



Mr. Donald R. Parker

October 8, 1934 - December 12, 2025

With deep love and sadness, the family of Donald R. Parker, 91, announces his unexpected passing on Friday, December 12, 2025.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut on October 8, 1934, he was the son of the late Jeremiah and Lillian Aldrich Parker. He graduated from the former St. Joseph's High School in 1954. While working at Liggett's Drugstore, he met the love of his life, Edna Munn. Together they shared 69 years of marriage and would have celebrated their 70th anniversary on February 10th of this year.

Don proudly served in the United States Army for two years. He later worked for 35 years at Crane & Co. as a machine tender until retiring at age 59. He also worked on and off for five years at The Coca-Cola Company.

He and Edna spent winters in Lady Lake, Florida, and summers in Hinsdale, Massachusetts. Don enjoyed golf, Western movies, history, and most of all, time with his family. He was a faithful member of Dalton United Methodist Church.

He will be remembered for his warm smile, kind heart, quiet strength, and gentle spirit.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Edna Parker of Hinsdale, Massachusetts; his son, David Parker of Eugene, Oregon; his daughter, Donna (Christopher) Smith of Queensbury, New York; his granddaughter, Mickaela Scott of Rotterdam, New York; his grandson, Rhett Parker of Highland Ranch, Colorado; and his grandson, Aiden Smith of Queensbury, New York.

Funeral services will be held at Dalton United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Maple Street Cemetery, Hinsdale.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Maple Street Cemetery

Hinsdale, MA

Previous Events

Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dalton United Methodist Church
755 Main St
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

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“ We love you, **UNCLE DON!!** I will miss your phone calls to me throughout the years that made me feel so loved as well as your kindness, smiles and laughter, and just blessing so many throughout your life, reflecting the love of Christ! We rejoice that you are with our Lord and reunited with Dad, Aunt Arlene, Grandma and Grandpa Parker.

We miss you already!!

Love, Your niece, Dawn Marie, Dwight and Mary

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.”*

Psalms 23:6

Dawn Vallely - May 18 at 03:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Parker.



May 14 at 10:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Parker.



May 14 at 05:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Donald R. Parker.

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