



## Patrick Parker

March 13, 1933 - April 6, 2011

Dr. Patrick LeGrand Parker, 78, of Bald Knob, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the Advanced Care Hospital in Searcy. He was born March 13, 1933 in El Dorado, Arkansas a son of the late Chester and Emily Plunkett Parker. Dr. Parker was a retired research chemist at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, Texas and had served as director of the program for some years. The majority of his career, 1959 – mid 1990's, was spent at the institute. He, at various times from 1965 – 1977, served as Trustee of the Port Aransas Independent School District and was also co-owner of Coastal Science Labs in Austin, Texas. In 1996, the Geochemical Society of America presented Dr. Parker the Alfred Treibs Award which is given for major achievement in Organic Geochemistry. During his retirement, he; with his own hands, restored a family country farm house, more than 100 years old, outside Bald Knob. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program certified the house was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Avalyn Moseley Parker of Bald Knob; sons, Dan Parker of Port Aransas, Texas, Ron Parker of Manchaca, Texas and Kevin Parker of Austin, Texas; brother, Max Parker of Little Rock; grandson, Zach Parker of Port Aransas, Texas; daughter-in-law, Michelle Christenson of Port Aransas, Texas; and sister-in-law, Judith Moseley of Bald Knob.

Services will be private.

Cremation arrangements are by Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife Pam and I were saddened to learn of Dr. Parker's passing. When visiting the Parker home in Port Aransas, he always made us feel welcome. He had a great sense of humor. He will be missed.

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**Phil Smith** - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Parker. As a graduate student, I enjoyed working for him. Every time I wanted to discuss my research with him; he always welcomed me, listened carefully to my problems, and gave me positive suggestions even though sometimes he was busy with administration. Furthermore, I especially appreciate his generous financial support for finishing my graduate study at UT. He is missed by all his students and those who know him.

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**Woei-Lih Jeng** - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Parker. As a post doctoral fellow, I enjoyed working with him at Port Aransas for almost one year in the 1970s. I especially appreciate his generous support for promoting isotope bio-geochemistry and isotope ecology during my stay in his laboratory. I think that Prof. Patrick Parker was a big professor to promote the development of our isotope ecology. Drs. B. Fry, M. Fogel, and S. Macko were trained by him, and are now famous scientists in this field. Now we have around hundred scientists who study stable isotopes in the field of ecology in Japan.

*Eitaro Wada, Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University*

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**Eitaro Wada** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM