



Robert S. Parker, Jr.

April 22, 1923 - April 22, 2012

Robert S. Parker, Jr., 89, of Kingston WWII veteran, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend went to his heavenly home Sunday the 22nd of April. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Parker, Sr., Roane County Court Clerk for 33 years, and Oda Holland Parker; his wife, Jane Campbell Parker; and his younger brother, Don Holland Parker.

Robert was originally assigned to the 1321st Engineer General Service Regiment during WWII and was in the 340th Engineer Construction Battalion as a 1st Lieutenant when discharged in September 1946. Mr. Parker saw service in both the European and Asian theaters of war and received the Bronze Star for his work in repairing destroyed bridges necessary to re-opening the Autobahn in Germany.

After the war Mr. Parker graduated from UT and worked two years as a Health Physicist at X-10, Oak Ridge. Then going into business as an independent, he founded Parker Realty and Insurance Co. and Kingston Tile and Paint Co. He created several subdivisions in Kingston: Woodhaven, Green Acres, Edgewater Estates, Suburban Shores, and Belcove.

Mr. Parker embraced and enjoyed challenges and competition. He lettered in basketball at the University of Tennessee before going into military service, enjoyed chess, the stock market, poker, ping-pong, and especially golf, ultimately developing and building Lakeside Golf Course in Kingston.

He and his wife were involved in many endeavors of their home church, Kingston United Methodist, for most of their lives.

Like many of his generation he was truly one of a kind. He will be fondly remembered and a source of continuing joy for his surviving family members, son, Robert Parker, III (Elaine), daughter, Nancy Harper (Marion), and grandchildren, Allyson, Christen, David and Hunter.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 2pm Friday April 27, 2012 at the Bethel Presbyterian Church. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2pm with Rev. Archer Mayhan and Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church 212 W. Church Street Kingston, TN 37763.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry and Bobbe Honey - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Robbie and Nancy,
My thoughts are with you at this time. Your parents were very special people to have raised two very special kids.

Patsy Blanchard - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Nancy,
Our hearts go out to you and your family. Another passing of a terrific "Greatest Generation" Dad.. we have walked in your shoes over the past years .. never easy to let them go. Bless You and All.

Pete and Claudia - Antioch, TN - friend - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. Our Dads & Moms are very special to us. Prayers with your family

Rita Snow Johnson - Kingston, TN - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM