

PARKER, CLAYTON BENJAMIN

Birth

December 14, 1903 per McLaren's
December 16, 1903 per Warren Co.,



Death

November 14, 1970 at Mercy Hospital,
Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Myocardial failure, arteriosclerosis
generalized, severe anxiety state,
moderately severe.

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 60

Father

Clyde J. Parker

Mother

Maude Parrott

Marriage

Clayton B. Parker to Beulah Marie VanRossum on December 25, 1923.

Return of marriage to the Clerk of the District Court
Madison Co., Iowa
61-009430
No 82

Clayton Parker
Consent by parents of Groom
Residence: RFD #6, Des Moines, Iowa
Occupation: Farmer
Age next birthday: 21
1st marriage
Place of birth: Polk Co., Iowa

Father: Clyde Parker
Mother: Maude Parrott

Married
December 25, 1923
Truro, Iowa

Beulah VanRossum
Residence: Truro, Iowa
Age next birthday: 19
1st marriage
Place of birth: Truro, Madison Co., Iowa
Father: David W. VanRossum
Mother: Ollie Shutt
Witnesses: J. H. Leitner and Wilma Van Rossum
Minister: Emert E. Parks, Pastor M.E. Church, St. Charles, Iowa

Census

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State census

Parker, Clayton	01	IA	IA	IA
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1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 21A; April 27, 1910

Dwelling 49; Family 49

Parker, Clyde J.	35		IA	IN	IA
Maude	32	4 children, 2 living	IA	IN	IA
Clayton	06		IA	IA	IA
Bernice	4/12		IA	IA	IA

1915 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; State census; Post Office, Orillia, Iowa
Card #177A

Parker, Clayton	11	IA	IA	IA
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1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 14A; February 9, 1920

Dwelling 332; Family 334

Parker, Clarence J.	44	farmer	IA	IN	IN
Maude	39		IA	IN	IN
Clayton	16		IA	IA	IA
Bonnie	10		IA	IA	IA
Harold	07		IA	IA	IA
William R.	05		IA	IA	IA
Viola	02	9/12	IA	IA	IA
Parrott, Benjamin F.	74	father-in-law	IN	IN	IN
Sadie	69	mother-in-law	IN	IN	IN

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 49; Line 101

Parker, Clayton 21 IA
 IA Father, Clyde Parker, born in IA, age 49, born in IA
 Mother, Maude Parrott, born in IA, age 44, born in IA

Bulah 19 IA
 Clyde and Maud were married in Iowa
 IA
 Father, David Vanhausen, born in Mo
 Mother, Olley Shutt, born in MO, age 52, born in MO

MO David and Olley were married in Iowa

1930 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., PA; ED 7; Page 8A; April 23, 1930
 Dwelling 184; Family 192

Parker, Clayton	26	farmer	IA	IA	IA
Beulah	25		IA	IA	IA
Maxine	05		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED91-19; Page 3B; April 8-9, 1940
 #67; rent home; value of home \$6; same house as in 1935

Parker, Clayton B.	36	farmer	IA
Beulah M.	35		IA
Thelma M.	14		IA

WWII Draft Card Registration
 Registration Date: February 16, 1942
 Iowa

Clayton Benjamin Parker
 Age: 38
 Date of birth: December 16, 1903
 Place of birth: Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa
 Residence: Norwalk, Warren Co., Iowa
 Weight: 160
 Complexion: Dark brown
 Color of eyes: Blue
 Color of hair: Brown
 Height: 5' 9"
 Next of kin: Maud Parker, mother

Obituary

[N/Warren Town and County News, Thursday, November 19, 1970; Page 2]

Funeral services for Clayton B. Parker, 66, of rural Indianola, were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, at the NorwalkUnitedMethodistChurch with burial at the Orillia cemetery. Mr. Parker died last Saturday of a heart attack at MercyHospital.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Wood of Norwalk; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Harold and Bill, both of West Des Moines, and Clifford of Omaha; two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Miller and Mrs. Vi Caylor, both of West Des Moines.

The following is from the memorial folder:

In Memory Of
Clayton B. Parker
Born
Warren County, Iowa. December 16, 1903
Entered into Rest
Des Moines, Iowa. November 14, 1970
Services
Tuesday, November 16, 1970 at 2:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church, Norwalk, Iowa
Officiating
Rev. James Nicholson
Organist – Mrs. Joseph Best
Casket Bearers
Don Smith, Bob Parker, Jerry Miller
Corvin Ellis, Ron Cayler, Pat Parker
Honorary
Ben Hunter and Earl Hatfield
Interment
Orilla Cemetery, Orilla, Iowa
Gallaway-McLaren's Service

History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1987; Page 840

Clayton Benjamin Parker of Scotch-Irish descent was born December 16, 1903, married Beulah Marie Van Rossum, born February 22, 1905 of Dutch descent, on December 25, 1923. One daughter Thelma Maxine Parker was born to this union on January 16, 1925.

They moved to Warren Co. in the spring of 1934 and farmed the Ed Allen farm south of Norwalk on Highway 28.

They were dairy farmers of 40 years working side by side night and morning. They started out selling cream from a water separator. When milk routes were started they sold their milk in cans to the Des Moines Co-op dairy. In the 1950's bulk tanks were used and they were some of the first to have one with the Surge milking machines. Their son-in-law, Boyd Henry Wood hauled milk in the cans and later in the bulk tanks from 1953-1964, and now Clayton and Beulah's grandson James Boyd Wood hauls milk in bulk tanks from farms to Des Moines dairies.

Clayton and Beulah sold out from renting farms in 1945 and bought a gas station from George Hagen in Norwalk which they ran for one year, then sold it to buy a 50 acre farm on what is now highway G-24. The last 25 years of Clayton's life was lived there. He died November 14, 1970, and is at rest in the Orilla cemetery.

They both enjoyed good riding horses and were charter members of the Norwalk Saddle Club. They both won many ribbons.

Clayton's parents were Clyde and Maude (Parrott) Parker. They lived in West Des Moines, Iowa. He had three brothers and two sisters, Harold, Bonnie, William, Viola, and Clifford.

Beulah's parents were David and Ollie (Shutt) Van Rossum. They were from St. Charles, Iowa. She had two brothers and one sister, James, Wilma and David Weldon.

Beulah is residing at the NorwalkManorCareCenter. She has three grandchildren, James B. Wood, Wanda (Frederiksen) Ellingson and Peggy A. Myer; and nine great grandchildren, AlanTed, Andy and Amber Wood, Debbie and Eddie Frederiksen, and Laura, Michael and Brian Myer. – by Maxine Wood