



Wilbur Parker

June 23, 1926 - March 25, 2015

Wilbur Parker, 88, of Kankakee, formerly of Trinity, Fla.; and Newark, N.J.; passed away on March 25, 2015, at Riverside Assisted Living Center, Kankakee. Wilbur was born June 23, 1926, in Newark, N.J., to Clifford and Artie Turner Parker. He was formerly married to Ruth Barcliff Parker. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force. Upon returning from his tour of duty, Wilbur graduated from Cornell University in 1950 with his master of business administration. He was the first African-American to graduate from Cornell with an MBA. He went on to become the first African-American CPA in the state of New Jersey, the first African-American budget director for Newark, N.J., and the first African-American secretary to the Newark Board of Education. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Survivors include his daughter, Cheryl L. Mosely, Kankakee; son and daughter-in-law, Steven G. (Lori) Parker, Arvada, Colo.; one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Milford (Evelyn) Parker, Teaneck, N.J.; three grandsons, Donald Mosely, Bloomington; Marquis Mosely, Katy, Texas; and Jerrod Parker, Arvada, Colo. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, Brein, Brandon, Deonte, Ciara, Dominic and Jacquelyn Mosely; and his former wife, Ruth Barcliff Parker. A private military honor service was held April 3, 2015, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in his name to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Memorial contributions can also be made to Cornell University, Johnson Office of Diversity & Inclusion, 142 Sage Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-6201 or odi@johnson.cornell.edu

unrestricted gift fund No. 17812. Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel,
was in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Parker*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort give you the peace that surpasses all thought during this difficult time. (Philippians 4:6,7)*

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“ *I had the opportunity to spend time with Wilbur Parker at Butterfield on Tuesday mornings. He was an outstanding example of a good man with exceptional character and accomplishments. I believe he leaves behind a wonderful legacy in his children and grandchildren. Of this much I am sure - the world is a better place for his having been here. A. L. Munoz*

A. L. Munoz - April 15, 2015 at 06:42 PM



“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Wilbur Parker*



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