



## Donald Kenneth Parker

September 8, 1936 - April 23, 2020

DONALD KENNETH PARKER  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Donald Kenneth Parker of New Harmony, Indiana passed away on April 23, 2020. He was 83. Don was a businessman, oilman and general contractor who founded D. K. Parker Co., Inc. in 1964. Often referred to as D.K., he was a graduate of New Harmony High School, well-known in the community and throughout the county. He was active in various organizations, and was a founder and early leader of the New Harmony Jaycees. Don was dedicated to New Harmony and involved with the restoration and revitalization of its buildings both for Historic New Harmony, Inc. -where he was a board member- and also for Jane Owen, working closely with her and Red Geranium Enterprises on many projects. He was also a pilot and a farmer.

Don's devoted wife of 42 years: Shirley Ann (Martin), passing away in 2001. Don and Shirley had three children: Douglas Wayne Parker and DeeAnn Martin Parker, both of whom live in New Harmony, and David Scott Parker of New York City; three grandchildren: Paige Patterson, Samantha Robinson and Melissa Williams; three step grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Don was one of eight children of Clarence Ted and Erma Louise (Wilsey) Parker. His surviving siblings are Sara Foster, Glen and Steve Parker.

He was predeceased by sister: Wilma Heriges; and brothers: Clarence Gilbert, Ted and John Parker. Other survivors include his sister-in-law: Sharon

Greenwood and his dear friend: Bill Cox.

Services will be private and are being handled by Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony. There will be a celebration of life memorial during the summer at a date to be announced. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Linda E. White Hospice House, 611 Harriet Street, Evansville, Indiana 47747 or to Maple Hill Cemetery Maintenance Fund, PO Box 340, New Harmony, Indiana 47631.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Kenneth Parker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Dee Ann - So sorry to read of your dad's passing. We would always see him at Paige's recitals. Our sympathy to you and your family.*

*Jackie and Dick Green*

**Jacqueline Green** - May 08, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ *Don and I were classmates in New Harmony Grade School and NHHS, class of 1955. I valued him as a considerate and very reliable friend. I often was jealous of his physical strength...he could knock a softball further than anybody in our class during recess in grade school! I remember when he was the first in our class to get his driver's license and bought a car to drive to and from school. I still remember riding with him... I envied his driving skill. I will remember him for his generosity and hospitality especially during the times that I was in New Harmony for special occasions...class reunions, etc.. I share your sorrow in his passing. -Ken Wisley*



**Ken Wisley** - May 06, 2020 at 07:41 PM

AW

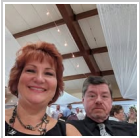
“ Will always be thankful what he did for all our family. Was a good man to everyone. Will be greatly missed. Will remember Cousin Donny always in a hurry. He Gave me a ride from one farm to the other when i was a young boy with his right arm stretched back over the front seat back and his right foot flat on the floor as fast as we could get there. Allen Dee Wilsey and family.

Allen Dee Wilsey - April 28, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JM

Donnie was a kind and generous man. We will never forget all the things he did to help our family... giving me a job in the construction office when my husband went to Viet Nam. Was able to give him a big hug last time I saw him. We certainly will miss seeing him. The Parker's are a wonderful family.

Judy (Wilsey) Montgomery - April 29, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ We are going to really miss Bro. Don at First Baptist Church. He has been a faithful member to our church, and he has blessed us with his many talents. My fondest memories of Don are looking across the aisle at him, bible and pencil in hand, listening to the message, taking notes, and watching him watch his grand daughter, Paige, as she played the piano. He was so very proud of her. We will miss his smile, but we know he is with Jesus and his beloved wife, Shirley.

Stacy Conyers - April 26, 2020 at 08:27 PM

JP

“ Doug,  
Just want to express my condolences to you and your family.  
Jerry Prow (retired Banker)

jerry prow - April 26, 2020 at 01:42 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a fine man, a gentleman and a friend. He shared so many stories about New Harmony. I will miss him very much. My prayers are with all of the family.

Diana Davis - April 26, 2020 at 12:04 PM

MJ

“ I met Don at First Baptist Church in New Harmony. He was a very nice man and I will always remember how he would go sit up front to watch Paige play the piano. Prayers for all of the family.

Mary Johnson - April 26, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CS

“ So very sorry to learn of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Patrick & Carolyn Scheller



carolyn scheller - April 26, 2020 at 09:24 AM

NP

“ Don gave me my first job at D.K. Parker Co when I came to New Harmony in 1974 and I remember him fondly. He was always supportive, easy to smile and a true friend. I am very saddened by his passing. My thoughts, prayers and sincerest condolences to DeAnn, Doug, David and the entire Parker family. May he rest in peace.

Neil & Rosemary Pagano

Neil Pagano - April 26, 2020 at 06:31 AM

LM

“ Sorry for your lost family. 😞😞

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**Larry Michels** - April 25, 2020 at 08:44 AM

RP

“ So sorry to see this. He always was so genuinely nice. Prayers for all of you. Ruth Parker

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**Ruth Parker** - April 24, 2020 at 08:49 PM

EU

“ God be with your family. Punky and Jerry Uhde

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**Elizabeth (Punky) Uhde** - April 24, 2020 at 08:45 PM

KZ

“ My deepest sympathy to Doug DeAnn and the rest of the family. Loved working for Don at DK Parker. He loved his family and was always busy. Prayers

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**Kevin Zink** - April 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM