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**Tim Dorsey** - January 17, 2012 at 12:23 PM



“ *Janet, So sorry to hear about your Mom. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Jimmy & Mary Ann Jimenez & family** - December 09, 2011 at 01:44 PM



“ *To the family of Rosa,  
My deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. I came to know Rosa when we worked together at Gibson's Discount Center, she was a remarkable person who will be greatly missed. She is with our Lord in heaven now watching over all of us. May you find comfort knowing that she accomplished alot while on this earth, and she will continue doing so in heaven.*

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**alex alvarez** - November 18, 2011 at 04:21 PM

GS

“ Janet- my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Ginny Sena** - November 18, 2011 at 11:41 AM

VW

“ To the family you all have my sympathy. I do remember Mrs. Rosie for a very long time. I first met her when I was a a young child and she was working at Sears. Then when attending High School is when I met her grand daughter Jackie and her son Curtis. She was a wonderful person who Loved and Served the Lord. She will be Greatly missed.

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**Verna Brown White** - November 16, 2011 at 11:48 AM

TB

“ We will miss Momma Rose, she loved us like we were her own and we loved her.

*Ray and Anita Lockhart send their sympathy and love to the family Mrs. Kaplan of Wrightstown, NJ and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jaymes of Hampton, Va. also send thier love.*

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**Tom and Patty Barresi** - November 16, 2011 at 10:38 AM