



## Raymond E. Parker

August 4, 1933 - February 17, 2018

Raymond (Ray) E. Parker, of Buckingham, passed away Saturday (Feb.17, 2018) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born on August 4, 1933 in Harrisburg, IL, the son of James and Zula Joiner-Parker. Ray married Emma Anderson December 30, 1966.

Stationed in Germany, Ray served his country with the United States Army from 1953-1955. When he was discharged, he took a job with Caterpillar of Joliet, which he then retired from after 35 years. Ray was also a member of the American Legion of Herscher.

Ray was a man of many ambitions. When it came to socialization, he was there. From dancing in local establishments, to attending sporting events for grandchildren, playing euchre with fellow town residents, and even throwing bags in cornhole tournaments, he enjoyed being around people. Ray never met a stranger, nor left an individual without smiling.

Next to spending time with loved ones, Ray was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. If they were playing, there wasn't a time that he didn't have them on his T.V. And if the Chicago Cubs were playing, he randomly became a fan of the opposing team.

Surviving are his two children; daughter Teri O'Brien, of Herscher, son Steven Parker, of Kankakee; special niece, Sue Harrod of Buckingham; one brother John Parker of Muddy, IL; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ray left his earthly family to be with all of the loved ones he lost along his journey. He is preceded in death by his Wife, Emma; Parents, James and

Zula; Sisters, Bonnie, Clara and Dorothy and son-in-law, Jason O'Brien.

Visitation will be from 12 pm until 2 pm on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. A short funeral service will be held immediately after the visitation. Burial will be at Grand Prairie Methodist Church (12408W IL-Route 17, Bonfield).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prairie view Lutheran Home/Faith Place, Danforth, IL or Alzheimer's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Prairie Cemetery

Route 17 W.  
Bonfield, IL 60913

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall



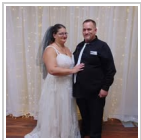
“ Raymond E. Parker

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of Rays passing. All the summer bag fellas will truly miss his occasional visits for a little competition. Our thoughts of comfort go out to all his loved ones. xx Chris and Lynn Lichtenberger

Lynn Lichtenberger - February 27, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ I remember coming down to IL to visit family and sit on the porch with my friends playing with our my little pony's and also riding our bikes up and down the ramp. I use to spend my summers at my grandma's but was also down at your house on daily basis. I remember being down at your house late at night while the family would be playing cards. I have pictures of me on your motorcycle with cotton in my arms. Or one summer when we celebrated my birthday at your house. You were a good man and will be greatly missed Uncle Ray.

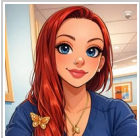
Jennifer Parsons - February 24, 2018 at 09:15 PM

LW

“ We are TrueType sorry for your loss of your Dad he was a good man.....He was always so pleasant to be around it was a great thing to call him our cousin no matter that he was married in to the family or not He will always be cousin Ray from Kankakee....our parents always enjoyed his visits to Chicago with the Biancofiore /Anderson family we our deepest condolences to you both Terri and Steve he will always be in our family prays.....(Patricia)..Pamela, Isabell, Laura, Leonard 3, Kevin and Frank ,,(U LEONARD JR and A KAY). Rip Ray with our love .....XOXOXOXOXOXO..



Laura Biancofiore Worlds - February 23, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ Elizabeth Kay lit a candle in memory of Raymond E. Parker



Elizabeth Kay - February 22, 2018 at 10:35 PM

RT

“ Teri and Steve..... So sorry for your loss.....Your Dad was a very sweet man caring for all..... I so wanted to come be with you today but I had surgery on Jan 26 and still down..... Was in lot of pain last night so was in bed most of today..... I am sending to St JUDES in your Dads name as a memorial..... I doubt if they will send you a card as I don't have either of yours address.....I thought he'd like that better than flowers cause he loved kids.....

Rhoda Thomas - February 22, 2018 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ I am sorry for your loss. He was a great man.  
I will be praying for you.



Darby Thomas - February 21, 2018 at 03:39 PM

JJ

“ Teri and Steve and families, I am so very  
sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers  
are with you. Your dad was a kind man and I  
always liked that he didnt judge people but  
accepted them as they were. Big hugs to both  
of you. Your dad will always have a place in my heart.



Jean Jenco - February 21, 2018 at 01:11 PM

Julie  
VanGilder

“ Julie VanGilder lit a candle in memory of  
Raymond E. Parker



Julie VanGilder - February 21, 2018 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ You will be missed Uncle Ray. 😞



Sharon Bisping - February 21, 2018 at 05:51 AM

AA

“ April Anderson lit a candle in memory of Raymond E. Parker



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**April Anderson** - February 21, 2018 at 02:01 AM

CD

“ Ray was I agree a people person. I am glad I knew him.

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**Carol Desch** - February 20, 2018 at 07:59 PM

KG

“ Terri,

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your dad's loss. It was a pleasure to know and care for him. He will be greatly missed!*

*Karie Gerdes*

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**Karie Gerdes** - February 20, 2018 at 05:15 PM

MD

“ Very sorry to hear of the loss of Ray. Fond childhood memories of Ray and Emma. I remember all the fun growing up when he and his family would have cookouts at his place. The long nights watching the adults play cards listening to the laughs. My sympathies to his family.

*Mary Coffman Dressler*

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**Mary Coffman Dressler** - February 20, 2018 at 03:57 PM