



Jeanne Parker

May 6, 1947 - May 19, 2026

Judge Jeanne Parker, 79, of Bell County, Texas, passed away May 19, 2026. Born May 6, 1947, in Norfolk, Virginia, Jeanne was a Navy “brat” who moved often in childhood and graduated from Victoria High School (TX) in 1965. Early in her career she broke ground as one of the first women landmen in Houston’s oil industry before returning to school. She earned a BFA from the University of Colorado in 1992 and a Juris Doctor from Baylor University School of Law in 1993, interning with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas during her legal training. Shortly after law school, Jeanne joined the Bell County Attorney’s Office, beginning in the misdemeanor section and rising to Chief of the Juvenile Section. Just prior to her election to the bench she prosecuted Child Protective Services cases alongside investigators, demonstrating a deep commitment to protecting children. In private practice she spearheaded the Family Law and Criminal Law divisions at Dan Corbin & Associates (2005–2006). From 2006–2007 she served as a legal advisor to the Ministry of Interior Affairs in Afghanistan, working directly

in the Presidential
Palace—where colleagues affectionately nicknamed her “Combat Barbie.”
She also taught Criminal
Justice at Temple College and constitutional and business law at the
University of Central Texas in
Killeen.

Jeanne lived for a time in Carmel, California, and later in Evergreen,
Colorado, where she designed
and built an 8,000sq ft Victorian home that was featured on the cover of
Colorado Homes &
Lifestyles in 1987. An accomplished artist and watercolorist, Jeanne’s
paintings were frequently
commissioned by friends and family; she traveled to study her craft and
earned certifications in
specialized genres. Gifted in interior design, she was a licensed decorator
who ran a side business
helping others beautify their homes.

Elected Judge of County Court at Law No. 1 in 2014 and reelected in 2018,
Judge Parker served
with distinction until her retirement in 2023. She was active on numerous
boards and committees
across Bell County and with the Republican Women’s Committee.

A devout and Godly woman, Jeanne lived by faith and often encouraged
others with her refrain, “If
God’s got me, who could be against me?” Remarkably strong and determined,
she believed that
whatever she set her mind to she could accomplish. Known for her quick, witty
humor and generous
spirit, Jeanne loved dancing, playing bridge, and delighting family with playful
rounds of Mexican
dominoes—often insisting on replaying a hand just for the fun of it. She was

deeply loved by her
family and will be profoundly missed.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her father, James William Howard Sr.

("Bill"); her mother, Laura

Jean Dauphin; and her sister, Sheila Howard. She is survived by her daughter,
Kelley Pierce;

granddaughter, Tyler Pierce; grandson, Alexander Pierce; and her brother,
James William Howard

Jr. ("Bill"), his wife Patsy, and their children Amanda DeMuyneck (husband Jeff)
and Jacob Howard

(wife Megan), as well as numerous well loved relatives.

Photo caption for memorial/program: Judge Jeanne Parker — portrait on
display at the Bell County

Courthouse (photo courtesy of family).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeanne was an AMAZING lady. I remember her bubbly personality. She lit up any room she entered, to include the courtroom. I'm blessed to have known her. Now heaven as a beautiful angel.* ”

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