



Stacey Ann Parker

August 14, 1956 - August 22, 2020

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, August 22, Stacey Parker left us suddenly but peacefully, in her sleep at her home in Wilmington, DE with her dear canine companion Caelan by her side.

Stacey was brought into the world by her beloved parents the late Norman and Maryon Parker, joining her sister Nora. She landed on the planet full of energy, humor and iron willed determination which never waned. Stacey, with her colorful firecracker personality, was forever the most amazing little sister anyone could hope to call their own.

She was raised and graduated high school in Chatham, NJ where she made numerous lifelong friends, with whom shenanigans were never in short supply. Whenever possible she returned for events and celebrations through the years. Her love of the Jersey Shore began in infancy and she considered Seaside Park, where she lived full-time for several years as a young adult, her second home. As a teen, she relished summers working on the boardwalk and on the beach in endless pursuit of the perfect tan. Her core group of childhood “summer friends” formed lifelong relationships too and meet up “down the shore” whenever they can.

Stacey loved animals of all kinds and supported animal welfare causes and homeless animals. She never met a stray she wouldn't help. Her deep connection with horses started as a child with the traditional riding lessons. In her teens she was accomplished enough to have the opportunity to ride with the hounds and participate on horseback in parades and events, including costumed reenactments of Paul Revere's ride. Trips to Monmouth Park with our Dad began in childhood. Like many, her career in thoroughbred racing was born at the stable gate looking for work as a hot walker and once she hit the backside that was it! She grew in every position she held and went on to work as a trainer and assistant trainer for decades on the east coast from Florida to Massachusetts, predominately at Monmouth Park and Delaware Park. She's made her home in Wilmington for more than 20 years, mostly recently in the employ of trainer Scott Peck. As usual, she made countless cherished friends everywhere during her long career, both two

and four-legged, and she tried to stay in touch with all.

Stacey adopted many pets in her lifetime. She and her blind and deaf dog Stella worked tirelessly together to remarkably become a certified therapy team with PAWS in Newark, DE, where their visits to area long-term care facilities brought joy to residents who loved Stella's many holiday themed accessories.

In addition to her heartbroken sister Nora in Morris Twp., NJ Stacey leaves her "might as well be siblings" cousins Chris Parker and Bob Capone, Kevin and Linda Parker and Michael Parker, along with her loved cousins in the Foley and Walsh families. She will be sorely missed by her long-time Wilmington neighbor and best buddy, Kathy Rees, as well as the Pecks and the far too large to name them all circle of wonderful friends around the country with whom she shared and enjoyed her life. They know who they are and how much they meant to each other. We are grateful for them all. In addition to her dog Caelan and cat Judy, she also leaves behind some ridiculously spoiled barn cats. Stacey is now safe in the arms of all her family and friends who predeceased her.

Stacey was a fierce and loyal family member and friend who was well known for her thoughtfulness and for the delight she took in presenting meaningful little gifts and trinkets, often evoking humor, to those close to her. Though she's clocked her final furlong, crossing the finish line way too soon, her essence will live in our hearts forever. She has given us a treasure trove of memories and she'd demand we celebrate them, turning our tears to smiles and laughter when we speak of her.

Due to pandemic restrictions memorial plans must be put on hold for now and cremation and final resting are private. Those who wish may donate in her memory to Blind Dog Rescue Alliance <https://www.blinddogrescue.org/how-to-help/donate/> or St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center <https://www.sthuberts.org/donation>, organizations Stacey supported and where she adopted a number of her pets. For those who would have gathered for her, Stacey would be touched and honored if you'd use that time instead to help homeless pets by taking some dog and cat food to your local animal shelter, as she regularly did.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand

Cemetery

Private

Comments



“ today is 12/13/2021. i just found out why i have not seen any posts from stacey.. I was a young brother in law of stacey in 1972 and on into the the early 80's.. I thank facebook for the ability to reconnect with the people the meant alot to me, stacey and her family.. Nora i can only express through these words that i am deeply sorry for your loss, and miss you after all these years.. rest in peace stacey

tim bailey - December 13, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ This is sad news. Nora, thank you for the lovely tribute. Stacey and I were close in ninth grade - every morning she stopped at my house and we walked together to school. She was a lot of fun. Who else would have gotten a "good girl" like me to try smoking cabbage leaf cigarettes? And of course I remember her pretty eyes.
Karen Robertson

Karen Robertson - September 03, 2020 at 02:32 AM



“ Dear Nora, I am
So deeply sorry to hear of Stacy's passing. I know how close you two were. Your loss is tremendous. Keeping you in my prayers.
Julie Ghiselli

julie ghiselli redling - September 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Although I did not know Stacey, I knew her Dad and sister Nora, cousin Chris. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Love and blessings. Phyl Gentile Seaton, Chatham

phyllis seaton - September 01, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Dear Nora,
What a lovely tribute to Stacey. Our "bad girl" sisters were quite a pair. I am thinking of you and Stacey. Ann (Huntington) Barnett

Ann H Barnett - September 01, 2020 at 03:30 PM



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Kathy Rees - August 29, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Stacy was my neighbor and one of my closest childhood friends I have fond memories of playing sports in our backyard, trips to the shore and those great fireman picnics her dad took us to each year. She has left us too soon - We keep Nora and her family in our thoughts and prayers
Alexi Kravas-Hagedorn

Alexi Hagedorn - August 29, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ My dear Stacey. From the day we met, we became kindred souls, even though (or maybe because of!) we are such opposites in many aspects except for our love of animals. We persevered through little Stella's health issues and then crazy puppy Caelan. I've always admired your ability to help them become wonderful companions. You are my 'float' buddy and because of Covid, we had so many afternoons this summer to put on our "totally inappropriate for our age' bikinis, drink Coronas and talk trash. My bestie, I will forever treasure our many memories and will miss you until we meet again. Love you always.

Kathy Rees - August 27, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Stacy will always remain my Uber cool cousin that kindly shared her bedroom whenever my mother had a new baby which was frequent. I always hoped that I would someday be as cool as her, knowing that it could never happen. Thank you for tolerating your little cousin and for being my shining example of how to be both hip and caring and thanks for letting me feed the bunnies when Uncle Norman wasn't watching. I will see you again my gorgeous cousin.

Kim Breslin - August 26, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ To know Stacey, was/IS to truly love her! She was an absolute gift to family & friends throughout her 'too short' lifetime. I will never forget her loving care for our aging parents & her love for others, especially animals & All living things! Beautiful tribute Nora, so deserving & right on! God Bless you Stacey, much love, until we all meet again, MISS YOU SO GREATLY.

Michael J. Parker - August 26, 2020 at 10:20 PM