

Vernon Frederick Parker was born November 9, 1932 to Frederick William Parker, Jr. and Helga Marianne (Andersen) Parker on their farm in Sundown Township, MN on the day that FDR's presidential win was announced. Vernon always said he and FDR came into power together.

Vernon grew up farming with horses until his dad bought the first tractor, a Massey. Their first car was a 1930 Model A Ford. Thereafter, Vern was always a Massey and Ford man.

Vernon attended the Sundown District 13 school and, later, he went to Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson for 3 years.

At Maplewood, he met Myrna Andersen and they were married on May 9, 1954 in Maple Plain, MN.

Vernon served in the U. S. Army 1954-1956 at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Lewis, working as a Madigan Hospital orderly.

After discharge, Vern worked at Mammoth Furnace Company in St. Louis Park until 1957 when they moved to a farm near Springfield. In 1963, they moved to Morgan.

In 1966, Vern bought a farm north of Blackduck at Busy Corners, farming there ever after. He also worked for the Federal Forestry, tending sites such as his favorite, Shogren Dam.

Vernon was fun-loving and enjoyed roller skating, stock car races, tinkering on a hot rod, music, family, history and Ole-Lena jokes. He was an avid reader of farming, Ford, history and mission story books. He loved the Rollag Threshers Reunion and the Beltrami County Fair with the Shutter Stage music. He liked making trips with his trucker sons and going with his "girls" to "home country" where he'd grown up.

Being a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1944, Vern often talked of Christ's future return to raise the dead from their slumber to join the living and be forever with God. On March 15, 2022, he passed to his rest at Blackduck, MN to await that glorious day.



In Loving Memory Of

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Born: November 9, 1932

Sundown Township, Redwood County, Minnesota

Died: March 15, 2022

Blackduck, Beltrami County, Minnesota

Services

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Bemidji, Minnesota

Friday - April 1, 2022 - 1:00 pm

Officiating

Pastor Ken Mayberry

Pastor Joel Kratzke

Pastor Tyson Kahler

Military Honors

Army National Guard Honor Squad

VFW of Bemidji Post #1260

Spring Interment

Frohn Eastside Cemetery

Bemidji, Minnesota

Arrangements are with Cease Family Funeral Home

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth:
and the former shall not be remembered,
nor come into mind.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock:
and dust shall be the serpent's meat.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain,
saith the Lord.

Isaiah 65:17, 25



Remembering a life well lived are Vernon's wife, Myrna; children Kathy (Roy) Parke, David (Deb) Parker, Holly (Bob) Ewert, James Parker and Scott (Sylvia) Parker; foster children Becky (Tom) Gregory, Calvin (Val) White, Marvin White, Margie (Alford) Brown; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Randy (Nancy) Andersen; many cousins and a host of precious friends. Those preceding Vernon in death's slumber include his parents, Fred and Helga, an infant sister Mari Anne and a foster son, Alvin White. Vernon was the last of 7 Parker cousins. And, of 35 Andersen cousins, 30 preceded Vernon in death and 4 survive him.