



## Parks Sloan Cornelius

January 15, 1927 - February 19, 2022

Parks Sloan Cornelius, 95, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, Mooresville. From an early age, Parks Cornelius discovered the value of hard work and helping others, and those traits have been a part of his character all throughout his life.

Born Jan. 15, 1927 to Addie and Sell Cornelius, Parks was one of three children having a brother Samuel Cornelius and sister, Katherine Sloop. Raised on a farm, Parks learned early about farming, and when his father passed away at an early age, he helped work the farm. Raising cotton, he would help pick it and load it in the wagon and then take it to the cotton gin. Parks wasn't a stranger to serving as he served in the United States Army in the 1950's, stationed in various places including Hawaii and Missouri. He was discharged early to once again help his family.

Throughout the years, he has, in addition to farming, worked for the local milk company delivering milk, as a security guard at Draymore Manufacturing Company, and he helped to develop the Camino Real Road area where the family home still remains.

Family and friends were important to Parks as could be seen from the care he took of his mother while she was sick, as well as helping all his neighbors do work with his tractor. As a result, his friends started calling him the John Deere Man.

Parks could also be seen volunteering in the community as he participated in

delivering meals as part of the Meals on Wheels program for 20 years. He served in this capacity until he was 89-years-old.

His knowledge of farming continued through the years as he raised a huge garden, and as she was able, his mom would freeze and can lots of produce from it. Known for his damson trees, Parks gave many away. When everyone started to want the damsons, he later began selling the fruit.

Raising chinchillas and enjoying his CB radio are several other things that Parks had been involved with during his lifetime along with spending time with friends. In the early mornings, he could be found at McDonalds with a group of about six friends as they spent time visiting and as long as it was open, you could find him in the evenings at Fat Boys with other friends. It was noted that he still has friends that he met in Missouri from his military days that he keeps up with.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 26 from 1:00-2:00 PM with a service following at 2:00 PM at Fair View United Methodist Church with Rev. David Christie officiating. Burial with military honors will follow the service in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117 or Fair View UMC, PO Box 27, Mt. Mourne, NC 28123.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Cornelius. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fair View United Methodist Church

1430 Mecklenburg Hwy  
P.O. Box 27  
Mount Mourne, NC 28123

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fair View United Methodist Church  
1430 Mecklenburg Hwy  
P.O. Box 27  
Mount Mourne, NC 28123

## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Parks was always such a happy, joyous person. He brought his mother for weekly visits to our Aunt Oleta in a senior home and came to visit my parents Lewis and Ethel nearby for several years as my mother’s health declined. I shall miss the calls I shared with him over the last couple years. I am grateful for the care that Kathy especially took of him and lately for the assistance Larry also provided. May we all be so blessed. A memorial gift will be made to Fair View UMC. Kay and Hilton Bonniwell

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**Kay Bonniwell** - February 26, 2022 at 09:07 AM

CJ

“ Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Parks Sloan Cornelius



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**Cindy Jacobs** - February 25, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Parks Sloan Cornelius.



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February 25, 2022 at 03:39 PM

MC

“ Parks and our father, Jim, were in the service together at Fort Crowder, Neosho, MO. and kept in touch with each other until our father's passing in 2014. Since then, I have kept in touch with him through phone calls, cards, and letters. I really enjoyed our visits and will miss him dearly. Rest in peace, Parks. May you be enjoying your eternal reward. Our sympathies to his family.

*The Children of Jim and LaVonne Heitkamp of Menominee, IL  
Mary Jane Conrad, Virginia Holland  
Joseph, Michael, Paul, and Mark Heitkamp*

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mary jane m conrad - February 25, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JB

“ I had the good fortune to meet Parks at the Golden Corral in Mooresville. It was so easy to see that Parks was special.

*Rest In Peace my friend.*

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John Blakely - February 23, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JR

“ A friend to so many and a foe of so few. A man among men!

*Parks, I am going to miss our visits at your home, breakfast at McDonalds and long chats on the phone. Thank you for sharing so many memories about my family /friends and all the conversations about the places where we grew up. I'd like to pass them along but I don't think anyone cares anymore.*

*JR*

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john Robertson - February 22, 2022 at 05:51 PM