



## Samuel "Buddy" Parker

September 10, 2015

Samuel "Buddy" Parker was born on Thanksgiving Day to Viola (Everett) and Samuel Parker in Philadelphia, PA and died September 10, 2015 after an unexpected medical emergency. Sam was the eldest male of the nine, and was a dutiful and loving son to his parents throughout their lives. From them, he learned the value of hard work, loyalty, creativity, and a life-long love for all living things.

Sam spent most of his professional career as a draftsman and designer for Westinghouse Electric. He holds patents for steam turbines used in nuclear facilities. In his later years, he worked as an independent contractor performing design work at various manufacturing facilities throughout Philadelphia/New Jersey.

Sam was known as "Buddy" by his brothers and sisters. Rosie (Rose Eachus), Ray (Raymond), and Ginny (Virginia) have all predeceased him. He remained close to and is survived by: Dee (Delores Buchalski), Rich (Richard), Dusti (Darlene Graham Ferris), Paula (Pauline Rosado), and Bobby (Robert).

He met the love of his life, Carol (Colonna), at a Saturday dance and they remained partners, lovers, confidantes and friends for the next 60 years. Nearing eighty, Sam still looked like a love-struck teen when recalling how he and Carol first met. They began their married life in Ridley Township before

settling into their much-loved home in Mullica Hill, NJ. They shared a lifetime of stories and together achieved the American dream through hard work, sacrifice and dumb luck.

Sam is also survived by daughters Colleen and Kimberly (Kane). He was a great believer in life-long education and proud that both girls had grown into strong, independent women. His girls are forever grateful that their Dad taught them to follow their dreams, pursue what they wanted, and occasionally fight the system.

Sam was never happier than with his grandchildren, Oskar and Oliver Kane. He spent his last years focused on providing whatever they needed so they could grow into successful adults or as he called them 'the future of America'. He never missed an opportunity to brag about their achievements to anyone who would listen. An athlete for much of his life, Sam was thrilled that his grandsons played competitive sports and was extremely proud that both were able to play football at the college level.

Sam lived a full and rich life and was truly a Renaissance man. Over the course of his lifetime he: competitively water-skied, became a world-renowned authority on WWI & II aviation-related military insignia, built and raced numerous speedboats, rode Triumph motorcycles, farmed, designed and built four houses, read voraciously on every subject from physics to pre-Colonial Philadelphia, and in the last few years had created a working prototype for renewable and free energy.

A celebration of Sam's life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Sam's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)



# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Teresa Bailiff-Touey express deepest sympathy. Prayers for the family.  
Regretfully I can not pay my respects, I am visiting my son in London.

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**Teresa Touey** - April 07, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ I am sorry about Buddy's death. We all grew up together in the Meadows. His sister Rosie and I were friends since 5 years old. He is in my prayers. We would like to attend his viewing.

Please respond to [joetoueysr@msn.com](mailto:joetoueysr@msn.com)

Teresa Bailiff Touey

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**Teresa Bailiff Touey** - September 14, 2015 at 09:45 AM

GP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. I know this is a very difficult time for you Carol and the rest of your family. i know Tom was very fond of Buddy and now they are together again. Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts.  
Gerry Parker ( Tommy Parker's widow)

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**Gerry Parker** - September 13, 2015 at 06:44 PM