

Willard C. "W. C." Parker

April 27, 1929 – September 23, 2008

(From Pivont Funeral Home September 2008)

Willard C. "W.C." Parker, Jr., 79 of 914 Terrace St. Hinton died Tuesday September 23, 2008 at his home following a short illness.

Born April 27, 1929 in Hinton, he was the son of the late Willard C. & Ula Delung Parker.

W.C. was a graduate of Concord College and was a retired engineer for CSX Transportation Corporation in Hinton with 49 years of service. He was involved in many activities in Summers County including, member of New River Partners, original member of National Committee for the New River, former member of Hinton Jaycees which helped secure the building of Summers County Hospital, former President Summers County Hospital Board, member of the Land Procurement Board of Summers County Hospital, former member of Summers County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors and member of the Hinton Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and was a member of Hinton First United Methodist Church. W.C. was the former football coach of the Avis Tigers and was a former Little League Baseball coach.

He was a former recipient of the Summers County Democrat of the Year, and was active in political affairs his entire adult life. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War. W.C. enjoyed spending time fishing and canoeing at his camp on New River, which he worked tirelessly to preserve and enhance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, W.C. "Pete" Parker, III. Also preceded by a sister, Phyllis Jean Rice.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Phyllis Gulley Parker. One daughter, Rachel Pack & husband Michael of Cary, NC. Three grandchildren, Tristan, Ella & Landyn Pack.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday September 26, 2008 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Rev.'s Ken Price, Sterling Morgan & Rick Duncan officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Burial Park in Hinton. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be nephews & great nephews; Alan, Wayne, Matt & Cody Rice, Jack, Tom & Chris Stone, Philip & Patrick Baker and Jerry Morris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New River Partners Committee, 200 Ballengee St. Hinton, WV 25951.