



James "Jim" Parr

June 28, 1935 - September 19, 2015

James "Jim" Parr, 80, of Bradley, passed away Sat. Sept. 19, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 28, 1935 in Astoria, IL to Wayne and Ina (Shawgo) Parr. He married Bernice Phillips on June 10, 1955.

James received a BS in education from Western IL Univ. and a Masters in education from the Vanderbilt Peabody School of Education in Nashville, TN. He taught in Table Grove, IL for two years before moving to the Kankakee area. Jim then taught for over 30 years for the Bourbonnais school district. While he was teaching and after he retired from teaching he sold real estate and owned and managed rental properties. He enjoyed his fellowship with the Bradley Church of Christ. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife in their RV. Most important to Jim was his family and spending time with them. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and he was a joy and comfort to be around. Jim was an inspiration to all.

Survivors include his wife Bernice, two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim Jr. (Sharlene) Parr of Kankakee, Tom (Tina) Parr of Elmhurst, three daughters and sons-in-law, Jeneice (John) Waschle of Gardner, Juanita (Dave) Landsmann of Bradley and Diana (Bud) Gilbert of Metropolis, IL. Also surviving is one brother Larry Parr of Springfield, IL, 13 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a visitation from 4-7PM, Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral service will be held Weds.

Sept. 23 at 12 Noon at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel officiated by Jon Quinn. Burial will be at Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee.

Jim had several causes he contributed to over the years and these are his memorials; Disabled American Veterans, St. Jude and Care. A special thanks to the Kankakee Valley Hospice for their compassionate care and memorials can be made to them as well.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Parr*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I want to say to the Parr family that you are in my thoughts and prayers. He is the grandfather of my best friend luke. Mr Parr knew me as Bubba. He was a great man and was always good to me. I can remember going to the Parr house for lunch and then playing euchre in which Mr Parr was good. I will always remember going to jelly stone camp ground for a summer vacation. Those were the best times of my life and I think you for that. RIP*

Paul Diaz - September 26, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ *My deepest and heartfelt condolences to your family. I was a student of Mr. Parr and while I wasn't always a model student, I did learn a great deal from him. He could be tough but I know it was because he cared so much for all of his students. Heaven gained a wonderful teacher.*

MaDonna (Benoit) McLennan

MaDonna McLennan - September 24, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss! There are so many memories growing up next to all of you! Mr. Part was an inspiration to me in the teaching field and I became a teacher as well. You are a great family and I know how much he will be missed. Lynda (Norton) Beland*

lynda beland - September 23, 2015 at 11:31 PM

LT

“ *My condolences to the Parr Family. Mr Parr was my eighth grade science teacher and I've always remembered him for his kind & caring heart. He was a great teacher that impacted the lives of his students. RIP*

Lisa Terrell

Lisa Terrell - September 23, 2015 at 07:21 PM

TB

“ *My sympathy to the entire family for your loss. I was friends with his son Tom in college and my Aunt and Uncle were your neighbors. I remember a warm and caring family. Tammy Bond-Milah*

Tammy Bond-Milah - September 23, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ To the family and friends of Mr. Parr, I offer my condolences. Mr. Parr was my science teacher at the Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center. It was just yesterday that I had a sudden fond memory of Mr. Parr as I was explaining a process known as photosynthesis to my boy, who is eight years old. Mr. Parr was the one who introduced the topic to me all those many years ago around 1980. His efforts in lesson planning, standing in front of my class and hours of grading papers and tests are still paying off!

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.*

*Respectfully,
Duane Romey
BUGC '82*

DUANE E ROMNEY - September 23, 2015 at 05:44 PM

SC

“ I had Mr. Parr for Science at BUGC. He seemed to love teaching, even after all those years. My class was a bunch of rowdy/rotten kids (including myself) that were not very interested in learning the subject. I remember we would throw pencils up into the ceiling tiles and shoot spit wads around. Mr Parr always took this in stride and taught anyway. Years later I saw him sledding at "poop hill" in Bradley. I said hi and apologized for being part of his daily headaches. He just smiled and said, kids will be kids, and asked if I learned anything. I said yes many things. He said good that's what's important. My thoughts and prayers to his family
-Scott

scott - September 22, 2015 at 03:08 PM

AP

“ With love and memories from Alan and Marcy Phillips and Family from Monmouth,IL.

Alan Phillips - September 22, 2015 at 01:42 PM



Lorraine
Watson

“ *Mr and Mrs Parr were like family, once upon a time their daughter was married to my brother. Even when that ended, they were always Happy to see us and friendly and loving. He also helped me find my first house and talked me through all the different payment options. A patient and loving husband and father, and later grandfather and great grandfather, he will be remembered and missed by many. RIP Mr Parr. You have most certainly earned your wings!*

Lorraine Watson - September 20, 2015 at 08:11 PM