



Herman Edward Parks

February 9, 1938 - March 11, 2025

Herman Edward (Ed) Parks, 87, of Tyler, Texas, passed away peacefully on March 11th. Born in Connersville, Indiana, he was the son of Chester Leroy Parks and Juanita Madolion (Mathis) Parks, husband of JoAnn (Hawk) Parks and a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Ed was a true Christian who valued his faith in Jesus Christ above all else — consistently reading his Bible and pushing himself to learn more about God.

Ed will be remembered for his kindness, strength, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Viewing will be at 9:00 am followed by a memorial service at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler, Texas, with burial to follow at The United States National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Ed's presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever be a blessing to those who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Leroy Parks and Juanita Madolion (Mathis) Parks, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Ed served six years in the United States Air Force. He also dedicated his career to US automobile makers: Chrysler, GM, and Ford Motor/Visteon Companies, where he worked diligently until his retirement. He took great pride in his work, but his greatest joy in life was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn, of 65 years, and his children, Tammie (Jim) Renfro, Janet Parks, Jeffery Parks, and Patrick (Lina) Parks; and his grandchildren, Ashlyn (Ron Cook) Renfro, Chris (Nikki) Renfro, Stephen (Alexis) Renfro, Michael (Amari) Renfro, Joshua (Devon) Renfro, Daniel (Randi) Renfro, Gorgi Parks (Joe Ottaviano), Jady (Thad) Kasinger, and Jacob Parks, 11 great-grandchildren and cousins Steve (Connie) Parks, and Sue Fields, sister, Lois Brandon, and five nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
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Graveside Service

MAR 27. 1:15 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211