



Margaret Ellen Parker

November 26, 1931 - July 5, 2017

Margaret Ellen Parker, 85, of Cedar, Michigan, passed away July 5, 2017 at Grand Traverse County Pavilions in Traverse City, Michigan. Margaret was born November 26, 1931 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City, the daughter of the late Victor and Mary (Powell) Bernhardt.

Margaret grew up in Grawn, Michigan and graduated from Traverse City High School in 1949. After graduation, she first worked as a secretary for the superintendent in the Grand Traverse County school office and later worked for the State of Michigan employment office. Margaret's final position prior to motherhood was as secretary for John T. Parsons, the owner of Parsons. Margaret was active in Bayview Wesleyan Church as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School worker, and was also involved in nursing home ministries at Bortz, Grand Traverse Medical Care Facility, and Birchwood. She was most recently affiliated with the First Church of the Nazarene.

Margaret married Keith E. Parker on March 13, 1954, at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Traverse City, Michigan. They built a home on the Parker family farm where they lived all their married life. Margaret found Christ as a child. She was a woman who was passionate about praying for others. Margaret was faithful to God, her husband and family. Caring for her family and managing the farm were her greatest joys. She was very kind and compassionate and always cared for the less fortunate. She loved music, singing hymns, whistling and playing the piano. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed sewing, crocheting and preserving foods.

Margaret is survived by her devoted husband of 63 years, Keith Parker, of Cedar, Michigan; children Phyllis (Morrie) Walworth of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Dave Parker of Cedar, MI; Brenda Parker of Warren, MI; Wes Parker of Cedar, MI; Carol (Todd) Sears of Bethel, Vermont; and Tim (Chris) Parker of Pearl City, HI; grandchildren Jeff (Sarah) Norris, Karen (Brent) Michals, Lisa (Ray) Golladay, Mary (Nick) Huyck, Becky (Nick) Splan, Marina (Brad) Bisdorf, Alexander Sears, Ben Sears, Ethan Sears, and Matthew Parker, and fifteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister Patricia Wiegert of

Athens, Georgia and one brother, Victor (Bonnie) Bernhardt of Traverse City as well as many nieces and nephews.

Margaret was predeceased by two sisters Virginia Bernhardt and Barbara Gillis.

A funeral service honoring Margaret will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1023 S. Division Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684 and will be preceded by visitation starting at 12:30 p.m. Pastors Rick Rice and Steven Packer will officiate. A luncheon will follow the service at the church prior to burial at Solon Township Cemetery, Cedar.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the First Church of the Nazarene or to the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Margaret's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Events

Solon Township Cemetery S. Solon Rd and Co. Rd 616 Traverse City, MI, 49684	JUL 10	Visitation	12:30PM
		First Church of the Nazarene 1023 South Division Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684	
	JUL 10	Funeral Service	02:00PM
		First Church of the Nazarene 1023 South Division Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684	

Comments



“ I found out about the Monday service, on Tuesday-sorry I missed it and seeing all of you. Margaret and your family have always been special to me. God be with you as you grieve her passing. I believe there is a celebration in heaven as she joins in the singing!

Hugs, Joni Bostwick

joni bostwick - July 12, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to all of the Parker family in the loss of your wife/mother. We are so very sorry for your loss but know that fond memories of Margaret will bring you peace in the days and years ahead. God bless all of you! -Gena and George Baujan



Gena Baujan - July 10, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ I didn't know Margaret but I know her son, Wes. She must have been a wonderful mother to raise such a caring, hard-working and trustworthy son.

Christine Stegman - July 09, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ KEITH,

So sorry to hear about the death of your wife. Will always remember Margret and the fun times we had. We will keep her and you in our prayers.

Maxine Nielsen (Lautner)

Maxine Nielsen (Lautner) - July 09, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“growing up on Solon road with all my cousins and close neighbors was full of rich memory's and ant Margret was special indeed! I will always remember the family get together s and she was always happily whistling in the kitchen with mom and the cousins preparing the meal., and the times she would step out the back door to call every one in for supper by name, and she was very careful not to leave any one out . and she knew how to fix hearty farm fresh meals always with some form of corn and potatoes , and every one appreciated that especially uncle Keith... Monique and I send our condolences to Keith and all the cousins and family, wishing we could be there for the memorial , Bill and Monique Parker

Bill Parker - July 08, 2017 at 02:22 PM