



W. Bruce Parrish

May 29, 2013

William Bruce Parrish, 79, of Cape Girardeau died Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at the Lutheran Home. He was born in Leesville, SC., on July 16, 1933, son of William Salter and Lillian Bruce Parrish. He attended High School in Cayce, SC., Clemson University in Clemson, SC., and The University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. He also served in the United States Marine Corps. While earning his Master's Degree in English at The University of Tennessee, he met and married Katherine E. Hornsby. They were married in Knoxville, TN on October 26, 1962. In 1964, he and his wife moved to Cape Girardeau, MO, where they both accepted teaching positions in the English Department at Southeast Missouri State University. He continued his career with the University, serving as a role model and mentor for countless students, until his retirement in 1996. He had a true passion for architecture, designing their home down to the very last detail. He also enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and shared in his daughter's enthusiasm for animals, his favorite being the Meerkat. He was a very kind hearted man and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Loving survivors include his wife of 50 years, Katherine; his daughter and light of his life, Catherine "Leigh" Shoemaker (Tyson) of Cape Girardeau; his brother, James "Jim" Parrish (Mig) of Kailua, HI; his brother in law, Rev. Leroy McClendon (Mary) of Beaverton, AL; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; his devoted and much loved cat, Misty. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 11 a.m.

Monday at the funeral home, with Rev. Donny Ford officiating. Entombment will be in Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum with Military rites. Memorial contributions may be made to The Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, or The University of South Carolina. The family wishes to thank the caring Nurses, C.N.A.'s, and other staff from the Lutheran Home for taking such good care of Mr. Parrish over the past year and half.

Tribute Wall

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“*Bruce and Katherine were always kind to me. I am saddened by the loss and send my condolences to family and friends.*”

Betty Drinnon - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*”

Lexi Grisvard Buente - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*I want to express to you, the Bruce Parrish family, my deepest condolences (especially you Leigh). You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel the loving arms of our dear Lord around you during this difficult time and always. Hugs!*”

Lucy Luster - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*Bruce was a gentleman through and through. He leaves us better for having known him and sad for having to let him leave us.*”

Royce and Kevin Kessel - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM