



Minnie Esther Parks

May 6, 2006

Minnie Esther Parks died on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at Memorial Hospital at Easton. She was 77. Having suffered a series of strokes, Mrs. Parks was living at Rayland Acres, a nursing home facility in Trappe, not far from the birthplaces of her mother and father.

Born in Easton, MD June 20, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Nelson Clifford and Mae Helsby Blann, who owned and tilled a 300-acre farm on Dutchman's Lane near Easton. Shortly after graduating from Easton High School in 1945, she met Charles O. Parks at Riley's, a restaurant he managed at Dover and Washington streets in Easton. They married in 1946, opened a grocery store on Hanson Street and later moved to the farm her father owned. Mr. Parks farmed that property, along with a neighboring 300-acre property he purchased. The Parks built up their dairy herd to about 100 cows, selling milk to Abbott's and later Breyer's ice cream, before he retired in the 1970s. Mrs. Parks continued to work for a time at a property management company in Easton.

The couple built a home on the Miles River and took up golf together. One of her golf trophies commemorates Mrs. Park's hole-in-one at Hog Neck Golf Course. In the mid-1990s, she and her husband took a cross-country trip, with Mrs. Parks driving nearly all of the 6,000-plus miles. A few months after her husband died in 2001, Mrs. Parks suffered the first of several strokes.

She was a longtime member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Easton.

Mrs. Parks is survived by three sons, C. Ellis Parks and Keith Parks both of Easton, and Stephen Parks of Long Island, NY; two daughters, Ellen Lane of Millington, MD, and Nancy Webster of Cary, N.C. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD.

Burial will be at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD where she will be interred next to her husband.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Rd., Easton, MD 21601.

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