

Mr. Charles Carroll Parker

Mr. Charles Carroll Parker, 83, of Frederick, formerly of Damascus, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Jean Watkins Parker, who preceded him in death in 1991.

Born May 10, 1925, in Dorchester County, he was a son of the late Charles Smith "Smitty" and Norma Wallace Parker.

Charles, also known as "Carroll" in his childhood and "CC" or "Chuck" during his middle years, grew up on Hoopers Island on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Charles attended business school in Baltimore after graduating high school, and served in the Navy during World War II. After the war ended, Charles attended Western Maryland College in Westminster, where he met, fell in love with and courted his future wife, Jean.

After graduating from college, Charles and Jean began teaching in Towson, and shortly thereafter moved to Jean's hometown of Damascus in 1950. They lived and raised their family in Damascus while Charles taught English at Damascus High School for 20 years and then John T. Baker Junior High for another 13 years. After retiring, Charles continued to teach as a professor, first at Montgomery College, and then later at Hood College for another 10 years. For several years in the early 1970s, Charles and Jean also published the Damascus Courier newspaper.

Charles was a lifelong Methodist. He was an active member in Montgomery Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. Charles also attended Damascus Methodist Church later in life. Charles is remembered for his beautiful tenor voice and was requested to sing at many weddings, and also later in life by his many friends at Somerford House in Frederick.

Surviving are his sons, Peter, Timothy, Barry and Randall; daughters-in-law, Suzanne Parker and Jane Ruth Seymour; nine grandchildren, Grace, James, Philip, Rebekah, Benjamin, Samantha, Charles, Patrick and Thomas; as well as his sister, Dorothy Harbaugh; and nephews and niece, Ray, David, Danny and Diane.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Micah; and in-laws, Bates Ewing and Rebecca Reed Watkins.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Montgomery Methodist Cemetery, Damascus. The Rev. Orlando "Bud" Kibbe, of Montgomery United Methodist Church, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Memorial Hospital, 700 W. Seventh St., Frederick, MD 21701.