



Mr. James E. "Jim" Parker

September 11, 1928 - March 10, 2025

MARCY, NY - Mr. James E. "Jim" Parker, age 96, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 10, 2025, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Cleaveland, Ohio on September 11, 1928, James was the son of the late Frank L. and Mabel (Maxwell) Parker. He spent his childhood in Ohio, graduating from Northfield Ohio High School – and eventually outliving all his classmates. To further his education, he attended Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, MO. He also bravely answered the call to serve his nation for three years in the United States Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict.

On July 26, 1958, he wed the former Marie R. "Mary" Leandro. The couple went on to share over 58 years together prior to Marie's passing on February 7, 2017.

Jim made a career at the General Electric Co., working as a technician at their Broad Street location, the position from which he retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

More than anything, Jim was a family man, treasuring his loved ones above all else. He had a quiet and gentle nature putting anyone who met him immediately at ease. He did have an adventurous streak though, and took his family on cross-country trips, not once, or even twice, but three times. He

always made time for his family.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed golfing for many years. He was extremely handy and resourceful and an exceptionally talented woodworker. He created everything from furniture, wooden toys, models, and other creations. He also loved the wind on his face out on the water, spending many pleasant hours on boats. He even built a sailboat at one time! Earlier in life he could also often be found hunting and trapshooting, and he relished time spent in the peace and tranquility of his camp on the St. Lawrence River. Closer to home, he also grew and tended an impressive vegetable garden. He had something to do for every season.

Jim is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law. Frank J. and Carol A. Parker, Steven M. and Debbie F. Parker, and James R. "Jim" Parker; grandchildren, Katherine and Justin Fitts; Laura Parker; and Nicholas Parker; and his coffee buddies, Don, Madeline, Al, and Kathy. He was predeceased by his brother, Leslie W. Parker; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cipriano and Catherine (Suppa) Leandro; and in-laws, Morris J. Leandro and Anthony DelGuidice.

The Parker family would like to thank the staff at Wynn Hospital for their care and compassion.

In honoring Jim's wishes, his family will honor and commemorate his life privately. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandpa always had a kind word and a easy smile,He was wonderful with everyone and always put others before himself, We will miss him very much.

Debbie Parker - March 13, 2025 at 09:25 PM

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“ What a wonderful man who lived a happy long life and has a loving family. We are proud to have known him. Rich and Sally Panasen & Family

Richard and Sally Panasen - March 13, 2025 at 08:11 AM