



James Robert Parker

November 7, 1930 - September 8, 2017

James “Jim” R. Parker, 86, of Charlotte died September 8, 2017. He was born, November 7, 1930, the son of Oliver and Ruth (Adams) Parker in Perry, MI. Jim was a graduate of Perry High School. After high school Jim went to work Skills Trade with General Motors until his retirement. On March 25, 1979 Jim married Constance J. Clark and spent 30 years creating their legacy.

Jim will be remembered for being someone who was always able to help, whether it was woodworking, plumbing or plowing snow for the entire neighborhood during the winter. He was an avid fisherman and each year would travel to the UP to fish for walleyes on Munuscong Bay. Baking was also a specialty for Jim, he is known for his famous sourdough bread, and he also enjoyed canning. Each fall Jim traveled around Eaton County searching for black walnuts, which he would then process and gift to close neighborhood friends. When Jim was not busy helping others he also enjoyed reading country western books and traveling to different casinos to gamble. Jim most recently was an active member of the Eaton Area Senior Center where he enjoyed socializing with members and playing cards, he also volunteered each week at Eaton Community Palliative Care in the thrift store.

He is survived by his children, Beth Parker of Detroit, Earl Parker of Clio, Hannah (Richard) Nelson of MA, and Pam Kline of Lansing; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren; sister June Threlkeld

of Lebanon, IN; girlfriend, Arlene Dassance of Dimondale; and several nieces, nephews and honorary family members. Jim is predeceased by his wife Connie in 2009, brothers, Richard and Kenneth Parker, and parents.

Funeral Services are Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. just prior to the service. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Jim on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert Parker*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 13, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ *We will miss Parker. Loved playing card with him. Just a plain old good man. Stephen and Valli*

valli - September 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *31 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 13, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JK

“ I graduated with Jim in 1949 in Perry. He never changed. I always looked forward to seeing him and catching up on the news, at the Alumni, and the potluck at the Perry township hall for people that had graduated 50years or more. I was also lucky to enjoy the wonderful bread he made. I met Arlene because of him. She is Special, and a good friend.

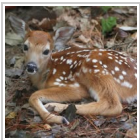
Joyce

Joyce (Grettenger) Kingsley - September 13, 2017 at 07:12 PM

SD

“ In so many ways, Jim and Connie were are family. Having them be just a driveway away for many years, spending time with my son and his friends, and just being there made such a long lasting impact on our family. Both Steven and I are better people for having had Jim and Connie in our lives! We miss you both and hold you close to our hearts!

Sandra Dargatz - September 13, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ I love you grandpa Parker I will miss all the good times we had



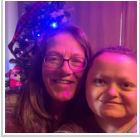
Heather Bilodeau - September 13, 2017 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ *The Leonard Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Robert Parker.*



The Leonard Family - September 13, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *Pam Pitchford lit a candle in memory of James Robert Parker*



Pam Pitchford - September 12, 2017 at 10:00 PM

WC

“ *Dear Arlene, I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was a very likable guy. I'm sure you'll miss him a lot. Wilma Campbell*

Wilma Campbell - September 12, 2017 at 09:55 PM

GS

“ *PS: LOVED HIS HOME MADE BREAD*

Ginger Slone - September 12, 2017 at 05:52 PM

GS

“ *Ginger Slone lit a candle in memory of James Robert Parker*



Ginger Slone - September 12, 2017 at 05:50 PM

GS

“ Mom Arlene...we know how much he loved you. You took such good care of one another. I loved the way he looked at you, the way you made him smile, the way he loved Max and I loved the person he was. He was a GREAT MAN...the way he mafe you feel like family. RIP OUR WONDERFUL FRIEND.

Ginger Slone - September 12, 2017 at 05:49 PM

Jl

“ I wish I could be there with you to say good-by to Jimmy. We have always enjoyed his visits to Lebanon when he came to see you. He usually brought us a gift of his talents or bread. Oh, that bread. He was like a member of our family. (just like you, June and Jeannie) His passing leaves a big hole in a lot of hearts. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you!!
Jean and girls

Jean Isenhower - September 12, 2017 at 09:47 AM

TA

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim's family and friends. He was the most generous and loving person. I absolutely loved him. I met he and Connie when they built their condo and we instantly became good friends. It breaks my heart to hear of his passing but I will always hold him dear to my heart.
Tammy Halsey as he says "his banker"

Tammy - September 12, 2017 at 08:19 AM

KS

“ jim was a great friend and neighbor. will miss his walnuts Ken stults

ken stults - September 12, 2017 at 07:35 AM

RW

“ I didn't know Jim for near as long as I would have liked. I absolutely loved him from the moment I met him. He welcomed me into the family like he'd known me for years.

I know what a great person he was without having a lot of time getting to know him. I see it in the legacy he left. I see it every day with Earl. He raised Earl into the great person he is today.

He passed on so many wonderful things to Earl. His big heart, his loving spirit, his love of life, his kindness, his love of fishing and even his stubbornness. I thank him for raising the love of my life into the great man he is.

He has left this world with the legacy we should all strive to leave with, kindness and love.

Rachelle Williams - September 12, 2017 at 04:36 AM

BF

I met Parker at the Thrift Store most Saturdays. I always thought his first name was Parker! He shared his bread with me and I shared my bread with him. He always had a smile and a book in his hand. I will miss his friendly conversation and his kind compliments. My sincere sympathy to his family and friends; your loss is great. May he rest in peace.

Brynda Filkins - September 13, 2017 at 05:58 PM