



## Curtis Edward Parker

November 16, 1919 - November 11, 2016

Edward Parker, 96 of Rockdale passed away Friday morning, November 11, 2016 at his home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 20, 2016 in the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Burial in the Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington.

Curtis Edward Parker, long time cattleman and rancher, departed this world on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016 to be with friends and family. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Corinne Ingram Parker. Additionally, he is survived by two children, Pamela Sherrill and Dr. Barry Parker of Houston. Four grandchildren including Andrea Sherrill, Aaron Parker, Adam and Chyrl Sherrill and Ryan and Jennifer Parker. Great-grandchildren are Caitlin, Chance and Chace Sherrill. He was a lifelong member and a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Lexington.

Upon graduation from Lexington High School, Curtis went to A&M and upon graduation became an officer in the U.S. Army just as World War II was getting underway. He landed on Normandy Beach, was a member of the Red Ball Express and fought in many battles including the famed Battle of the Bulge. He received multiply military accommodations, including two Bronze Stars. At the end of the war he had gained enough seniority based on time in the war plus participation in battles to be able to come back home on the

second ship leaving the European Theatre. He stated on multiple occasions, "What a sight it was to have fireboats shooting water over the bow of your ship and seeing the Statue of Liberty in New York" as they reentered the U.S.

Having left the armed forces, he and Corinne moved to Lexington to live the remainder of his life. He joined his dad, C.C. Parker, J.W. Parker and Linoel Lewis to form C.C. Parker & Sons. The business focused on cattle, land clearing along with hog buying at multiple locations throughout the state. By the time the packing companies had started sending their own representatives to the cattle auctions, C.C. Parker and Sons had purchased close to one million hogs.

He was an exceptionally knowledgeable cow man and had a good eye for great cattle. His favorite pastime was to drive through the cattle where he could admire the beauty of life and his work. In his later years, he ran a cow-calf operation in Rockdale and could spot problems with the cattle right as he drove upon them.

He was your typical Mother, Country, Apple Pie kind of guy. He seldom gave advice, but he could say more in several words than most people could say in two paragraphs. He laughed excessively and was generous with his money and time. He was a great joke teller. When he spoke people listened. He would never boast about anything, but his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He will be sorely missed for his wisdom, wit, humor, work ethic, honesty, love for life, love for his wife, love of his fellow man, love of his country and love of his Lord and Savior.

# Cemetery Details

## Lexington Cemetery

5900 County Road 326  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Lexington  
120 Third Street  
Lexington, TX 78947

## Church Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Lexington  
221 Third Street  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Curtis Edward Parker*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 17, 2016 at 12:54 PM

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*This is a lovely tribute to a nice man! So sorry for your loss. Samye Reat Turner*

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**Samye Reat Turner** - November 18, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Curtis Edward Parker.*

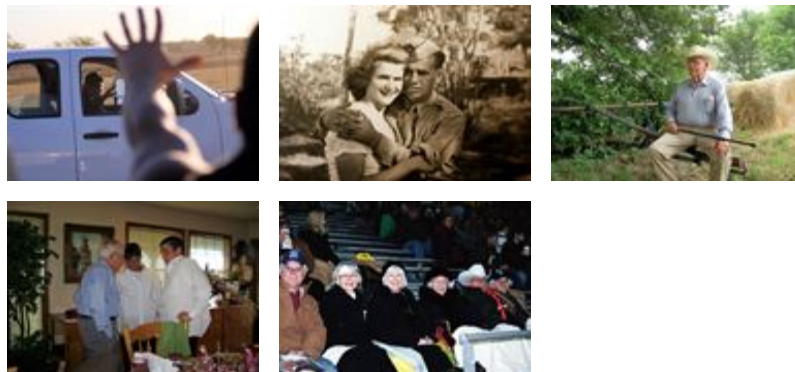


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November 17, 2016 at 06:17 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 17, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Curtis Edward Parker.



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November 16, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Pam, I am so sorry to read about your dad. I remember him well from the years I lived in Lexington. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*  
*Pam Tucker*

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**Pamela Tucker** - November 16, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Curtis Edward Parker.*



November 15, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Curtis Edward Parker.*



November 15, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *A finer Godly man I never knew. You and my Grand Father Clifton Perry were good friends and brothers in the ranching business.*

*RIP, Mr, Curt may the Lord rest you soul, we will see again.*

**Alan Spence** - November 15, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *I started working for Edward 4 years ago. When we first met he wasn't quite sure about me. We would be sitting outside over looking the ranch. I would ask him a lot about himself, cows, growing up, his life, ect.. On one such day he said "You know, you talk alot!" and I answered" why yes, I do" we had a great laugh and became quite fond of each other, always joking back and forth. Thank you Edward for sharing a part of your long and glorious journey with me. I miss you. God's speed. Love, Pam Alexander*

**Pam Alexander** - November 14, 2016 at 12:22 PM