

## **Parker, Harold**

Harold Burdette Parker, 87, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was born in 1913 near Owendale. He attended Huron County Normal School and Eastern Michigan University earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He taught first in one-room school houses and then at Cass City High School before returning to Eastern Michigan where he earned a Masters Degree equivalent in Industrial Arts. He then taught drafting and industrial arts at Troy High School for 20 years before retiring in 1972. During that time he lived in Berkley and in Troy, where he built the house he and his family lived in for 26 years, before moving to Ann Arbor in 1995. After retiring he spent 21 winters in Lakeland, Fla. where he enjoyed golfing. During his life he devoted much of his time to woodworking, producing many beautiful pieces of furniture and carvings of animals. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Berkley and a member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Persons. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lottie (Kilpatrick); three children, Barry of Philadelphia, Bonnie Smock of Parma and Rodrick of Ann Arbor; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Also surviving are a sister, Onallee, of Livonia; and a brother, Hazen, of Gagetown. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ella; and brothers Dale, Raymond and Basil. Services were held at the Muehlig Funeral Home in Ann Arbor on Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, followed by interment at the New River Cemetery near Port Austin.