



## Mr. Walter Parker

November 29, 1926 - September 16, 2023

Funeral services for Mr. Walter Parker, 96, of Carthage, Texas will be 12:00 noon Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Michael Tibbs officiating. Burial will follow in the Walton Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. prior to the service at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Walter Marlin Parker was born November 29, 1926, in the Fairplay Community of Panola County, Texas. He passed this life September 16, 2023, in Carthage, Texas. He was born to the marriage of James Alton and Amanda McLeroy Parker. He was a graduate of Carthage High School with the Bulldog class of 1944 where he was a member of the CHS band, playing the trumpet. Later in life when he couldn't play the trumpet anymore, he settled for playing the harmonica. After graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the South Pacific. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Independence Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

Walter married Mary Ault on November 6, 1958 in Longview, Texas and to their marriage was born two sons, Marlin Scott and Mark David Parker. Walter was a rancher and used auto parts broker. He retired from the auto parts business in 1994 and remained a rancher until his death. He was preceded in death by his son Mark David Parker, a brother Tracy Parker and wife Sue and two baby sisters, Alma and Agnes Parker.

Mr. Parker is survived by his loving wife Mary, a son Scott Parker and wife Belinda; grandchildren, Chase Parker, Shelbi Pittman and husband Matt and

Raleigh Parker; great grandchildren, Zane and Jax Pittman, nieces, Sandra Calver, Melinda Gatewood, Nephews, Johnny an Nicky Parker and special friend and helpmate Will Rayson. Special thanks to both the staff of Winkler Place and Accent Care Hospice. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Walton Cemetery

339 CR 227  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MQ

“ Love and prayers to all the family! I've known Mr Walter since my days showing cattle in 4-H. He was a special man!

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**Melinda K Qualls** - October 26, 2023 at 08:56 AM

RB

“ Walter and I graduated in the same Class of 1944, just a few days before "D-Day". We both were in our country's service but in the Army's "wisdom"(?), I was not sent overseas as he was.

*We kept in touch occasionally through our "War Years" (1942 - 1945) Reunions.*

*I kidded Walter occasionally about which of us would be the "last man standing" from our Class of '44 or possibly all of the guys in our "War Years" Classes. I had thought he might be the last because of his healthy outdoor ranching activities. He came close but as of Sept. 2023, only Bernard Brady and I are left from the guys in those 4 Classes. There were 306 graduates in all but I'm not sure how many guys and how many gals.*

*I extend my sincere sympathy to all of Walter's family.*

*Rev. Guston Browning*

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**Rev. Dr. Guston Browning** - September 29, 2023 at 05:48 PM

DM

“ Mary, Scott and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Walter. We always enjoyed visiting with him when we'd run into y'all. He was always such a kind, sweet man. Praying for God's peace and comfort for you all 🙏

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**Danny and Tonja Menges** - September 26, 2023 at 01:15 PM

TB

“ Mary, Scott and family,  
We just found out about Walter. You all are in our thoughts and prayers for God's precious peace and comfort.  
Walter was very special to the  
The Banks family.

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**Tracy Banks** - September 26, 2023 at 06:05 AM

TH

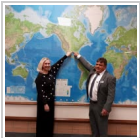
“ Mary and Scott, Gaylon and I are so sorry to hear about Walter's passing. Walter was always the nicest man anytime and anywhere we saw him. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to the Parker family!

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**Tammy Hudson** - September 25, 2023 at 08:25 PM

SG

“ Condolences to Ms. Parker, Scott and the entire family. Praying for God's comfort during this difficult time. 🙏

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**Steve Garrett** - September 20, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ I will forever treasure the twinkle in Walters eye when something tickled him. It warmed my heart. His kindness to me made me feel good all over. Bye Walter ❤️

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**Mark Jensen** - September 20, 2023 at 12:24 AM

TM

“ Walter was a great, great man. Always so kind to me and my family. Always considerate of others who were in need. I considered him my friend.... He will be missed!

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**Tom McAvoy** - September 19, 2023 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Parker was a great man that will be missed by his sweet family and so many more. Lots of love,*  
*Shalmica and Kadadriane Bell*

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**Shalmica Bell** - September 19, 2023 at 02:19 PM

PH

“ *Walter quietly served others without recognition. That is the way his gentle heart worked. Truly a Godly man that will be missed by many.*

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**Pat Hill** - September 19, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JD

“ *Mary, Scott, Belinda and family. We are so sorry to hear about Walter's death. He always called us by name and was always so cordial!!! Keep all of your sweet memories of him close to your heart.*  
*With much love,*  
*The Jerry Don Dorman Family*  
*Isaiah 40:31*



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**Jerry Don and Pat (Edens) Dorman** - September 18, 2023 at 09:23 PM

SV

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Walter was a great friend, he will be missed,*



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**Shirley Vance** - September 18, 2023 at 03:58 PM

RH

“ *Sharing your sadness as you remember your lost love.  
Words fail to express my deep sorrow for your loss! God be with you and help you thru this sadness.*



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**ROGER D HARTLESS** - September 18, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MG

“ *Love Mr. Walter and Mrs. Mary! You could always tell when Mr. Walter was around, he was always whistling. Sending prayers to the entire family!*

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**Margie Gross** - September 18, 2023 at 01:08 PM

PW

“ *Walter and Mary have always been positive and supportive fellow Christians in their daily life. I am so grateful to have known them and been blessed by their friendship.*

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**Paula Worden** - September 18, 2023 at 12:24 PM

TE

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, loved Uncle Brother and Mary so much. Teresa, Festes and Cody*

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**Teresa Endsley** - September 18, 2023 at 11:06 AM

HG

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! Mr Parker was such a nice man. He always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed!!!  
Rick and Helen Gibson*

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**Helen Gibson** - September 18, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *My mom and dad, Bill and Edna Wilson, admired this couple so much. Mary, so sorry for your loss. Sue Wilson Kear*

Sue Kear - September 17, 2023 at 10:53 PM

KO

“ *Scott and Belinda and family I am very sorry for your loss. Prayers and Love to your family.  
Kelly T. Overton*

Kelly T. Overton - September 17, 2023 at 09:00 PM

RM

“ *Scott, I am saddened to hear about your dad. No matter where I saw him, he always took time to chat. Praying for you and your family.*

Ronnie Mutina - September 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

JV

“ *I am sorry to hear about Walter. He was a good man and a good friend to me. I will pray for the family.*

Jim Vanover - September 17, 2023 at 06:40 PM

TS

“ *Memories go back to at least Dec. 7, 1941 when we traveled 2 miles in a mule driven wagon to his home to learn about the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor. Amazing what he accomplished with one arm - flying around the Country a few years ago will never be forgotten. Condolences and best wishes to Mary & Family's 🌸*

Tommy Strong - September 17, 2023 at 05:46 PM

KP

“ *Scott, Belinda and Mrs. Mary and grands...I'm so saddened to hear this. Mr. Parker was always a very kind person to me. Never saw him he didn't speak. I'm thinking of all of you during this tremendous loss. Hugs and many prayers 🙏*

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**Kristi Pennycuff Pecht** - September 17, 2023 at 05:32 PM