

Hunter Davidson Parker

October 13, 1917 – July 16, 2007

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Hunter Davidson Parker, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) of Fairborn, Ohio died Monday July 16, 2007.

A resident of Fairborn, Ohio since 1968, he was born in Hinton, West Virginia October 13, 1917, son of the late R. Elmo & Augusta Dakin Parker.

Hunter was a veteran of World War II and also served in the Vietnam conflict. During World War II he was a fighter pilot primarily engaged in bomber escort, flying over 98 sorties. He was shot down April 11, 1944, captured and held as a German Prisoner of War. He continued his distinguished military career until his retirement in 1970 attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While in service to his country, he received the following commendations; the Distinguished Flying Cross, the European Theatre Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, the Bronze Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon.

Hunter was a faithful member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Riverside, Ohio for over 36 years. He served in many capacities including Junior & Senior Warden, Head Usher, and participated in various outreach and visitation programs. In February 2000, Hunter was the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award by the St. Mark's Vestry.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Betty Dean Parker in 1983. Also preceded by two brothers, R. Elmo Parker, Jr. and Jesse Parker, and four sisters, Alice Elizabeth Gray, Sophia Augusta Manos, Louise Pendleton Kenney and Sara Dakin Fitzsimmons.

Survivors include two sons, Hunter Parker, Jr. & wife Lisa of Vandalia, Ohio and Robert Parker of Fairborn, Ohio. Three granddaughters, Courtney Parker Taft & husband David N. of Newport, Rhode Island, Jeremy Elizabeth Parker of Vandalia, Ohio and Ariel Parker of West Carrollton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday July 19, 2007 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Rev. Adeeb M. Khalil officiating. Burial will follow in Hilltop Cemetery in Hinton. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. until service time of Thursday at the funeral home.