



Curtis Albert Parrish, Jr.

December 17, 1931 - June 18, 2021

Curtis A. Parrish, age 89, of Bloomington, Minnesota, passed on to his eternal heavenly home on June 18, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Barbara Joan Parrish; sons Dave (Cindy), Steve, Jim (Ann), and Rob (Caryn); grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer, Amy, Joni, Lisa, Daniel, and Renae; and great-grandchildren Violet, Zachary, Everett, Audrey, Summer, and Tate. He is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Sr. and Elva Parrish, and his brother, Robert Parrish.

Curt was born on December 17, 1931 in Camden, New Jersey. He grew up in Camden, attended public schools, and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1950.

While attending Ambassadors for Christ youth group at St. Paul's Church as a young teen, Curt met Barbara Joan Higginbotham. They started dating about three years later and were married on October 20, 1951. Over the course of the next six years, they welcomed four sons into their family.

Curt worked for RCA from 1950 to 1964. He started a job with Mosler Safe Company in 1964, and after four years, he was asked to oversee a large Mosler safe and security system for the central bank in Quito, Ecuador. While there he visited and became a long-time supporter of HCJB, the largest Christian radio broadcaster at that time. A year later he was transferred to Mosler's Bloomington office, where he became a service manager and continued working until his retirement in 1996.

A man of many interests and hobbies, Curt was a ham radio operator and

enjoyed photography, family genealogy, music, nature and wildlife, computer technology, and mechanics. Curt loved his nightly bowl of ice cream and was a self-proclaimed "non-recovered chocoholic."

Curt and Barbara's travels to the Virgin Islands and Europe as well as visits to friends and relatives on the East Coast were highlights for Curt, but his favorite destination was the North Shore of Lake Superior.

Faith in Jesus Christ was central to Curt's life. He made a priority of daily Bible reading and prayer and was a committed church member. Even in his last days, he would whisper, "Thank You, Jesus," and use his barely audible voice to pray for his family.

Curt was a loving husband, a devoted dad, a welcoming father-in-law, and delighted in being a grandpa and great-grandpa. He was a godly role model for his family and loved us well.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **24** (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
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Tribute Wall

RP

“ I just realized today that Curt had passed. John and I are truly sorry. Curt and I shared the love of Parrish genealogy and I will forever be grateful for the history, stories and the many photos he shared with us. His knowledge was amazing. Each time I look at the family pictures he shared, I will ALWAYS think of him. He loved his family present and those generations that went before him. With our love, John and Renee Parrish.

Renee Parrish - August 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JD

“ I met Curtis and Barbara at Presbyterian Homes (pre covid) and would often share a lunch table while I visited my mom. We would share stories of our love of lake superior, Bayfield Wisconsin, Madeline Island and ice cream. I adored his humor and mischievous grins. I'm sorry for your loss. He will surely be missed.

Jill Carey (Irene's daughter) - June 27, 2021 at 07:35 AM

JC

“ Grew up around the corner. Joe Ciccone. Knew the family and Robert as well.

Joe Ciccone - June 24, 2021 at 03:02 PM

NB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I did not know your dad personally but I can still see him like it was yesterday. He and your mom were always together. I can still see where they always sat during church. He struck me as a kind and gentle man who was always wearing the very smile shown in this photo. It is a wonderful blessing to have a parent, and husband, that truly and deeply loves the Lord. You were blessed. It was moving to read that he was praying for all of you until the very end. May you feel the Lord's comfort as you work through your time of grief.

*In sympathy,
Nancy Barthell (Fitzgerald)*

Nancy Barthell - June 24, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ I remember the few times we were able to get together. I think it was in northern MN. Also, I remember the many years of faithful support.

Patricia Stendal - June 23, 2021 at 11:15 AM

JW

Jim and Rob, I remember your Dad as a very quiet and godly man. I know he will be greatly missed yet you both are such a wonderful legacy as the love of Jesus shines through you. Our love and prayers are with your whole family, and especially your Mom.

Jackie Wight - June 25, 2021 at 06:33 PM