



## Buddy E. Parrish

February 28, 1929 - July 24, 2016

Buddy E. Parrish, 87, of Cape Girardeau died July 24, 2016 at his home.

He was born February 28, 1929, at Palmersville, Tennessee, to Yancy B. and Hilda G. Pentecost Parrish.

He grew up on the family farm in northwest Tennessee near Cottage Grove. In 1966, he bought farm land in Tennessee and became a "weekend farmer," raising small acreage of soybeans, corn and beefalo cattle. The farm was sold in 2008.

He and Marsha M. Savers were married November 20, 1971.

Parrish graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1947.

He was inducted into the US Army on November 21, 1950, serving during the Korean conflict as a corporal, stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, an instructor of light infantry weapons. He received an honorable discharge on Nov. 21, 1952.

After his discharge, he worked at the atomic plant in Paducah, Kentucky until 1955, when he went to college at Memphis State University, graduating in 1958.

He was a senior sales specialist with the Upjohn pharmaceutical company (which later became part of Pfizer) for 31 years, working in Mattoon, Illinois for 10 years; then transferring to Cape Girardeau, retiring in 1990. In the seventies and eighties, he won five national sales awards.

He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Harold O. Grauel Lodge # 672 (receiving his 50-year pin in 2010), Masonic York Rite bodies and a charter member of the Cape Shrine Club. He was also affiliated with Cape Rock Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star, Elks Lodge # 639 and Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America as an assistant scoutmaster for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years; daughters, Tammy Parrish (Jim Heirbaut) of Amsterdam, The Netherlands and Pene (Chris) Schrock of Mattoon; a grandson, Hunter Allen Parrish of Cape and granddaughters Ella Heirbaut of Amsterdam and Jennifer Ronstadt of Mattoon; a brother, Ted L. Parrish of Cottage Grove, Tennessee; and a sister, Mary Carrell of Paducah, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Shawn Parrish (2007); and two sisters, Sue Elliott and Pat Miller.

Visitation will be at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel 4:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday, July 28, 2016 with a Masonic service at 7:00 pm.

Funeral services will be at Centenary United Methodist Church 9:00 am Friday, July 29, 2016. A one-hour visitation will be held at Ridgeway Funeral Home from 2:00-3:00 pm Friday in Paris, Tennessee followed by a graveside service at 3:30 pm at Walker Cemetery near Cottage Grove.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Shriners

Hospital for Children, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis MO 63131-3597.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Masonic Service

JUL 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

JUL 29. 9:00 AM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N Ellis St  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-5524  
(573) 334-2869

## Visitation

JUL 29. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ridgeway Funeral Home  
Paris, TN

## Graveside

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JUL **29**. 3:30 PM (CT)

Walker Cemetery  
Cottage Grove, TN

# Tribute Wall

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“*Marsha, I was deeply saddened to hear of Buddy's death. You and I met my junior year at SEMO when I was a student. But, I had known Buddy since I was in Jr HS. What a gentleman and friend! I will always remember the memories we had over the years. May God give you strength and guidance through this time. Joe Thompson, St. Louis, formerly of Dexter.*

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**joseph thompson** - July 31, 2016 at 06:24 PM

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“*Keeping you and your family in our prayers, Sincerely, Carolyn and Gene McCalister*

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**Carolyn McCalister** - July 30, 2016 at 08:32 AM

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“*We always considered Buddy a friend and a gentleman. He was knowledgeable and well informed as a representative of his company.  
Our last contact was December 2015. He took delight in telling us of a visit with your daughter in Amsterdam.  
Our sympathy to you Marsha and all the family.  
Sincerely,  
Gordon and Marge Nunnelly*

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**Gordon and Marge Nunnelly** - July 26, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Buddy E. Parrish.*



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July 26, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *Buddy has always been a great friend and role model to all that Buddy touched in the time with Boy Scouts and as a Tennessee Farmer. I wish I could be there, Sorry for the loss of a great man.*

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**Christopher Little** - July 26, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *I consider myself lucky to have been a friend and brother to Buddy. I had known Buddy for several years before becoming a Masonic brother, Buddy had been coming in my barber shop for many years. I had the pleasure of many conversations with him as he sit in my chair getting his hair cut. Our last haircut was a little different. The last cut was a few days before the Lord took Buddy home. I went to Buddies home and as Buddy lay there I talked to him as I cut his hair. Not a word did he say but I felt as if he knew I was there. When I finished I held his hand and told him thank you for the years of friendship and one day I know we will meet again. He squeezed my hand as if he heard every word.*

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**rob roberts sr** - July 25, 2016 at 09:09 PM