

## **CHARLES STAFFORD PARKER**

Charles S. "Chuck" Parker, a retired mathematics teacher with the Houston school system, died on Tuesday, 19 February 2002, at his home in Baton Rouge, LA. He was 63 years old. Chuck came to the Naval Academy from Baton Rouge, LA, where he played varsity baseball. He spent the next four years of his life playing baseball at the Academy. He also loved football playing two years of battalion ball and during his Second Class Year, playing 150-pound football. He graduated with the Class of 1960 and earned a bachelor of science degree.

Following graduation, Chuck was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet aboard a destroyer out of Philadelphia. Subsequently he was reassigned to the West Coast aboard a San Francisco based oiler. Following a number of deployments, he transferred to the Navy detachment at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM. This shore tour was then followed by a year-long tour in Vietnam, where he was involved with psychological warfare and assisting the South Vietnamese in dealing with guerilla warfare.

He received the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Leaving the service in 1970, Chuck went to Philadelphia where he was employed by a large air conditioning manufacturer. Several years later, he relocated to Minnesota where he went to work for St. Regis Paper Company. After eight years in the north, he left the company and returned to the south where he went into teaching in the Houston School System. He retired several years ago and spent his time between Baton Rouge, LA, and Houston, TX.

Memorial services were at St. James Episcopal Church, conducted by the Rev. Chuck Wood, followed by interment in Port Hudson National Cemetery.

Predeceased by his father, Charles W. Parker, Chuck is survived by his wife, Yvonne Cheeks Parker, mother, Janet L. Parker; former wife, Frances D. Parker of Houston, TX; daughters, Michele M. Parker Priddy of Hermitage, TN, Sally Ann Parker Cohen of Houston, TX, Penny Frances Parker Davis of Austin, TX, and Leah Ann Parker Rembert of Houston, TX; sister, Sally Dupree Barnett of Union Grove, AL; brothers, S. Dupree Parker and Anthony L. Parker, both of Baton Rouge, LA; and numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

*William E. Lewis Jr '60  
Shipmate, October 2002*