

## Harold Paul Parker

August 18, 1921 - April 16, 2017

Harold Paul Parker, age 95, of rural Albia, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Harold was born August 18, 1921, in Bussey, Iowa to Edward Henry and Marie Martha (Vander Linden) Parker. He was the 6th of 10 children. He grew up on a farm northwest of Bussey and graduated from Bussey High School Class of 1939. Harold worked on the farm and in a coal mine until he joined the United States Army Air Corp in the spring of 1943. He served his country as a belly gunner during World War II. On January 28, 1945, Harold married Della Ruth Roorda at the Harvey Methodist Church in Harvey, Iowa. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage and five daughters.

Harold worked at the VA Hospital in Knoxville from 1946 -1979. In 1966, he went back to school and graduated from the nursing program at Indian Hills Community College. In 1981, Harold received his certificate in Auto Mechanics from Indian Hills Community College and opened H&R Repair, Harold and wife Ruth also farmed. Harold attended church at the Albia Baptist Temple, and was a member of the American Legion in Albia.

Harold is survived by his 5 daughters, Patricia Carter of Marion, Dorothy (Don) Engelking of Knoxville, Dixie Harnden of Des Moines, Mary Ann (Donald) Schramm of Russell, and Bonnie (Randy) Williams of Eddyville; 13

grandchildren; 8 step grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and 6 step great grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. Harold is also survived by two sisters; Josephine Exline of Chariton, Viola (Francis) Faust of Winterset and a sister-in-law, Barbara Parker of Jupitar, New Mexico and several nieces, nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Harold is preceded in death, by his wife, Della Ruth Parker; his parents, Edward and Marie Parker; a grandson, John Major, a step granddaughter, Sabrina; seven siblings, Leona Dean, Mabel Harlow, James Parker, John Wesley Parker, Floyd Parker, Roy "Shorty" Parker and Marion Edward Parker.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Albia Baptist Temple in Albia, with Pastor Brian Harris officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow the service at the Union Chapel Cemetery north of Albia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Harold's family present from 5-8 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A Memorial has been established to the Albia Baptist Temple.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Albia Baptist Temple  
624 A Ave W

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Paul Parker*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Harold Paul Parker*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold Paul Parker.*



April 20, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Paul Parker.*



April 20, 2017 at 12:23 PM

WT

“ Wells Fargo Home Mortgage-Content Management Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Harold Paul Parker.



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**Wells Fargo Home Mortgage-Content Management Team -**  
April 20, 2017 at 08:21 AM

WR

“ I remember my Uncle Harold when the family would have Sunday lunches at my grandparents.

*Seems as though Uncle Harold always would be taking a "nap" after the Sunday lunch.*

*Wayne Roorda and for those of you who may not know I am the oldest of Richard & Dawn family.*

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**Wayne L Roorda -** April 19, 2017 at 07:58 PM

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*Thank you so much Wayne I do remember you. I always enjoyed you playing the accordion at the Sunday dinners.*

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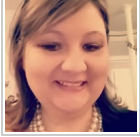
**Dorothy Engelking -** April 20, 2017 at 09:56 PM

DE

*Thank you so much for the flowers. I would send you a funeral folder if you want. I am sorry that I don't have your address. Thank you again. Dorothy.*

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**Dorothy Engelking -** May 01, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Shelley Provenzano purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Paul Parker.*



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**Shelley Provenzano** - April 19, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Paul Parker.*



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April 19, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Paul Parker.*



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April 18, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *Tim & Deanna Klobnak lit a candle in memory of Harold Paul Parker*



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**Tim & Deanna Klobnak** - April 17, 2017 at 10:53 PM

DE

*Thank you so much for your kindness.*

**Dorothy Engelking** - April 24, 2017 at 01:45 PM

DS

“ *Share a memory. ....I can't remember not knowing Harold and Ruth! They were our next door neighbors for as long as I can remember! Pat, Dorothy, Dixie, Mary Ann and Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing but he had a long, wonderful life and is strolling across Heaven with your mom now! Cherish the memories and find comfort in the great reunion that is to come in the sweet bye and bye! Darla Vanden Berg Safford*

**Darla Vanden Berg Safford** - April 17, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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*Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

**Dorothy Engelking** - April 24, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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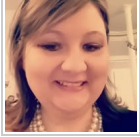
“ *I remember living next door and being so excited when I got to walk across the field with the boys to go to Bonnies. Also running to see the coy pond. Mom would get so mad when I would come home covered to my knees in cow poop. I loved their farm. Harold I hope you see David in heaven and have a good time. RIP Harold and sympathy to the family. God bless.*

**Benji and Betty Thompson** - April 17, 2017 at 05:40 PM

DE

*Thank you so much for sharing your memories.*

**Dorothy Engelking** - April 24, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ I spent many weekends and summers with LeAnn at the farm growing up. I always felt like part of the family when I was there and both her grandparents made mne feel loved. It doesn't matter how long you have with them, it never feels long enough but cherish all of the wonderful memories and know he loved his family dearly.- Love you guys, Shelley

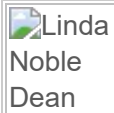


Shelley Provenzano - April 17, 2017 at 04:45 PM

DE

Thank you Shelley for your thoughtful memories.

Dorothy Engelking - April 24, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ What a wonderful blessing to have Great Uncle Harold in our lives for so many years. Dennis and I enjoyed our visits with him when we seen him at family gatherings. A wonderful man and great uncle he was. He will be missed.



Linda Noble Dean - April 17, 2017 at 04:25 PM

DE

Thank you so much for thinking of our Dad.

Dorothy Engelking - April 24, 2017 at 01:39 PM