



Rembert Nesbitt Parker

October 5, 1950 - January 4, 2023

Rembert Nesbitt Parker, 72 (30+42), of Anderson, passed away on January 4, 2023. He was born on October 5, 1950, in Greensboro, North Carolina; Rembert was well-travelled living in several states to include Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Rhode Island, Illinois and New York but ultimately planted roots in the Anderson, Indiana area in 1997 where he has resided since. During his life Rembert worked as a photographer's assistant, golf caddy, busboy, librarian, radio disc jockey, computer programmer, actuary, professor, television talk show host & AOL community leader setting up the science fiction & comics forums.

Rembert ran numerous science fiction, comic book, and gaming conventions in cities around the country. He was the master of ceremonies for several conventions and the emcee for costume contests at various conventions (including GenCon).

Rembert was an award-winning author. His early publications included gaming adventures for Dungeons and Dragons and other role-playing games. A series of books he has written included social commentary in *Resisting the Challenges of the 21st Century*, and music history in the forthcoming *Lost or Forgotten Oldies Buried by the Sands of Time*. Rembert enjoyed blogging in his spare time with his series *What Was Left In*.

Rembert was a Boy Scout & nature lover; He was an avid gardener loving to

tend to his fruits & vegetables in the back-yard garden (and a not so big fan of the rabbits eating his efforts). He was a lover of animals but his favorite routine was spending his mornings & evenings with his cat, Colby Solo Parker.

Rembert loved music so much so that one would consider him a musical historian. Those that knew him could always count on hearing a fascinating story as Rembert was a wealth of knowledge and lived experiences; He was once even invited to sing on stage with Three Dog Night in front of a sold-out crowd.

Rembert graduated from Ball State University to which he received his masters in Computer Science & doctorate in Computer Science Education (after writing a textbook for new programmers). He is a retired professor of Anderson University where he taught Computer Sciences.

Rembert was a beloved pillar of the Anderson Comic and Gaming community as the proprietor of Reader Copies. Reader Copies was founded in Jacksonville, Florida 1994; Rembert first did travelling comic shows in the southeast United States and in 1995 opened his first store front. Setting-up in Anderson 1997, Rembert became known for his gaming & comic knowledge as evident by his absolute passion for the industry. Reader Copies, at its core, was about the culture and friendships; a mindset that goes all the way back to his own "Friday Night" gaming days.

Rembert is survived by his loving wife of 32 years Beverly "Bevie" (Sizelove) Parker, Daughter Claire Parker (& Josh Lennen) of Evansville, IN, Son Keith Prichard (& Mary Bowling) of Anderson, Daughter Wendy (Brian) Opie of Bloomington, IN and Daughter Julie (Brandon) Howey of Anderson, IN.

Rembert is survived by his grandchildren Connor Lennen, Benjamin Lennen, Emily Lennen, Jon Borrer, Philip Opie, Serenity Bowling, Lilly West & Allison West.

Rembert is survived by his 3 brothers Vann (Carol) Parker of California, Todd (Sandi) Parker of Virginia & Jon (Mari) Parker of North Carolina along with several nieces & nephews.

Rembert is survived by special friends Jean Rabe (writer), Timothy Zahn (writer), Donald Bingle (writer), Robert Daniels (artist), Alan M. Clark (artist), Steve Jackson (American Game Designer), Matt Phillips & the t.W.o, Jon Cook, Marshall Morris, Dan Schaffer, & Gale "Sonny" Bloom.

Rembert is survived by his students & every customer of Reader Copies, his "other family". Rembert in his way loved and appreciated all of you.

He was preceded in death by father, Julian Walton (Helen) Parker, mother, Marsha (Howard) Wulff.

Visitation will be held at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN Friday the 13th from 5-7pm with services to immediately follow and Gale "Sonny" Bloom will be officiating. A gaming table will be set-up in the back area to accommodate anyone wanting to play games (space permitting). The family additionally requests Nerd Formal be the attire of the evening.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Second Harvest Food Bank or Animal Protection League Inc. of Anderson, Indiana

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rembert Nesbitt Parker*



Loose Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CG

“ *I was sad to learn of Rem's death. We were high school classmates in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Among our small graduating class were five National Merit Scholarship finalists, and among these I believe Rem was the brightest of all. We created the Procrastinators' Club with a half dozen of our nerdiest friends and claimed a sandbar in the harbor as The Sovereign State of Delaysia! We were on the math team together and won a county championship, and we worked on the literary magazine as well. It was evident even then that Rem was going to carve a unique and fascinating path for himself. I'm deeply grateful to learn that Rem had a wonderful rest of his life filled with friendship, family and enjoyable nerditude.*

Claude Galinsky - May 05, 2023 at 02:56 PM

MC

“ Rembert was someone who formed my nerdy little childhood, and that meant a lot to me. I played Pokémon at his shop from ages 11-16 and continued to buy and learn nerd stuff from him years after. My family even got in on it, which helped me bond with my grandfather! I still visit his store and love to see his family, but I will miss him very much.

His shop is truly a home away from home, and I cannot fathom Anderson without it. Wherever I go in life, I will know I have at least one reason to visit Anderson again. And it's his shop.

I will miss him and I hope one day I myself can be like him in a way.

Molly Campbell - February 26, 2023 at 10:34 AM

CE

“ Condolences to Rembert's family. I also believed Rembert was more than a professor and owner of Reader's Copies. I am impressed by all he had accomplished in his life after reading his complete biography.

Chicqiela Elbert-Velazco - January 26, 2023 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ So when I was around 8 or 9 years old I would walk in the creek. It was cool and there were often fish, turtles, tadpoles, and crawdads. I had reached my 5 house away limit when I saw a bunch of teenagers doing... something at house 6. I decided to come and see what it was. They had a bunch of books that they told me was a "game." It was remarkably detailed and it was called "Dungeons and Dragons" and I knew I had to have it.

I went home and asked my dad about getting this game. it was before the 80s and so Satanic Panic had not yet set in. He was baffled and went to his best friend Rembert Parker for advice. "Oh, I know what that game is." And he agreed to GM for us. I was Glendor IV, a grumpy dwarf fighter and dad was Sevarrian, a human ranger.

I also got the basic set to play with my friends at school, but by 5th grade we were all playing AD&D during lunch. A group of about 6 of us including Christopher Waldrop Matt Cook Leland Price among others that aren't on FB.

By High School my main circle of friends were the guys I gamed with. we added Travis Sharp and Torre Wyatt along with Jim Holton, Jeffrey Alan Fawcett, and others.

Rembert had moved to Evansville IN by this time, but he and his wife Kathryn Parker would occasionally visit. One visit he brought a Sci-

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Author and asked if we would put him up in our basement. Said author was Tim Zahn. He and Rembert were involved in a Sci-Fi convention called Xanadu in Nashville. He offered to take me along, and if I enjoyed it, Rembert ran a GAMING convention in Evansville called Glathricon.

My parents were perfectly fine with me wandering to a different state and staying in a hotel with Rem. I went to Glathricon and met gaming buddies I came to love. Jean Rabe, Donald J. Bingle, Mike Selinker and others. For my Senior gift, my parents let me go to GenCon where I was flirted with by Margaret Hickman's daughter and too clueless to know.

I kept in touch with Rembert on Facebook and we would visit at DragonCon. He had health issues and more or less dropped off the face of the earth for about 5 years. When he had recovered, we reconnected by playing World of Warcraft together. Using the Invite a Friend system we managed to make a full stable of max level characters in a few months.

Recently Rembert lost his fight with health problems. I was devastated to hear it. There is no doubt Rembert lived a full rich life and it ended surrounded by people who loved him, but the man who was the greatest influence in my life outside my parents is gone. He will be missed.

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John Maurer
John J. Maurer, LLC

John Maurer - January 17, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ *83 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - January 12, 2023 at 05:24 PM

EC

“ *Eddie and Mike Costello purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rembert Nesbitt Parker.*



Eddie and Mike Costello - January 10, 2023 at 11:20 AM

MM

“ Sad to hear that Rembert has passed and My Condolences to you and yours. I knew Rembert via Orlando Area Science Fiction Society and working on the annual Convention we worked on. Some of those Conventions were held in Hotels that don't even exist anymore as we are talking of 34 years ago. Being a Convention Chief is a year/years long task of being underappreciated and overworked. Still He gave me a Sterling example to model when I stepped up from Video Chair to Convention Chair and I will miss Him greatly.

Michael D. Mize - January 09, 2023 at 08:45 PM

CA

“ My husband Rick and I were such good friends of Rembert. Rick and Rembert worked at national life in Nashville. They both were gamers. We played mahjong most every weekend for 3 years. We figured we were his birth control since our kids were 2,4 and 6 years old. But it failed and along came beautiful Claire. I was blessed to spend several day with them after she was born. He was afraid of her and it took me a week to get him to hold her on a pillow ! I'm sure he had to be the most interesting father ever. We missed him terribly when they moved because always made us laugh and would do anything we needed. Our 6 yr old son was ring bearer at his wedding and insisted on carrying the real ring since he found out the ring in a previous wedding was fake. I'm sure Rembert was nervous but allowed him to do it. since then he and my son John have become good friends. We will all miss him. 🙏❤️

cathymaurer - January 09, 2023 at 08:34 PM

LH

“ I was very fortunate to work with Rembert for over 5 years in the actuarial department of National Life and Accident Ins. Co in Nashville. He was a very special person and I loved every minute I got to share. Loved reading his books in more recent years. His sense of humor was amazing.
Libbey Hagewood. Nashville TN

Libbey Hagewood - January 09, 2023 at 07:58 PM

LY

“ Wonderful brilliant man. We used to have the most amazing discussions, arguments and meetings of the mind. You will be missed Remie.

Lynn - January 09, 2023 at 06:45 PM