



Lester Lee Parks

August 8, 1932 - April 5, 2018

Celebrating the Life of
Lester Lee Parks

Saturday, April 7, 2018 2:00 p.m.

Silsbee, Texas

Reverend Robert Carter



Opening Prayer

“I’ll Fly Away”

by Alan Jackson

Obituary Reading

Special Music

by Courtney Wallace

Message of Comfort

“Amazing Grace”

by George Jones

Closing Prayer

“Go Rest High On That Mountain”

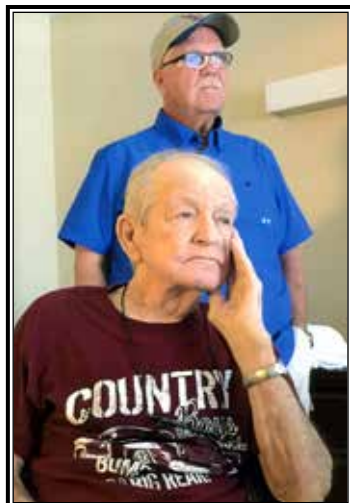
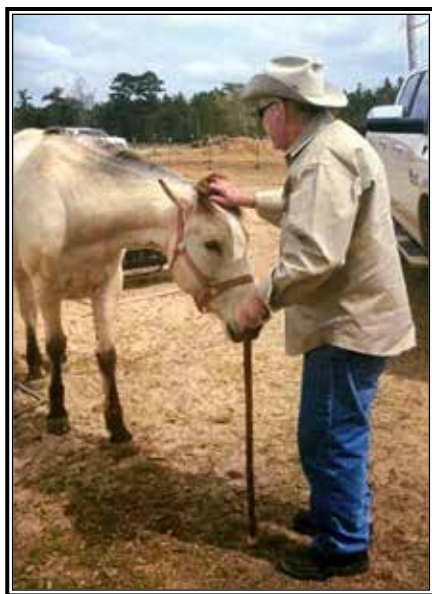
by Vince Gill



Lester Lee Parks, 85, of Silsbee, died Thursday, April 5, 2018. He was born on August 8, 1932, in Silsbee, to Maudie Fuqua Parks and Bernard Parks. Lester proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Survivors include his children, Barbara Odom and her husband, Travis, of Silsbee; grandchildren, Scott Wolcott and his wife, Penny, of Kountze and Craig Odom and his wife, Dawn, of Silsbee; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Anita Leonard of Thornton; and brothers, Charlie Parks of Kingwood and Joe Parks and Sidney Parks both of Silsbee. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Virginia Parks; brothers, Ruben Parks, Archie Parks, and Leon Parks; and sister, Billie Johnson.

















Lester Parks proudly shows off his beautiful garden at his home on Brownlea Road. Parks attributes his giant cornucopia of vegetables to daily waterings, amenities he added to the soil and lots of tender loving care.

Does the Jolly Green Giant have his garden right here in Silsbee?

With corn that's as high as an elephant's eye and tomato plants that look like hedges, one would never believe that Southeast Texas has been in drought conditions for the past couple of months.

Lester Parks, 70, who lives on Brownlea Road, planted his garden in April and has been watering it faithfully everyday.

It takes Parks' devotion to water and tend to this huge garden. Beginning with seven, 70 foot rows of corn, 33 tomato plants, 62 jalapeno pepper plants and 12 green bell pepper plants, 17 squash plants and, culminating with one 70 foot

row of okra.

Parks' tomato plants, which are loaded with beautiful tomatoes just waiting to ripen, are so big that each one is caged. Parks said that each day he has to push the new growth into the cages to keep the plants off the ground and under control.

In addition to the daily watering ritual, Parks attributes the 10 foot high corn and seven foot tomato plants to the extra nutrients he added to the soil before planting.

Parks said the best thing he did for his garden was to add a special mulch mixture he gets from his buddy, Mike Bruce, in Evadale. The

mixture is mainly ground up bark, to which Park's adds potash, along with chicken and rabbit manure, which he drives to Pineland to buy by the ton.

The rich black soil stays loose and the plants thrive on the nutrients that the mixture provides. In fact, Parks said the mixture has made the soil too rich to grow peas or beans in it.

Parks, who sells the vegetables, said he already has people asking for them and orders for at least 100 ponds of tomatoes. By the looks of his garden, Parks will be a busy man very soon, filling all those orders.

Pallbearers

Craig Odom

Joe Clark

Haypen Daugherty

Lee Myers

Ronnie Cappela

J.C. Modica

Honorary Pallbearers

Eb MaGallion

Joe Parks, Jr.

Interment

Turner Branch Cemetery

Spurger, Texas

Military Honors

United States Army

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group



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