



## George E. Parks Jr.

June 13, 1926 - July 24, 2015

PARKS, Jr., George E. 89, of Springfield, passed away in his home on Friday, July 24, 2015. He was born in Springfield, on June 13, 1926, the son of the late George E. Parks Sr. and Sarah Gram. George is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Mertie (Bostick); sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Linda Parks and Edward and Deborah Parks; daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Mike Cornish; brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Louise Parks; 6 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Anna Parks; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Patricia Parks; step-sister, Juanita Davies and 1 grandson. George served in the Army during WWII and was assigned to the occupation force in Japan. After being discharged from the service in 1946, he was employed as a milkman at L. E. Valley Dairy Farms until 1961. He managed a Lawson's milk store for three years before beginning a 28 year career at Pepsi Cola. There he touched many lives in positive ways, mentoring and setting a good example with his work ethic. He enjoyed traveling with his wife Mertie, going on several cruises and other organized trips after his retirement. Fishing was a hobby he enjoyed with his family, fishing locally and taking trips to Canada. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing his bounty of asparagus, tomatoes and other vegetables with family, friends and neighbors. George was proud to fly on the Honor Flight to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington DC on October 2, 2010. Viewing will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from 5-7p.m. at JACKSON LYTTLE & LEWIS LIFE CELEBRATION CENTER, with funeral

service on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 10a.m. Pastor Lloyd Cooke officiating. Burial will follow at Enon Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed to his family by visiting [www.jacksonlytle.com](http://www.jacksonlytle.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Enon Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JUL 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jackson Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center  
2425 N. Limestone St.  
Springfield, OH 45503  
(937) 399-2811

### Service

**JUL 29.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Parks & Cornish families.  
I was saddened to see that George passed away. I have many fond memories of George at Pepsi and reflected on them last night. George was a good man and lived a long good life. Please accept my condolences and may God bless all of you. I know that your hearts are saddened but I am confident that the lord will look over you and that George is home in heaven. With heavy heart, Thomas I. Burkhard*

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**Thomas L Burkhard** - July 28, 2015 at 04:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George E. Parks Jr..*



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July 27, 2015 at 07:02 PM