



Donald L. Parson

November 21, 1932 - November 7, 2012

Donald Parson, 79, of Adrian, transitioned to be with our Lord on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility, under the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

He was born November 21, 1932, in Camden Township, Michigan, the son of Jean Valjean and Julia (Coon) Parson.

On July 17, 1966, Don married Esther Bowe in California. Esther predeceased him in December, 2011.

Don was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a Ranger in the US Army. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Purple Heart and other medals of honor. He received an honorable discharge after being wounded by enemy fire and sustaining injuries which included shrapnel in his legs. Don then moved to California, where he was a Deputy Sheriff and a US Postal Worker. He and Esther, along with Tom and Jonathan, moved to Michigan 45 years ago and began their life anew, in a town that became imbedded in their hearts, a community that became their family, and where both Don and Esther chose to retire. Don was affectionately known as "Grampa Don" or "Pa".

Don retired from Acme Preserves in Adrian. In retirement, Don took great joy

from feeding the animals – whether dogs in his own home, ducks at Burr Pond or squirrels in his yard or family room! A farm boy at heart, Don could fix just about anything.

Don led a simple life, full of joy and laughter. His love for the Lord was the foundation of his being and the Lord's love and grace reflected from Don upon others.

He is survived by their children: Charles "Michael" (Linda) Bowe of Thousand Oaks, CA; Jonathan (Virginia) Bowe of Stevensville, MT; and Christine Sapp of Savannah, GA; 9 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

Don also leaves behind many dear friends, especially the women and men of Tip Top Restaurant who have cared for him in such a special way.

In addition to his wife, Don is preceded in death by a son, Thomas Bowe; daughter, Cathy Parson Tayler; grandson, Jonathan Bowe, Jr.; his parents, and brothers, Victor, Rollin, Warren and Robert.

Don was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2667 Bent Oak Highway, Adrian, where a memorial celebration of Don's life will be held 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2012, with Rev. Linda Farley officiating. Military honors will be conducted by VFW Annis Fint Post # 1584. Visitation will be at the church from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where you may send condolences at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church
2667 Bent Oak Hwy.
Adrian, MI

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald L. Parson

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ I will always carry the fond memories of my Great Uncle Don and Aunt Esther. They were two of the most original people I knew. Always laughing and pulling little funny stunts on each other. I loved and respected them for their "simple" life. Uncle Don was always picking on Aunt Esther and visa versa. I will never forget the time they were at my Grandparents (Victor and Marie Parson) in Iowa. They had traveled there in their motor home with their dogs and a squirrel. Uncle Don always had nuts in his shirt pocket and that silly squirrel would crawl all over him and get right into that pocket. To say the least they left the squirrel in the motor home and it chewed through the wiring and disabled the motor home for a few days. Neither Uncle Don or Aunt Esther were the least bit upset. They loved their family and their animals. I will miss them dearly! Uncle Don is enjoying God's riches and reuniting with his family. I Love You!
Tina Anderson Seaman



Tina Anderson Seaman - November 15, 2012 at 09:36 PM



“ Our Uncle Don, a great person and friend, I will miss our chats and his wonderful sense of humor. We miss them both but now they are together with Jesus what a better place to be. Love Barb and Babe

Barb Anderson - November 15, 2012 at 06:48 PM

MP

“ Sorry to hear of Uncle Don's passing. At least he and Aunt Esther are together again. Sorry I could not be there. May God bless you all and keep his loving arms around you at this time.



Michael Parson - November 15, 2012 at 03:53 PM

EF

“ Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Ed & Kris Foor

Ed & Kris Foor - November 14, 2012 at 07:46 PM

MB

“ *Mark Bailey lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Parson*



mark bailey - November 14, 2012 at 12:45 AM