



## Louie Ray Parker

November 15, 1935 - October 19, 2022

Louie Ray Parker was born November 15, 1935, in Greeley, Missouri to Ray Bernard and Esther Virginia (McDaniel) Parker. Louie grew up on the family farm in Greeley. He graduated with the class of 1953 from Salem High School.

Louie entered the United States Army National Guard and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge in the late 1960s. For his faithful service, Louie earned many decorations, medals, ribbons, and awards to include sharpshooter. He obtained rank of Captain of the unit in Salem, Missouri.

Louie married the love of his life, Cleota Faye Bays, April 5, 1958, in Birch Tree, Missouri, and together they shared sixty-four years of marriage and were blessed with two daughters: Lisa and Lori. Louie treasured his family and loved making memories with them. He cherished his grandchildren and adored his great-grandchildren. Louie was a devoted husband, caring father, loving grandfather, and doting great-grandfather.

During his working years, Louie was employed as a garment factory mechanic. He was gifted with a mechanical engineering mind and could repair and design anything. Louie started with Barad's Lingerie and later moved to Tennessee for Todd Uniform, which allowed him to travel to Costa Rica.

Louie was passionate about antique firearms, longrifles, and powder horns. He really liked the early 1800s and Revolutionary War era. Louie had a special talent with firearms and enjoyed restoring them for himself and others. For the past twenty years, he owned and operated Restorations and Antiques LLC. Louie was a member of the Kentucky Rifle Association and Contemporary Longrifle Association.

Louie departed this life October 19, 2022, in Cape Girardeau, MO at the age of eighty-six years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife: Faye of Jackson, MO; daughters: Lisa Parker of Jackson, MO and Lori Devoti and husband Steve of Madison, WI; grandchildren: Jessica Van Deusen, Lacey Dieffenbach, Scout Devoti, and Vince Devoti; great-grandchildren: Connor, Keegan, and Jackson; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Ray and Esther Parker and brother: Wendell Parker.

Louie leaves behind a legacy of love and a well-lived life. He will be forever missed by those who loved him most.

Graveside Services for Louie Ray Parker were held Sunday, October 23, 2022 in the Upper Indian Creek Cemetery. Serving as Pallbearers were Josh Wills, Connor VanDeusen, Keegan Hinkle, Logan Nothaus, Kelly Parker, and Braxton Parker. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Louie Ray to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and left at Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Indian Creek Cemetery

Viburnum, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

## Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 2:45 PM (CT)

Upper Indian Creek Cemetery  
Viburnum, MO

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Louie was a close friend since I met him at Robin Hale's mini-KRA show in Knoxville, TN in 1970 and there were many more shows since then. We had some great times from there to shows in PA, TN, AL, IN, OK, KS, CO, KY, MD, MO, for 50 years including the annual fall muzzle loading shoot in Berryville, AR, where we shared a tent. He was the best at antique arms restoration, second to none. I'll never forget him and I will enjoy the many great memories. He was devoted to his wife and family and I know they miss him. I am grateful to have known him and will continue to enjoy and appreciate his outstanding work.

don f. hamilton - October 23, 2022 at 06:39 PM

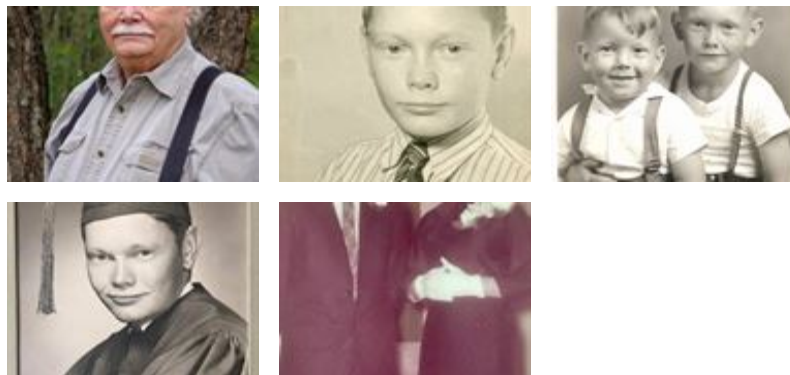
EG

“ We are very sorry to hear that Louie has passed. We met him at a number of shows and he was always willing to share his knowledge and experience and extend his hand in friendship and acceptance. He will be sorely missed. Eric and Vickie Gibby

Eric and Vickie Gibby - October 23, 2022 at 03:19 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - October 23, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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*Louie had a God given gift. And he shared it with anyone . May he Rest In Peace!*  
*Bob Melancon*

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**Bob Melancon** - October 23, 2022 at 10:39 PM

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“ *We were saddened to hear of Louie’s passing. We have spent many hours at shows together and shared our many stories and some tall tales as well. Our last trip to Alabama will not be forgotten. Our shows will be much more lonely without Louie.*

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**Al & Patty Rehder** - October 22, 2022 at 03:33 PM

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“ *We send our sympathies to the family. Grew up with Louie and Faye in Salem. Attended high school with them. We are so sorry to hear of Louie passing. Rest In Peace.*

*Charlotte and Bill Chitwood*

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**Charlotte and Bill Chitwood** - October 20, 2022 at 07:18 PM