



Robert Paul Parker

November 16, 1937 - March 12, 2023

Robert Paul Parker ("Bob") graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Even though he was recruited by Boeing to work on their new aircraft in the planning stage (the 727), he turned down that opportunity and went to work for the US Forest Service. His primary focus was Transportation Planning and his work journey took him all across the country, landing him in areas such as: Frankfort, KY; Warren, PA; Roanoke, VA; Columbia, SC; and Bend, OR, until his retirement in 1994.

His love and desire to serve his community began during his college years while working for Rogers Funeral Home (working in the ambulance assisting with retrieving bodies), as well as diving for body retrieval for Rogers, the City of Frankfort, and the State of Kentucky. He attempted to start Franklin County Search and Rescue in Frankfort, KY, in the early 1960's, but it was eventually transitioned into the Fire Department. He then worked with Search and Rescue Agencies and Fire Departments (all as a volunteer) in Warren, PA, Roanoke, VA, and Columbia, SC, until he completed his Firefighting career with the Bend Volunteer Fire Department (in which he started in 1977). During that tenure, he accumulated over 42 years of service with Search and Rescue Agencies and Fire Departments.

Bob also served his country in the US Army for a brief stint Active Duty (3

months) and in Reserves for some time following (7 years, 6 months). In addition to this service, he became actively involved with the local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol (the civilian branch of the US Air Force that focuses on Search and Rescue). He acted as a Monitor on several missions, was credited with two saves, and even served as the Squadron Commander for several years prior to his retirement from that service as well.

His other interests included being a private pilot from 1977 to 1999, during which time he created his side business of Aerial View Photography. He also delved into a completely new direction when he became a professional locksmith and worked with the team at Bend Lock and Safe. He even managed their second location for a few years prior to his next retirement.

Bob met the love of his life while working at the Forest Service in Frankfort. He and Olivia Agnes McDonald were married on March 26, 1965, and were married for a total of 29 years until her demise by an automobile accident on March 27, 1994. He lived an additional 29 years prior to rejoining Agnes eternally on March 12, 2023.

Bob was preceded in death by his step-son, Kenny D. Singleton III, on November 21, 2018. He is survived by his son Scott and his wife Deb, his granddaughter Diana and her husband Peter, as well as his great grandchildren Harley "May" and Frank.

A viewing is being held at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend, OR, on Monday, March 20, 2023 from 4pm until 8pm. His service is being held in the same location on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, starting at 1:00pm.

Tribute Wall



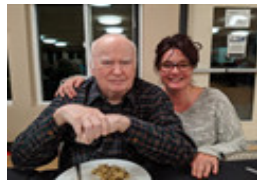
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SP

“ Bob and I, along with Dale, Ernie and Alan, were Vol. Firefighters with Bend Vol. Fire Department. I first met Bob in 1980. In 1982, he, along with Dale, Ernie and myself, became Vol Fire Captains. I spent the next 7 years seeing him weekly, if not more often. I lost track in 1989, when I got my first career position, but would bump into him from time to time around town, at the airport or other places. I will say this of Bob Parker, he was one of the nicest people you could have ever met. His greetings were warm and genuine. He was a very dedicated community servant with the USFS, Bend Fire Department and Civil Air Patrol. I had the chance to visit him a time or two at Brookdale, before his health deteriorated. My prayers are with Scott and his family. Rest well Capt., thank you for your service and dedication.

Retired Fire Captain/PM Steve Pengra and family

Steven Pengra - March 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My Deepest Condolences to Family and Friends of Robert Paul Parker. May these trees grow as strong testaments to the Love he had for the forests.

Diana Alderman - March 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Civil Air Patrol Major Bob Parker was so supportive to my daughter and I during a difficult time in our life. At the time, he was the High Desert Composite squadron Commander, but he also was very dedicated to helping young cadets achieve their dreams and goals. During a time when I was blindsided by enormous un-foreseen debt, he came up to me after our squadron meeting one night and handed me \$200 and said "You make sure that girl makes it to encampment" (Leadership Training). I told him that I had it covered, but he insisted that I take the money. Thanks to Maj Parker's guidance and support, along with support from others like him, "That Girl" (My Daughter) is now a Navy Fighter Pilot. It has been a dream of hers since she was 10 years old. But more importantly, Bob Parker has been a good friend, always willing to listen and so much fun to talk with... his booming laugh was infectious and while I can't hear it directly anymore, I can still hear it in my memories and I will carry it with me for the rest of my days. I will so miss you my friend.

Dave Westoby - March 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ You will always live on in our hearts Sir! Please Watch over Paige for me. Always your friend!

Anonymous - March 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Robert Paul Parker

Bend Funeral Homes - March 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert Paul Parker - March 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Q: *What will you miss most about Robert?*

A: He was a great friend and wonderful person. We were very good friends with both Bob & Aggie and are blessed to have had a long friendship with them. We have missed Aggie greatly & feel they are happily together again.

We love their son & family-Scott & Debbie.

Bob had the greatest laugh and was so warm & kind. We will miss him forever. Rest Well Bob.

Terree & Dale Putman

Terree Putman - March 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM