



Parks, "Dale"

December 2, 2012

Parks, Russell "Dale", age 81 of Moundsville, WV died Sunday, December 2, 2012 in Wheeling Hospital Medical Park.

He was born May 27, 1931 in Moundsville, the son of the late Carl W. and Gertrude Dowler Parks.

He was a graduate of Marshall College; a US Army Veteran; a retired Band Director from Marshall County Board of Education, after 40 years of teaching; a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where he was a Elder Emiratis; a member of Marshall Union Lodge #8 AF & AM, Moundsville Lions Club, Moundsville Order of the Eastern Star #86, Osiris Shrine, where he served as past Commander of Legion of Honor and a van driver for Shrine Hospitals; past president of the Marshall County Credit Union; and past president of the WV Band Masters Association.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Trimby; and a brother-in-law, Charles H. Trimby.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Belma Jean Mayo Parks; three sons, Rick (Ludean) Parks of Huntington, WV, Steven Parks of Villa Park, IL, and David (Clare) Parks of Frankfort, IN; a daughter, Carol Jean (Jeffery) Miles of Barboursville, WV; seven grandchildren, Rusty, Joe, Emily and Mary Parks; Courtney, Cassidy, and Kylie Miles; a nephew, Gary Trimby of Arden, NC; a niece, Sharon Snow of Huntsville, TX; and several cousins.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8pm and Wednesday from 10am until time of Funeral Service at 11am at Grisell Funeral Home &

Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville with Rev. Wesley Howsare officiating.

Masonic Graveside Services and Interment will be held Thursday at 1pm at "The White Chapel" at White Gardens Chapel, Barboursville, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 3rd St. & Grant Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041 or Osiris Child Transportation, PO Box 2048, Wheeling, WV 26003

Tribute Wall

G.

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

G.Ford - March 06, 2013 at 12:24 PM

VW

“ I want to express my condolences to the Parks Family. I remember all of the times that we camped together with the Starcraft Rolling Mountaineers. I know that he is with Mom and Dad (Christie and Lucky Dorning) and they are remembering all the great times we had. God Bless all of you!!!

Vicki Dorning Wilken - December 10, 2012 at 04:41 PM

PE

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Parks who started me on trombone in 1965, an instrument I enjoyed playing for many years. I was fortunate to have had many discussions with him during years and have thought of him often, usually when I apply a thought or direction I learned from him. My prayers and thoughts are with his family during this time.

Paul Randy Edwards - December 08, 2012 at 02:46 PM

JD

“ Dear Mrs. Parks and family: My sincere condolences on your loss. Your husband/father was a great man, teacher and friend. I have many fond memories of him throughout my childhood. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

JoLynn Anderson Dougherty - December 06, 2012 at 04:47 PM

BD

“ Belma Jean & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dale was a wonderful man ... he always had a smile and kind word for everyone! Wrap yourself in all those warm memories and know he will always be with you! God needed a special music teacher to help with the Christmas chorus!

Betty Duffy - December 05, 2012 at 01:44 PM

CD

“ Dear Mrs. Parks and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Parks taught me how to read music and play trumpet in 5th grade - a skill I carried with me through high school and beyond. He was a wonderful, caring teacher. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cassie Foster Doty - December 05, 2012 at 10:27 AM

GC

“ To the Parks family, you have my deepest sympathies. Gregg Crow Steve, you know I'm feeling your pain right now, and it hurts. Remember though, that he is out of pain now. He suffered a long time - probably more than he let on. A person can only fight so long. Stand strong, Gregg

Gregg Crow - December 04, 2012 at 07:28 PM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Parks family. Mr. Parks was the one who first brought the joy of music into my life and many other students thirty one years ago at Center McMechen Elementary School. I have always credited him with giving me a positive outlet that helped me make it through high school. Thank you Mr. Parks. Michael Smith Benwood, WV

Michael Smith - December 04, 2012 at 06:02 PM

JB

“ Belma Jean, Dale may be gone physically but just looking at your children and grandchildren he is alive. The two of you were so blessed to have had each other. Enjoy all the wonderful memories. One of the things in our lives that is asked of us by God is to make a difference. Dale built a mountain with all the differences he made in so many lives he touched. Now he is busy making new differences in Heaven. Love and prayers, Jamesie

Jamesie Beecroft - December 04, 2012 at 05:32 PM

WC

“ Belma Jean & Family, My thoughts and prayers goes out to you and your family during this difficult time! Mr. Parks was a great man and band director at Union! He always made band class fun at Union! He would always prepare us by marching us through the City of McMechen getting us ready for parades! I can remember that because when we got back to the school we would very tired! But, he always showed and taught each and everyone of his students the love of playing in the band and for his love of music! He will be truly missed and loved by all! May God Bless all of you! Love & Prayers! Wendy Coulson Moundsville, WV

Wendy Coulson - December 04, 2012 at 04:37 PM

GS

“ My music career began in 1964 playing snare drum in the fifth grade band at First Ward school with Mr. Parks. I'm thankful for the many memories I have and the instruction I received over the years in his Band. I'm sure he is finding the music in heaven even sweeter than the fine bands he conducted and may God comfort the family in their loss.

Greg Steele - December 04, 2012 at 03:40 PM

GC

“ Dale was my mentor for my student teaching in 1967. He was well respected throughout WV. I am sorry to hear of his passing.

Gary V. Chambers - December 04, 2012 at 01:38 PM

DF

“ Dear mrs. Parks. My friend will be missed greatly. I thank you and dale for your friendship over the years. Dale was more than a customer he was my good friend. I pray that god blesses you in your time of sorrow. If the world had more of Dale Parks we would be a little better off. I hope my pal will rest in peace. I will pray for you and yours. Darnell

Darnell Foster - December 04, 2012 at 09:31 AM

DM

“ **POSTED HERE AND ON FACEBOOK : My thoughts and prayers are with You and your family at this time. Your Dad was the BEST!!! I was one of his students at Union Jr. High in the band. He and I spent many of game days and nights together taking the band instruments back and forth to the football feild. I remember many of great talks that we had to and from the games. He always treated me like I was an adult. I was not a very good drummer always seem to be out of step or off beat but he never gave up on me. One of my favorite memories in my life was getting an award from him for being his right hand man. I still have that award and treasure it very much. I so much wanted to see him again but I am so very saddened now that I didn't. PEACE BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!! GOD BLESS!!!*

DENNIS L. MYLES - December 03, 2012 at 10:35 PM

GC

“ *The entire family is in our thoughts and prayers in this time of need. I graduated from MHS in 1962 and knew Mr. Parks, although I didn't take band. He was a fine upstanding family man and a model citizen who will be sadly missed by family, friends , and the community. If God does not know anything about music, Dale is there now and will teach him everything he needs to know about it. Please accept our condolences.*

Gary and Teresa Church - December 03, 2012 at 08:24 PM

JK

“ It is with a heavy heart that I offer my sincere condolences on your family's loss. I remember Mr. Parks as a band director at Union (Moundsville Jr.'s rival) and, of course, as the father of my Sanford grade school classmate, David. I can still recall days of playing on a red brick Virginia St., right beside the Church of Christ...a very long time ago. I can see that Mr. Parks had been truly blessed with a lovely wife, children and a flock of grandchildren. What a life and legacy to celebrate - a true gift of the Lord, who he served here on Earth for 81 years, and has now, I believe, returned to His glorious presence once again. I pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. Warmly, Jennifer (Wise) Kitagawa Sasebo City, Japan

Jennifer Wise Kitagawa - December 03, 2012 at 06:51 PM