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## **A Moment of Silence for Michael Chance Parker**

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A chiropractic family is mourning the untimely loss of one of its members - Michael Chance Parker, affectionately known as "Chance." The grandson of Parker College of Chiropractic Founder Dr. James Parker passed away in Burlleson, Texas on July 31 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 38 years old.

Chance followed in the tradition of his grandfather and father in maintaining close ties to the chiropractic profession. Well-known by many in the profession, he was a staff member of Parker Seminars and ultimately ascended to the position of president of Parker Products.

Chance was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma in 1997 and given six months to live. Driven to

defeat the illness through natural means, he prevailed for another six years.

Chance's father, Dr. Karl Parker, past president of Parker College, expressed the pride he had in his son: "Chance really had a knack of making friends with everyone. His positive, uplifting attitude was never dampened by his condition and the pain he was suffering, even up to the very end. He was a model for many others in loving life, family and friends, regardless of your life's circumstances."

Preceded in death by his grandfather, who passed away in November of 1997, Chance is survived by over 25 members of the Parker family, seven of whom are chiropractors. Also surviving are his wife, Diane, and two sons, Jordan and Cole.

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