



# C. Leon Parker

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**C** Leon Parker, age 89, of Greenwood, DE, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2013, at his residence. He was born on August 19, 1924, in Greenwood, DE, son of the late Clinton and Florence (Gray) Parker.

Mr. Parker was a 1942 graduate of Woodbridge High School, Bridgeville, DE. He furthered his education after high school, attending the University of Delaware, Newark, DE, receiving his BA degree. Mr. Parker's zest for education went even further. He attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received his Masters degree then attending Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, where he received his PHD degree in Chemical Engineering. It was while attending Purdue University that Mr. Parker met the love of his life and future wife on the dance floor.

He and Rose married and relocated back East to New Brunswick, NJ, where they started their family. In New Jersey Mr. Parker would work for Union Carbide, Inc., as a Plastic and Rubber Development Researcher for 16 years. Eventually the family would move to Akron, OH, where Mr. Parker would work a number of years with Goodyear Tire. He would then begin a career in Michigan with Whirlpool followed by a position as a consultant with the Miter Corporation in Washington D.C. It was here Mr. Parker would decide on retirement.

Mr. Parker loved dancing, especially with Rose. They enjoyed square dancing but most especially the elegance of ballroom dancing together. He was a life-time gun enthusiast, holding memberships in the NRA, International Benchrest Shooters and locally with the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club.

Mr. Parker also enjoyed reading and spending a little time watching television. He was an avid gardener, especially enjoying his vegetable beds and fruit trees. He will be remembered as a kind, generous, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Mr. Parker is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Rosalin "Rose" Parker; his two daughters: Nancy Lee Parker and her husband Gary Cowardin of Richmond, VA and Linda Parker of



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Crownsville, MD; his son, Clinton William Parker II and his wife Deborah of Charlotte, NC; and his four granddaughters: Chelsea Rose Parker-Imamura and husband Yuki Imamura; Vanessa Rose Parker; Alexis Rose Parker and Marissa Rose Parker.

All services are private.

Please sign Mr. Parker's guestbook located on this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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WP

**William Paulson, Jr** posted:

Our gratitude for Leon and Rosie's friendship continues. They were are friends and teachers in life. Their love for each other knew no bounds as did their kindness for everyone they knew. Leon was a great mentor, not just in shooting, but in life itself, and gave me a friendship that knew no bounds. Rosie would spend hours showing my wife her beautiful ballroom gowns and memorabilia of their life together and their wonderful children and grandchildren. Our hearts are truly saddened by your loss and ours. He was a great man. Please give our love and heartfelt thoughts to Rosie, his children and grandchildren who we know miss him dearly.

January 11 at 8:00 PM

LH

**Linda & Clarence Hammonds** posted:

We were saddened to hear of Mr. Parkers passing today. He was a customer and good friend to us, always sharing the fruits of his labor from his garden. We always enjoyed visiting with him and Rosie when they would make a trip to Pa to our shop.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Bill And Leslie Branch** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Mr. Parker's passing. He was a very nice man and we remember fondly watching Mr. and mrs. Parker dance together at their anniversary party - what a beautiful moment! May God bring you peace and comfort as you cherish the memories of your husband, father and grandfather!

December 10 at 8:00 PM

JC

**Jean And Leo Calvelli** posted:

Will surely miss you and Rose at our dances... Rest in Peace, Leon... Jean and Leo

December 7 at 8:00 PM

MC

**Mike And Margie Collier** posted:

So sorry to hear about our loss of Leon. We thoroughly enjoyed our fun times at the dance clubs. Leon was a very friendly person and was loved by all who knew him. Our best to Rose and the rest of the family. I will never forget Leon's gift to me of seven LP dance albums of music that he enjoyed. I will always treasure them. Mike and Margie Collier

November 30 at 8:00 PM



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DJ

**D. Johnson** posted:

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as found in Revelation 21:3,4 be of comfort to you as you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead.

November 29 at 8:00 PM

DT

**Denise & Rick Taylor** posted:

Rosie,Nancy,Linda & Clinton,We are so sorry to hear of Leon's passing. I had just talked to Leon on the telephone just a few weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers to out to all of you. May your precious memories help to comfort you during this time of great sorrow.With Deepest Sympathy,Denise & Rick Taylor(Thehma Gray O'Bier's Daughter)

November 28 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mr.& Mrs.Richard Bender** posted:

YOu will be dearly miss, We know you are up in Heaven,and we know Jesus is right with you.Rosie,our heart go out to you,You and Leon was the best dancer we ever saw at the Cheer Center. We love you Rosie and alway will, We know that your children will take care of you.God Bless You Rosie,

November 28 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring C. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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