



Elmer Parks

October 20, 1947 - April 30, 2023

Mr. Elmer D. Parks, 75, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on October 20, 1947, the son of the late Elmer S. and Theo B. (Buzzard) Parks.

Elmer was raised in West Virginia and graduated from Cameron High School in 1965.

On December 2, 1967, he was married to Helen J. (Rethy) Parks in Barton, Ohio; she survives.

He started working as a routeman for Culligan Water Conditioning in Wheeling, WV in 1974 and was quickly promoted to general manager of that store. He later managed stores in Washington, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dayton, Ohio and Anderson, Indiana. In 1993, he and Helen made their way to Lebanon, Indiana when they purchased their own Culligan Water franchise. Later, they purchased additional franchises in Greencastle, Indiana and Frankfort Indiana. In total, Elmer worked as a Culligan man for nearly 50 years and was active in the Water Quality Association, Tri-State Culligan Association, Culligan Dealer Advisory Council and Culligan CDANA. He was always well respected by his Culligan family all across the globe.

Elmer was a faithful member of New Hope Christian Church for nearly 30

years and served as an Elder for more than half of those years. He was most known for leading a life dedicated to serving others and being the hands and feet of Christ. In addition to his service in the church, he was active with the Lebanon Kiwanis Club, Salvation Army, Boone County Chamber of Commerce, Ulen Town Council and many other local organizations.

Elmer loved spending time with Helen whether it was seeing a show at Beef and Boards, going to dinner or taking walks and golf cart rides with his best four-legged buddy Tuxie. He also loved spending time with his kids and grandkids, serving as a mentor with the Boone County Mentoring Partnership, cheering on the Indianapolis Colts and Purdue Boilermakers, driving his purple Jeep and watching birds and squirrels in his backyard.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Parks of Lebanon; children, Terri (Jeff) Lipot of Waynesville, OH, Angela (Cliff) Beard of Mandeville, LA and Craig (Natalie) Parks of Lebanon; grandchildren, Morgan Beard, Brooke (Andrew) Pimental, Kayla (Spencer) Richardson, Brett Beard, Noelle (Grant) Skinner, Christian Parks, Ashtyn Lipot, Isaiah Lipot, Joshua Parks; great granddaughter, Willow Pimental; and brother, Rick (Karen) Parks of Saint Clairsville, OH.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by infant sister, Nancy Carol Parks and grandson, Jonathan David Parks.

Memorial Services are planned for noon on Friday, May 5th, at New Hope Christian Church. Visitation will be held from 10am – 12pm. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his arrangements.

Memorials may be directed in Elmer's memory to The Boone County Mentoring Partnership or The Boone County Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Christian Church
5780 South Main
Whitestown, IN 46075

Memorial Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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5780 South Main
Whitestown, IN 46075

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 05, 2023 at 07:01 AM



“ *Dad Parks. That is how I have known the man that welcomed me into his family as a surrogate son when I was a backwards hillbilly kid away from home at college for the first time. This is the man that baptized me almost 30 years ago. He was there in my early days as a Christian when I had doubts, questions, and confusion in the not always clear space we live in during our walk with God. He was an open door in the middle of his work day when I would drop in on a drive home to Ohio during my holiday trips home from Chicago. A comedians dependable audience for a hardy laugh, knee slap, and an "Oh Geez" when I really got him going. The last 20 years as I have grown my family has seen us in the same place less often but the Parks Family, Elmer and Helen (Mom and Dad Parks), Craig and Natalie, Terri and Jeff, Angie and Cliff, all hold a very special place in my heart. I grieve along with all of you that we must say goodbye on earth to this incredible man and like you all, hold solace in the knowledge we will join him one day where he rests now in grace. As he taught me long ago, we cannot earn our way to the Lord, only through grace are we saved and he set that example of faith by the way he lived in such a manner it has permanently marked my soul. My very being is forever colored with his presence. Thank you Dad Parks. I love you. --Scott*

Scott Thompson - May 04, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 04, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Driessen Water Inc purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elmer Parks.*



Driessen Water Inc - May 04, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *From Jeremy Dawe and family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elmer Parks.*



From Jeremy Dawe and family - May 04, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 04, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 04, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 03, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 03, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sympathy goes out to my cousins family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of our families going to grandma Buzzards for Sunday dinner, and sitting on the long swing she had on her porch.Happy Memories*



Connie Woodruff Brown - May 03, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SC

“ *My forever friend; a true disciple for God! You will be missed by all who knew you. Always in my heart; rest in peace!* ”

Sandy Cumpston - May 03, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.* ”



May 02, 2023 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ *Elmer was always the most pleasant, friendly and ethical person. All positive memories of working with one of my favorite Culligan men.* ”

Don Meredith - May 02, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.* ”



May 02, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BD

“ *We got to know Elmer when he made one of his first house calls for service when he started working with Culligan in Lebanon. He was a great and honest man and count it a privilege to have known him.* ”

Barb Darnell - May 02, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *I will miss flipping pancakes side by side with Elmer as we have done for many years. We shared a love of personal development and positive thinking. We shared a love of helping kids through our work with the Lebanon Kiwanis club. Elmer led by example and taught me that to do what is needed, to do what is right without regard for personal gain, is the duty of every citizen. I am a better person for having known and learned from him. Thank you Elmer and Helen for enriching my life. Mike Kincaid*

Mike Kincaid - May 02, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.*



May 02, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Elmer was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was a true fisher of men.*
Adam DeHart

ADAM DeHART - May 02, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.



May 02, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elmer Parks.



May 02, 2023 at 11:29 AM