



## Max Harold Park

July 19, 1938 - December 13, 2022

Max Harold Park, of Bloomington, IN, passed away on December 13, 2022, peacefully at his home surrounded by family.

Max was born July 19, 1938, in Morgan County to Marcus House Park and Ruby Catherine Park (Taylor).

Survivors include his wife, Roby Park (Browsers); four daughters, Stacy Walden (Park) of Bloomington, Sheila (Phil) Berger of Iowa, Sherry (Jeff) Carr of Virginia, Susan (Mark) Kleinbauer of Bloomington; step-son Scott (Vonda) Dyer of Texas; grandchildren Alexis (Chris) Zeigler, Ariel (Todd) Capouch, Lauren (Tyler) Goodman, Amelia Carr, Sophia Carr, Ella Carr, Nicki Kleinbauer, Cassidy Kleinbauer, Delany Dyer, Avery Dyer, and various great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marcus House Park (d.1972) and Ruby Catherine Park (d.1971), and his siblings Betty Crews (d.2013), Richard Park (d.2000), and Phyllis Bernard (d.2015).

Max was a proud alumnus of Indiana State University, where he received his Bachelors of Elementary Education and his Masters of Elementary Administration. He was a teacher at various Indianapolis area schools. In 1966, Max became the Principal of Walnut Grove and North Madison

Elementary school in Mooresville. Continuing his passion for education, he transitioned to a long and legendary sales career at Silver Burdett Ginn. He retired after 37 years. He was truly a titan.

Max's greatest passion was education. He lived out his passions through his work as a teacher, principal, and elementary textbook representative. He believed that education had the power to change the lives of all individuals. Max's career allowed him to travel all over the United States, focusing most of his travel in southern Indiana. Because of this, Max could tell you anything about the history of the Hoosier state and was a human GPS when you were lost and needed to find your way home.

Max was the proudest of Hoosiers and his Indiana heritage; he championed Indiana wherever he was. He loved to tell a great story and infused all of his tales with humor and wisdom. Max was an avid history buff, with a heavy interest in Indiana and US history. He loved nature, science, gardening, and bird-watching. Max had a strong affinity for fishing and loved spending afternoons on the lake in his boat. He enjoyed hunting at a younger age. Max was an accomplished craftsman; he enjoyed using various mediums to create works of art for his friends and family.

Most of all, Max loved his family and faith. He was a man of God and a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bloomington, IN. He was a pillar in his community. Max was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and education advocate who was cherished by many. Max will be deeply missed by many.

Visitation will be held at St Mark's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 3rd, visitation from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The funeral will follow directly at 1pm. The burial will take place following the funeral at Waverly IOOF Cem



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church  
100 State Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47408

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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100 State Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47408

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Only the kindest words and thoughts about Max! I was his neighbor or a little over a year. In that time, I could see his kind spirit and heart. It was an honor knowing Max (and Roby). They were always so welcoming and kind to everyone. Praying for Roby and the entire Parks family.*

Susi Turner - January 21, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Max Harold Park.*



January 02, 2023 at 08:39 AM

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“ *My Uncle Max was principal of the elementary school I attended, Walnut Grove. It was pretty cool to say my uncle was in charge. I remember Uncle Max's easy going way and his laugh, on our last visit that had not changed.  
Sending comforting thoughts to his family, Linda Rainier.*

Linda Rainier - December 28, 2022 at 04:39 PM

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“ *So long, Uncle Max. You were always a lot of fun to be around.*

Paul A Bernard - December 18, 2022 at 04:33 PM