



Family and friends mourn the passing of Robert Edward Parker on March 15, 2014. An Ives Hill resident, he died at the Good Samaritan Hospital after a brief illness with his wife, son and daughter at his side.

Born February 2, 1922 to H. Wallace and Florence Blount Parker in Sandy Creek, NY, he grew up and graduated from SCCS and Manlius Academy. He was proud of the fact that he received both his pilot's and driver's license on his 16th birthday. While serving in the US Army Air Corps, 1st LT. Fighter pilot, Parker, flew the famous P61 Black Widow and trained pilots in AZ and CA. He met and married his wife, Jean Swengel in Fresno, CA before returning to SLU (Canton, NY) graduating with a degree in Chemistry in 1947. He began his career as Executive of the Blount Lumber Company (Lacona, NY) until his retirement in 1979. Bob and Jean enjoyed many years at Henderson Harbor, NY.

Bob was first class adventurer and an accomplished pilot, sailor, hunter, fisherman as well as a family man. He relished life's challenges.

He was an active board and choir member of the Sandy Creek Methodist Church. He was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the rank of Silver Beaver. All who knew him considered him a true gentleman.

He also acted as one of the commodores of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club.

Bob Parker is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jean, a son, Michael (Darien, CT), and two daughters Pamela Bird (Little Falls, NY), Jan Parker (Naples, FL) Hallvard Bakke, AFS son (Oslo, Norway), brother, James (9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren). He is predeceased by his parents, brothers, William and John and son, David.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the United Methodist Church in Sandy Creek, NY.