



## Mary E. Parrish, FNP, Ret. USAF

April 16, 1944 - July 29, 2024

Mary Elaine Parrish, FNP, Ret. USAF, age 80, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024 here in Del Rio. She was born on April 16, 1944, in Dayton, Ohio.

Ret. Major USAF Family Nurse Practitioner, both in the military and private practice. She co-owned Family Care Clinic with her late husband, Robert E. Parrish Sr. giving selflessly compassionate care to her patients.

She continued her love of nursing through teaching future nurses both during her time at Howard College Nursing School, as a liaison for future nurse practitioner clinicals at the FCC.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert Earl Parrish Sr. her sister Phyllis Beckett, and mother Helen Tharp.

Ms. Mary is survived by her children- Melissa Earlene Fondren and Robert Earl Parrish Jr. (Verna) Grandchildren Whitney Alexis Orona (Jake), Colton Jay Fondren, Ty Parrish Fondren and Justin Doyle Riley (Jessica) as well as great grand children, friends and other associates.

Ms. Mary's services are as follows:

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the funeral home

chapel.

A Chapel Service is scheduled for Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 10 a.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith. Officiating will be Pastor John Cary. Ms. Mary will be laid to rest at West Lawn Cemetery. Full military honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force Honor Guard and the Jesus M. Limones American Legion Honor Guard Post #595.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Chapel Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Military Honors

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 11:05 AM (CT)

Westlawn Cemetery  
Del Rio, TX 78840

## Graveside Service

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AUG 3. 11:05 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Westlawn Cemetery  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was honored to attend the award ceremony for Mary inside our state capitol in Austin, TX. It was a moment of great joy and pride. Some of her staff members went with her as well and we shared an awesome meal afterwards that included plenty of laughter. Making Mary laugh was my favorite thing to do. God bless you Mary and you will be missed. Love always from Robby and the rest of the Centilli family. You were a true blessing as our provider and most importantly our friend.

Frank Robert Centilli III (Robby) - August 03, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Parrish, FNP, Ret. USAF.



August 02, 2024 at 08:01 AM

TY

“ The McColloughs, Randy, Paula, Sam, Yoly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E. Parrish, FNP, Vet. USAF.

The McColloughs, Randy, Paula, Sam, Yoly - August 02, 2024 at 08:01 AM

PA

“ It was an honor to learn from you and be your daughter in law. Your love and encouragement taught me to persevere. Thank you. Now enjoy being with Bob and watch over our kids please💕💕💕  
With love,  
Paula.

Paula - August 02, 2024 at 07:47 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Parrish, FNP, Ret. USAF.



August 01, 2024 at 05:02 PM

JF

“ Williams, Jones, Benson Families are eternally grateful for the Life and Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Parrish. She was a great medical professional she showed her passion for the care of my grandparents, and seasoned family members and friends. She will sorely missed in our community and families. RIH Mrs. Mary E. Parrish

Jonathan Francis - August 01, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MR

“ My heart breaks to hear of your passing. I am humbled to have been so lucky to work with you at your clinic. A gem indeed, one of a kind. You always gave so much of yourself. The excellent care and attention you gave to all your patients was extraordinary. Fly high beautiful angel . Sending prayers and my condolences to the family.



Marcey Rios - July 31, 2024 at 09:17 PM

MO

I have missed you so much since the date you retired 🙏 such a caring person ,you truly loved your calling for medicine prayers for the family. God needed another angel Fly high Mary

mona osteen - August 01, 2024 at 01:11 PM

AN

My heart breaks for you & I miss my friend. So grateful for your care all those years & so grateful for your friendship after you retired. Grateful I could help you find a canine companion when you were ready for another. She's in good care now so no worries. Grateful for the times we spent together ❤️  
I'll miss those times. I love you Mary! Godspeed.

Annmarie - August 01, 2024 at 02:13 PM

PV

“ Awwww.....”Mary, Mary” (as in quite contrary 🤪), you were one of a kind in so many ways. I, too felt like it was a privilege to get to work with you in your clinic, your heart, your baby. For Mary, time was NEVER important to her - just making sure she TOOK TIME to be fully there with each patient. She lived and ran on Diet Coke, the beloved chocolate milkshake, and whatever someone brought in to her because she almost never left the clinic for lunch. Selfless in so many ways.

Remember how she used to turn corners in a clipped pivot or whatever they call it in the AirForce - you expected to hear her heels click together! 😂

Yes, Mary we loved you and will always remember laughing together!! The trip to Austin to see you honored at the Capital for your service in Vietnam (the only female veteran in TX at the time to receive that honor) was a special time for Laura and me.

You taught us all so much - and we're so grateful to you!

One last word to bring a giggle from the others who worked with her in the back - “remember the times she called for the duct tape in the exam room?!” 😂😂

We will never forget you, “Mary, Mary” ❤️❤️❤️

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**Pam Vickers** - July 31, 2024 at 03:04 PM

LA

“ It was an honor working for Mary at her clinic and she will be truly missed. Fly high and thank you for everything you taught me. I will cherish our memory of going to Austin Texas state capital where they honored you and when you attended my baby shower and so many more memories. Simply, Thank you. and just like you nicknamed me, i sign off as....little one, Laura

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**Laura Aguirre** - July 31, 2024 at 11:41 AM

MG

*My family is very appreciative to have found in Mrs. Parrish a kind person.. Knowledge and dry humor great assets.. Feisty and very thorough with her exams.. Condolences to her family and to Melissa. Guerrero fam.*

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**Maria Guerrero** - August 01, 2024 at 12:26 AM

TT

“ *I will miss my friend. She always opened her home to me and my family. Memories of our shopping days will always be in my heart. Singing "How much is that Doggie in the window" to her fur babies was priceless. Thank you Mary for wonderful memories. You are finally at Peace and with your sister Phyllis. Enjoy the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.  
I Love you....*

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**Toni Tarang** - July 30, 2024 at 11:08 PM

JM

“ *Jan M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary E. Parrish, FNP, Vet. USAF.*

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**Jan M.** - July 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BV

“ I am so sad to hear of Ms Parrish... she was a great woman who did all she could, whether right or wrong... she did all she could for our veterans, elderly and any one...  
She would always agree... they need help now... yes, Ms Bea, yes! I never got a “no” from her... at least she tried every time..  
Unfortunately, some did not see it that way. I appreciated her dear & sincere love for our community...  
Many times, I called on her because some someone was having issues... she always made time to visit with me and the individual.. many times she provided her gas card so I could take them to wherever there was a bed and they would take the person in need. And to her it did not really matter who they were ... Rich or poor... insurance or not... she always provided me with her assistance... she was just like Simon Sotelo... There were many who did not make it...and the three of us would meet and discuss what we could have done better.  
Ms Parrish & Simon Sotelo saved many...Yehoshua receive her soul & bless her family & friends. Thank you. Thank you, for serving our community...thank you for loving our veterans, our elderly and all. But, most of all: thank you for stopping the world just for me....

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bea vallejo - July 30, 2024 at 03:40 PM

PH

“ We are heartbroken and with much sadness to hear the passing of a wonderful woman. She was a true service woman to our country, an experienced NP to her patients and a great friend. We will miss her greatly after seeing her weekly for 35+years. She had just commented that to Cookie.  
"We've been together a long time".  
So know Mary you've left us with many memories and we'll try to be good ;)  
May you rest  
in peace.  
Our love and condolences,  
Cookie, June, Sylvia and Lucy



Plaza Hairdressers - July 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

SH

“ I'm so very sad to hear the passing of Dr Parrish . She was one of kind and I always enjoyed my visits with her. My father in law would always say he was going to Sarg Parrish today. We will truly miss seeing her eating lunch at The BRown Bag Deli .

Shannon - July 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM

PC

Mary was such a kind and caring person. She cared so much for so many of us. Fly high Mary...you are an angel❤️

Pat Cole - July 30, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DZ

This lady was more than my Dr. She was my friend and my daughter Kay. She was one special lady and I pray that she will rest in peace. Fly high Mary because you have certainly gained her wings.

Doris Zorn - July 30, 2024 at 02:22 AM

DP

*Major Parrish yelled at me for smoking when I was an Airman around 1980. And Mary Parrish yelled at me about my cholesterol 25 years later.*

*She was a treasure, and Del Rio was lucky to have her.*

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**Dale Powers** - July 30, 2024 at 05:09 PM

CM

*My deepest condolences to Mary's family. She gave so much back to our community and helped so many of us with compassionate health care. She will be greatly missed!*

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**Carrie Martin** - July 30, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JA

*My condolences to the family of Maj. Parrish on her passing. My family respected and appreciated Maj. Parrish's dedication to her patients, so much so that my parents remained her patients long after my dad retired from Laughlin. Knowing Maj. Parrish since our family was assigned to LAFB in the 1970s, I feel like I've lost a member of the family. Thank you for your service to our country and for your dedication to your patients, you'll be missed. I salute you.*

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**Jan** - July 30, 2024 at 09:32 PM