

Obituary

Born: Thursday, October 2, 1919

Died: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Carl Forrest Parker, 97, of Trenton, Missouri died peacefully in his sleep at his farm, October 19, 2016.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Resthaven Mortuary at 1:00 P.M. Cremation will follow with inurnment at a later date in Humphreys Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 6 until 7 Friday evening at the funeral home. Memorial donations are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Carl was born October 2, 1919 at the home of his parents, Floyd and Lillian Hamilton Parker. He graduated from Galt High School in 1939. In 1937, he was needed to pick tomatoes on the family farm and didn't attend that year of high school. He was inducted as a selectee in the U.S. Army in Chicago, April of 1941. He was in the Americal Division and was the first U.S. Army unit to conduct an offensive in World War II by relieving the marines on Guadalcanal. He was discharged as a staff sergeant on August 31, 1945, after serving 4 years and three months. He was awarded the Infantryman's Combat badge, two Combat Stars and the Bronze Star.

He returned to Chicago where he was employed as a Steward on a dining car for the Alton Railroad. He met his wife, Shirley Ann Haslam on a blind date. They were married February 12, 1949 at Chicago, IL. They moved to Trenton to the farm where they lived all their lives. They were dairy farmers from 1949 to 1986. They joined in partnership with their son, Douglas when he graduated from college in 1974. In 1981, Douglas married Lynn Cheek and she joined the partnership. Carl and Shirley retired from Dairy farming in October of 1986, and sold the farming equipment in March of 1987.

In that same year, 1987 through 2005, Carl and Shirley continued feeding and grazing dairy calves and heifers for Bill and Sarah Siebenborn. Also in 1987, they teamed up their neighbor, Fred Simpson who farmed Carl and Shirley's land until present.

His wife, Shirley died in 2003. In 2006, he started piecing quilts in the winter to keep busy and continued to make one to two quilts every year through 2010.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Parker of Trenton, MO and son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Lynn Parker of Liberty, MO, a sister Evelyn Ash of Colona, IL, also several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, Stanley Parker and Dale Parker; sisters, Lorraine Fredell, and a 5 year old sister, Leila.

Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Oct 21, 2016

Resthaven Mortuary

310 North Hwy 65
Trenton, MO 64683

Funeral Service

1:00 PM Sat Oct 22, 2016

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