



## Mr. Theodore Holmes Parker

March 25, 1918 - February 6, 2013

Theodore (Ted) Holmes Parker, 94, of Sumter, died February 6, 2013. He was predeceased by Melissa Williams Parker, his beloved wife of 65 years. He was the son of the late Thornwell Hay Parker and Lucy Jane Scarborough Parker. He attended Sumter High (“Boy’s High School”) and graduated from Davidson College in 1940. After proudly serving in World War II, he was married in Chico, CA, in 1945. Imbued with a love of nature and a strong work ethic, Ted was a lifelong farmer, successfully farming his land in Eastover, Richland County from 1946. In his farming operations, he exhibited boundless determination, generosity and respect for all.

Throughout his life he supported the endeavors of his family. He enjoyed watching his son Ned play Sumter championship football. In later years he took great pleasure in conversations with his grandchildren, and loved hooking flounder in Pawleys Island creek

Surviving him are three daughters and a son: Mona Post and husband, Garrett E., Jr. of Atlanta, GA; Alicia Sweatt, M.D., and husband, W. David of Asheville, NC; Ned Williams Parker of Los Angeles, CA, and Dorothy Chelton, and husband Christopher A. of Columbia. Also surviving are his sister Jennie Saussy of Georgetown, SC; his ten grandchildren, Melissa Kim, Garrett Post III, M.D., Elisabeth Gray, Susannah Sweatt, Caroline Chelton, Catherine Sweatt, Margaret Scarborough, Virginia Gray, William Chelton and Andrew

Chelton; five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Mark Durrett will officiate a graveside service at Sumter Cemetery on Friday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to the family home following the service. Memorials may be made to Brooks Howell Home, Missionary Needs, 266 Merrimon Asheville, NC 28801, in recognition of the devoted staff of Cummings Unit.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Theodore Holmes Parker*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Mona, Alicia, Ned & Dorothy: Living to be 94 was a great achievement for your dad because life is a wonderful gift. No wonder he was passionate about nature and had a charitable spirit. Think of the sequoia trees, with life spans as long as 3000 years. If sequoias are designed to live so long, why not man? Jehovah God, who started mankind off in a lovely garden, has promised to restore Paradise on this earth. We read his amazing promise in Isaiah 65:21, 22 “And they will certainly build houses and have occupancy; and they will certainly plant vineyards and eat their fruitage. They will not build and someone else have occupancy; they will not plant and someone else do the eating. For like the days of a tree will the days of my people be; and the work of their own hands my chosen ones will use to the full.” Yes, the human family will have the prospect of enjoying life without end, free from all problems, accidents, sickness, disease, and death. Additionally, God’s revealed purpose is to resurrect the dead. (Acts 24:15; Revelation 21:4) There is no doubt that Jehovah God and his Son Jesus are both willing and able to fulfill this promise. Until that day comes, God offers to comfort us “I—I myself am the One that is comforting you people.” (Isaiah 51:12) May you have the undeserved kindness, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. —2 Corinthians 1:3, 4.*

Claire J - February 23, 2013 at 08:37 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4... states: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death.

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**Ana** - February 21, 2013 at 02:25 PM