



Melvin Alton Parker Jr.

April 18, 2022 - November 25, 2022

Melvin Alton Parker, Jr, was born April 18, 1928 to Alice and Melvin Parker, Sr. in Beaumont, Texas. He died November 25, 2022 at the age of 94. Melvin was a resident of El Campo for 68 years. He worked in the rice industry, first as the manager of the Rice Marketing Association office, and then as a Founding Director, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Rice Belt Warehouse, Inc. He spearheaded this business from its beginnings to a multi-million-dollar company with plants in El Campo, Bay City, Ganado, Edna, Blessing, Markham, Louise, Alvin, Rosharon and Houston at various times. Rice Belt and its employees were a pure joy and labor of love for Melvin.

Melvin received the highest award for his lifelong civic involvement when he was named the El Campo Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1989. He was a proud Rotarian for 55 years. He was also involved with the Jaycees, Wharton County 100 Club, Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of First United Methodist Church. When the decision was made to close Nightengale Hospital, Melvin was chosen to be a member of the board of El Campo Memorial Hospital. He served on the board from 1975-1989 and as President of the board from 1975-1981.

Melvin was an avid hunter and fisherman all his life, an interest kindled in him by his dad and uncles, and one he passed on to his sons and grandsons. Fall and winter meant deer camp and playing dominoes and Booray with hunting buddies. He fished with his dad at Smith's Point, and after building their bay home in Port Alto, spent time fishing with and entertaining family and friends.

He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, Grandpa and friend to many, and will be missed by all of us.

He is preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife of 74 years, Ruby Jean Janak Parker, and his brother Harold Duke Parker. He is survived by daughter, Barbara Jenkins and husband Keith of Houston, and sons Melvin III (Bubba) Parker of El Campo, and Michael Parker and wife Becky of Port Lavaca. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Michael Ray Parker, Allen Parker Jenkins, Douglas Foster Parker, Emily Suzanne Jenkins Matel, and six great-grandchildren, Reese Parker, Rainey Matel, Cole Parker, Lane Parker, Claire Parker, and Hayes Matel.

The family wishes to thank Linda Cardenas and the entire staff at Garden Villa Nursing Home for the care they gave our parents for the last five years.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Young officiating.. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Melvin's memory can be made to the First United Methodist Church, El Campo, or the El Campo Memorial Hospital Building Fund.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.triskafuneralhome.com.

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, TX 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
1001 Avenue I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

WK

“ Our deepest condolences to the family! Ruby and Melvin were dear friends and customers of ours. May you Rest In Peace friend!



Wayne King - December 07, 2022 at 10:29 PM

SM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Parker family. Melvin & Ruby together in heaven watching over you. May they rest in peace.

Shari Motal

Shari Motal - December 02, 2022 at 02:43 PM

SC

“ Dear Barbara, Bubba, Michael and all the Parker family, words cannot express the heartfelt sympathy I send with the loss of your dad. I was so saddened to hear of his passing, but immediately happy memories came to mind because our families have spent so many wonderful years together. The Parker family is forever entwined in the hearts of the Cranek family. Melvin Parker was a Christian gentleman, and an esteemed member in his profession and community. I know you will miss him, and I pray that God will grant you His loving comfort in the days ahead. Rest in peace, Mr. P. and thank you for being such a wonderful friend to my father...he cherished your friendship.



Sandra Cranek - December 02, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Alton Parker Jr..*



November 30, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Bubba, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a gentleman and just a good person.*

Mark Byrom - November 29, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Melvin and Ruby were such good neighbors to Jerry and I for all those years. Bubba, you were blessed with such loving parents. So sorry for your loss. Jan*

Jan Collier - November 29, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Melvin did so much for so many. He will be missed. El Campo and Port Alto wouldn't be what they are without Melvin. Thank you so much for all you have done.
Rest in peace.*

Chip and Becky

Chip Green - November 29, 2022 at 04:21 PM

RY

Bubba, What a good man your father has been. I will always remember him for his gentle nature and willingness to take time for those he encountered in life. Your family was fortunate to have had him for all these years.

Richard and Beth Young - December 03, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MB

“ *Mary Jo Beery lit a candle in memory of Melvin Alton Parker Jr.*



Mary Jo Beery - November 29, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Alton Parker Jr..*



November 29, 2022 at 04:14 PM

MA

“ *Bubba, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family . Mack and Mary Anderson*

mack anderson - November 29, 2022 at 03:39 PM

RC

“ *A great man now rests in peace. A hero to the rice industry and to the healthcare industry. A hero to Ruby. Melba & Randy Clapp*

Randy Clapp - November 29, 2022 at 02:57 PM

MC

“ *Melba and Hon. Randy M. Clapp purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Melvin Alton Parker Jr..*



Melba and Hon. Randy M. Clapp - November 29, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JS

“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to the Parker family. May u all have comfort in knowing that God’s children will reside in Heaven for eternity with Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*



Jack & Becky Swanson - November 29, 2022 at 11:48 AM

SP

“ *Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Melvin Alton Parker Jr.*



Shirley Popp - November 29, 2022 at 11:47 AM

CB

“ *Melvin was such a gentleman. I’m better for having known him. Our condolences to Melvin and Ruby’s family.*

Christopher Barbee - November 29, 2022 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Melvin Alton Parker Jr.*



Sandra Stary - November 29, 2022 at 10:28 AM

RE

“ *Thank you Mr. Parker for your friendship to my dad, Babe Glaze. I life up your family in prayers for comfort and peace.*

Rhonda Glaze Edmonds - November 29, 2022 at 12:06 AM

CR

“ *Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Melvin Alton Parker Jr.*



Cindy Riha - November 28, 2022 at 11:47 PM

SD

“ *Bubba my prayers are with you and your family.*

Sandra Hensley Diehl - November 28, 2022 at 10:56 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - November 28, 2022 at 08:00 PM