



## Dr. John D. Parker

February 21, 2013

Dr. John Doyle Parker, 82, a resident of Cape Girardeau, passed away Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Lutheran Home. He was born August 8, 1930 in Parma, Mo to the late Thomas Hudson and Lillie Gertrude (Singleton) Parker. John honorably served his country in the U.S. Marin Corp and after using the GI Bill to earn his Bachelor's Degree, he and Irma Ann taught three years at Herculaneum High School in the late 1950s, and after earning his PhD, he taught Microbiology to nursing students at the Land of Lincoln Community College in Springfield, IL for about 32 years. Among the many hobbies he enjoyed; professionally refinishing furniture and creating stained glass work, producing many fine pieces. He was a member of Cape First Assembly of God Church. He is survived by his wife, Betty L. McCulley Parker of Cape Girardeau; son, Dr. John T. (Dr. Terry) Parker of Seattle, WA; daughters, Gwendolyn L. Dewey of Seattle, WA and Jane Ann (Chris) Walsh of Minneapolis, MN; two students he raised like sons, Fred (Mary) Ross of Macon, MO and James (Kathy) Perry of Ft. Mill, S.C.; brothers, Aaron (Pat) Parker of Medford, OR and Lenon (Ina Lea) Parker of Bakersfield, CA; sisters, Irene (Bill) Headd of Benton, MO and Cleta Hillyus and Rita Mae Hodges both of Bakersfield, CA; 9 grandchildren and 22 nephews, 11 nieces and 35 first cousins. John was preceded in death by his late wife, Irma Ann Hotop Parker, August 20, 2006; infant daughter, Christina Ann; 2 brothers, Ron and Tom; 2 sisters, Lena Ruth and Evelyn. Visitation will be Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral

service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Gary Brothers officiating. Burial will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Parma Cemetery, Parma, MO. Memorial contributions may be sent to Teen Challenge, 303 MATC Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or Cape First, 254 South Silver Springs Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ My sincere condolences goes out to the entire Parker family. My sister Sylvia babyset his children. I enjoy having him for my biology teacher. I'm sure he will be missed by all.

Shelba(Simpson)&Larry Hill - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ The class of 1960 would like to express our sympathy for your loss. Mr. & Mrs. Parker were both loved by all. They made great sponsors for our Senior Class. What a joy to have them on our Senior Trip.

Carolyn (Ravenscraft) Blackwell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My Warmest condolences to all of the Parker family. My friendship with Johnny dates back many years. I always greatly respected and admired Johnny and Irma, his late wife. Both were very fun loving and a very enjoyable couple to be with. The Parker family's loss will be shared by me.

Charles W. Ward - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was one of John's Herculaneum students, having him as an instructor helped me decide that being an educator and encouraging others to pursue higher edcation should be my lifes work. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. Educators like him are few and far between. Dawn

Dawn Huddleston Bautista - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ My husband Dr. John D. Parker was ill only a short time before transferring to his heavenly home on Thursday Feb. 21. Although I had known him only five years, I found him to be a wonderful husband. A kind, polite, chivalrous southern gentleman. Everyone who met him loved and respected him. I am truly blessed to have been married to him 4 1/2 years. I loved him deeply and miss him greatly.

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**Betty Parker** - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ God Bless you Betty, John has gone from labor to reward, and was elevated from earth to Glory. We mourn his passing with you, but we celebrate the memories with you. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for he is out of pain and sorrow, God will take care of you. Love 'The Smith Family'

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**Ben & Schevon Smith** - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We love you dearly and will always be in our hearts. Enjoy Heaven and Gods company!

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**Loren McCulley** - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Johnny was my hero when I grew up in Parma. A good man and glad I knew him. Don Chappell

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**Donald Chappell** - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM