



## Roy Parker

November 27, 1935 - June 30, 2008

Services for Roy E. Parker, 72, of Whitehouse will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Darryle Dunks officiating. Burial will be held at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.

Mr. Parker passed away on June 30, 2008 at Briarcliff Health Center in Tyler. He was born on November 27, 1935 in Miller City, Illinois to the late Howard Samuel and Pernecia Mae Burns Parker. He was raised in Illinois and joined the Air Force at age 18. After his military service, he worked as an Allstate insurance agent. Mr. Parker served as treasurer and deacon at Sun Valley Baptist Church in El Paso for many years. He moved to the Tyler area in 2003 and was a faithful member of Green Acres Baptist Church where he joined the Sonshine class. Mr. Parker enjoyed reading, military history, and was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Most of all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. In addition to his parents, Mr. Parker was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 51 years, Margaret Parker of Whitehouse; daughter, Deborah Braus of Whitehouse; three sons, Rory Parker and wife Sheila Cassidy of Atlanta, Georgia, Garry Parker of Palestine, and Stephen Parker of El Paso; sister, Mary Cox of Salem, Oregon; brothers, Charles Beaver and wife Diane, and Donny Beaver and wife Audry, all of Salem, Oregon; and six grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Pinkston, Fred Pittsley, Leo Glover, and Richard Kunze. Visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family

Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Roy E. Parker may be made to Green Acres Baptist Church Building Fund "The Joy of All Generations", 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *It was an Honor to know Roy. We met him at the Reunions and on the MCCHS list He will be missed  
Our sympathy goes to his family  
May God hold you all in His Hands*

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**Cathy Frick Ford** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *In memory of a loving Friend, thanks for benning there Loving Mellie S.*

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**mellie shacklett** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dear Margaret & Family,*

*Our thought and prayers are with you during this time and always.  
Love Buddy, Karen and Kids.*

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**Buddy & Karen Cox** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I just wanted you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. My fondest memories of Mr. Parker were watching him create his masterpieces from all sorts of wood from beds to additions to his home. He was truly talented in all that he touched and he passed that on to his children.

He was a very devoted husband, father, and grandfather. I know that he made a big difference in the life of my little girl, Jordan. I will never forget the look on his face when he saw her for the first time. She was loved unconditionally right from the start.

He has left behind a beautiful legacy in all that he influenced...

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**Jennifer Parker** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Roy will always be remembered at Sun Valley Baptist for all that he did.

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**Bro Jack and Josie Berg** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To Margaret and all the family: There are no words to express our sorrow at your loss. Roy is in heaven with the Lord - whole and healthy. We are left to be saddened by our loss. Roy was a dear friend as are all of you. Larry especially remembers the wonderful times he had working with Roy on the church buildings. From that experience came a lasting friendship that distance could not dim. We remember with fondness the times we went to the Pelican for supper. And we will never forget the practical jokes Roy loved to play on everyone. We love all of you and will keep you in our prayers and thoughts. It won't be long until we will all be joining him where we will never suffer the sicknesses that plague us here and we will never grow old or have to grieve at the loss of those we love. God be with you and bless you all. Love you, Larry and Brenda

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**Brenda Pinkston** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I really enjoyed his wit, his jokes his emails. Roy was really a good man.

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**David Watrus** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you and let his light shine upon you. Love, James and Sissy Braus

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**James and Sissy Braus** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Margaret and family, you know we shared Roy's health concerns for many years. I'm sorry better knowledge wasn't available now to cure him. Sorry to think of him coughing as I know the stress involved. Best of health to the rest of your family! My sympathy for your time of sorrow. Nancy Crain Nelson.. in first grade with Roy.... I was glad to hear he had such a happy life.

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**Dorothy Cruse** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My first memory of Roy was when I was a little girl. You see Roy is my mothers' older sisters' son. Roy is about 20 years older then I am and I was only 3-4 years old at the time. I was very bashful back then. Anyway I remember hiding behind my mother with Roy teasing me and playing pick- a- boo. Before I know it he had me laughing and playing. I remember He had a greatest smile and was very kind.

My Mother Anna Blanch Richard and my father Leon (Buck) Richard just loved to see Roy when ever possible. Mom always said Roy had a good heart and was fun to be around.

My only wish is that I could have taken the time as an adult to get to know him better. But even though I didn't take the time to get to know him I feel as if I was blessed to have had him in my life. I say always a blessing never a lost. We all have been blessed by even knowing him.

My thoughts are with Roy's Family and Friends

May God be with each and every one of you.

Love,

Peggy Blaisdell

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**Peggy Blaisdell** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ He was a dear friend and fellow Christian. I remember working with Roy on many building projects around Sun Valley Baptist Church. He was always fun to be around and enjoyed Cowboy football games with him. I know that he was instrumental in my selection as Principal for Northeast Christian Academy in 1998. We will miss him but we also know that we will see him again.

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**Dennis Coffman** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Can't say enough good about Roy. I always welcomed his visits and enjoyed taking him to Shemwell's for that special barbecue. I know it is hard for all of you, but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.  
Monica Vines Smith, Librarian  
Cairo Public Library

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**Monica Smith** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ I am sorry and I'm thinking about all of you!

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**Debbie Zuck** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We love you and your family, I can remember Roy & Margaret and us going to Village Inn every sunday night. We sure have missed you. WE know we will see you again because of your walk, your talk, your faithfulness to your church and love for God have have made a difference here in this church.

*Love you & Margaret*

*Letty & Carlos Martinez*

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**Carlos & Letty Martinez** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ The call from the Almighty comes to us all, and it is the only conversation any human being shall have with God. God simply says: "...Now it is time, come with me." Roy E., we met like two ships passing in the night and only a hastened flick of acquaintance witnessed that passing. But I shall always remember that moment at nights in my prayers. " Farewell, and may your journey be with 'Following Winds and smooth Seas."

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**John S. Parker** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To Margaret, sons, daughter, grandchildren, sister Mary and brothers of Roy,

*You have my deepest sympathy! Roy was a very kind and gentle person. I know the pain you are going through. We missed him when he could no longer write on the MCCHS List and will miss him more as the days go on!!!!*

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**Charlotte Dalton Burd** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Roy was a very special person, he will be missed.  
My sympathy goes to his family.

*Rosalie Lopo*

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**Rosalie (Klnslow) Lopo** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Roy

*I am sorry that you have gone home to the Lord  
We know you have gone to a better place*

*Your family and friends will still miss you greatly*

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**Carole Scruggs Nafziger** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Family, I'm so sorry about Roy, I loved him and respected him. He was so kind and thought only about his family and friends first. I will miss his monthly phone calls and jokes. but will see him again, someday. When he gets to heaven, and finds his mother, father, brothers and sister and my brother, I hope he gives them all a big hug and tells them we will all be together again. My heart goes out to all of you. Wish we could be there.

*Aunt Rodie*

*Karen, Lori and Pam and family's*

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**Karen Parker Heilig** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Roy Parker. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Morrissa Morehead Clanahan*

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**Morrissa Morehead Clanahan** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Roy Earl and I go way back to the child hood days in Mound City, Ill. I knew his older Brothers as well. He was always a pleasant individual and honest. He will be missed.*

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**Jim Tom Atherton** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dear Margaret, Mary & Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. I will treasure the memories and pictures of the good time we had at our mini-reunion a few years ago. May God be with each of you during this sad time.*

*Delores & Glenn Honey*

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**Delores Honey** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Roy had many friends and they were his greatly appreciated by him and his family. Friends who would travel great distances for him when he could not make the trip himself. There were those who went way beyond favors and invested time and resources for his benefit.

He had spoken often of the many ways that each of you has exhibited your love and friendship. He felt humbled and yet proud of what blessings you gave. He valued each as a special gift that he could in no way be deserved.

My family and I family are deeply indebted to you.

He was a devoted and unceasingly altruistic family man. He was a proud grandfather and incredible person. In him, I saw a true gentleman.

He was my hero, my mentor, and my best friend.

He was my father.

You can rest now Dad, I know you are tired.

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**Rory E. Parker** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of brother parker. we pray that God's grace will be sufficient for you at this hour.

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**paul** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ we have very dear memories of mr parker. we have known him for almost 30 years, and he was always a very gentle and honest man, and we have always been very close to his entire family.  
condolences.

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**mark alexander** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *As I read the tributes to Uncle Roy I am touched by the testimonies of the people he impacted during his life. It is evident from these memories and from my own knowledge of him that from Roy's childhood to his death he remained the same man, a man of his word, an honorable man, and a man who would go beyond the call of duty to help a Brother (or Sister). He loved his family unconditionally.*

*God gave Uncle Roy a wonderful talent of using his hands to craft beautiful things, both in his home, at his church, and I'm sure many other places. Roy used that talent to its fullest, and its fruit will be giving people joy for many years.*

*I loved Uncle Roy's laugh, the way he gently teased you to make sure everyone enjoyed the joke. I will miss reading his emails and sharing his latest jokes. Lastly, I am so sorry to lose Uncle Roy, not just because he is a dear family member, but because he was one of the few Americans left who truly supported our military and our President.*

*Thank you, God for giving us Roy Parker.*

*Roy, I'm really proud I can call you my uncle. Love you.*

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**Sarah Howlett** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *The Parker family has been my family for 16 years. I remember the first time I met Mr. Parker, and how afraid I was of him. Little did I know that over time, he would become like a father to me, and would show me the love, dedication, and commitment it took to be a man. I often remember sitting around the table on Sunday afternoons drinking coffee and talking about his old military stories or current events or who should be starting for the Cowboys that day. Papa was one of the most incredible men I have ever known. I watched him persevere time and time again, and he was my inspiration. Words will never pay proper tribute to the man that world will never see the likes of again. No one ever had a bigger heart, and no one could talk to you with a bigger smile. Papa was a gentleman, a professional, a veteran, a servant, a believer...he was amazing. I know in my heart he is with God, and that I will see him again one day. I pray that I will be able to be at least half the man that Roy Earl Parker was, because there really is no one that can even come close to how wonderful he was. He was my hero and someone who I hope I make proud each day that I live.*

*May God bless and comfort the Parker family during their bereavement, and may He show us His hand through all of this. And may we all be reminded that Papa is in Paradise now, and we'll be together forever one day.*

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**Charlie Rowan** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Margaret and the family, My sympathy and prayers go to in this tough time. I will pray each day that God will give you strength. Roy will be deeply missed. Love & prayers, Mary C Hughes (Burns).

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**Mary Hughes** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We met the Parkers at Sun Valley Baptist in El Paso, Roy was something else, what a sense of humor, a great pal, a hard worker, dedicated Church member. We know he will be missed but we will meet again. Our love goes out to all of the Parkers.

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**John and Fay McCloskey** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I want to first say how sorry I am Margaret, Deborah, Rory, Garry and Stephen as well as the rest of Roy's family and friends. Roy was very special to me for a number of reasons, but what I most remember is how he was there for us when my dad passed away, how he was always there for my mom (Mary), his amazing sense of humor, and his kind heart. He used to tease me that I planned my college graduation, marriage and the birth of my first son around his visits to Oregon, when in fact, I know he was there for support for me and my family.

*I will miss him and will always have a special place for him in my heart.*

*Lots of love to you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sheila, Ryan and Kyle Freeland*

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**Sheila Freeland** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will always have fond memories of Roy and the Parker family as I was growing up in El Paso. The times spent at your house with the kids, was always fun and exchanging opinions on football was always exciting. I still remember the Super Bowl when the Cowboys played (and beat) the Broncos. I will always remember Roy as a caring, fun and compassionate man.

*With Loving memory, Mike Morrison*

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**Mike Morrison** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Roy and I were very close in our growing up years, We moved to Louisville,Ky in 1947, we visited the family until Roy went into the Air Force. We didn't get to see each other again until in the early 1950's, Roy visited us in Louisville, Ky. We didn't get to see each other again until 2005, we met in Paducah, Ky. I was over joyed to get to see him again and to meet Margaret. Our plans were to get together again in the very near future ,but, we didn't get to. I am so very happy for that time we spent together. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and the family. God Bless You. Gary, Irene and daughter,Linda and granddaughter Jessica.

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**Irene Ramsey** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Our prayers are with you. Thank you for taking care of my son Charlie and welcoming him into your home. Charlie speaks very highly of all of you. May Mr. Parker find rest, peace and reward with Jesus. Amen.

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**Kevin T. Rowan** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Thanks for sharing this obituary online. He looks the same as when we left Sun Valley. You are all in our prayers at this time.

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**Melody (Maple) Thomas** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Aunt Margaret and family, I want to let you know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love Donna, Jason and Paxton

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**Donna Szoke** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Even though we lived a long ways from each other and never saw each other very much over the years, you will be in my heart, as the rest of my brothers and sisters and family are, until we all meet together as the LORD promises.*

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**DONALD R BEAVER** - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM