



## Dean Parker

April 14, 1960 - May 24, 2019

FORTVILLE - Dean Parker, age 59, of Fortville, passed away Friday, May 24, 2019 at his home. He was born in Greenfield on April 14, 1960 to Richard and Ann (Moore) Parker. He graduated from Greenfield-Central High School in 1978 and attended Ball State University. Dean married the love of his life, Diana (McDonald) Parker, on September 10, 1983.

Dean loved nothing more than spending time with his family. He was always there for his children's events. Dean worked for Greenfield Power and Light for nearly 40 years and most recently was a Mapping Supervisor. He was a member of Eden United Methodist Church, the FFA, Hancock County 4-H and was involved in the sheep community. Dean was a football and baseball coach for the Boys & Girls Club as well as the Greenfield-Central freshmen baseball team. In his free time, he enjoyed playing softball, golf, basketball, the 4-H sheep project and being with his dogs, Tyra and Redick.

He is survived by his loving wife, Diana Parker of Fortville; parents, Richard and Ann Parker of Fortville; son, E.J. Parker of Arvada, CO; daughter, Emily (Brett) Peterson and granddaughters, Lydia and Molly of Grosse Pointe, MI; brothers, David (Ann) Parker of Las Vegas, NV and Duane (Kim) Parker of Fortville; father and mother-in-law, Bob and Lois (Ferguson) McDonald of Greenfield; nephew Clint (Ez) Parker of San Luis Obispo, CA; and niece, Ellie Parker of Fortville.

A gathering for Dean will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Hancock County 4-H Ag. Association, 620 Apple Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140, or envelopes will be

available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com).

# Events

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**MAY**   **Gathering**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield

1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

# Comments

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“ Although we did not know Dean, we are good friends of Dave and Ann Parker here in Las Vegas. We were sad to hear the news of Dean's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Parker family.  
Clara and Victor Peña

**Victor Pena** - June 02, 2019 at 06:55 PM

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“ Wicker lit a candle in memory of Dean Parker



**Wicker** - May 31, 2019 at 09:26 PM

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“ Diana; We are grieved for You and your Family for your loss; you and dean did wonderful things lifting up all that came into your sphere of life.  
May Jesus Hold you close in your process of healing.  
In Christ's Love.  
Pat & Butch



**Pat & Butch** - May 30, 2019 at 08:39 PM

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“ Diana, I was so sorry to hear this news. I can't imagine how hard this is for you. I had great times as a kid in Eden with Dean and his brothers. Our prayers will be for you and your family. Rich, Ann, Dave, and Duane - our hearts ache for you. The Filsons will be lifting you up in prayer to sense God's comfort in the days ahead.

Loran Filson

Loran Filson - May 30, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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“ Diana-so sorry to hear of your loss of your soulmate and best friend, Dean. I cannot imagine your pain. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers as you bond and share all the joyful memories of Dean.

Bindy Holtzclaw - May 28, 2019 at 08:09 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Parker Family. I have very fond memories of the times we spent together. Dean was a great kid as I knew him then, and I'm sure he grew into a fine man. So sorry for your loss.  
Ron Barnhart

Ronald E Barnhart - May 28, 2019 at 05:35 PM

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“ May God be with you all in this time of loss. David, Dean, Dwayne are my cousins. We had lots of fun as kids swinging and watching the sheep. Love and Prayers Cindy L. Parker Jones

Cindy L Parker Jones - May 28, 2019 at 02:18 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Dean's wonderful family at this very sad and difficult time. I sincerely hope the thoughts and care of friends and family will offer some comfort. Sincerest sympathy to all..

Richard Moore - May 27, 2019 at 10:23 PM

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“ We have fun memories of him from county fair. I can still see him walking thru Barns with his buckets and smiling. Your lives have changed, I pray god gives you the strength and love you all will need. Our hearts hurt for all Diana

marta grinstead - May 27, 2019 at 03:07 PM

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“ Like so many others, I was shocked and saddened to hear of Dean's passing. Ironically, I'd just returned from one of Deano's favorite places on this earth: The INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY. Deano would have loved that race ( lots of action in Turn 3.) My first memory of Deano was an all-night big-brother/member lock-in @ The Boys Club. The concept was this: You and your older brother spend the night @ The Boy's Club playing all sorts of games, order in pizza & finally crashing up on the stage atop the wrestling mats. Dean was there with Duane and I was there with my big brother Shawn. So, all night we played ping-pong, billiards ( the big boy tables,) fusbball ( that one game with the little soccer men that you would twirl around,) and lots of hoops. Needless to say, Deano & Duane dominated in all phases. I cherish that night. Deano had so many admirable qualities, ( honesty, loyalty, kindness,) but to me, it was his quiet confidence that set him apart. Dean just had that quality. Like he knew all the answers, but wasn't going to be a braggart about it. I am so sorry that Pat & Richard have to go through this. And Diana and the kids and David and Duane.....the entire family. I will keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless.

Kelly McClarnon - May 27, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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“ My favorite memories of Dean would have to be just seeing him while working at Chicago's. He always greeted you with a warm smile and sincerely asking how you were doing. Feel like Dean and Diana were a second set of parents during high school. Dean and Diana's marriage is one everyone should try to attain. The love they had for each other is something that will always stick out to me! A marriage exactly like it should. Diana, Emily and EJ I am holding you in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you all love!

-Ann Shannon (Medford)



**Ann Shannon** - May 26, 2019 at 07:48 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Many prayers to all of you as you face such a difficult time. Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

**Kris Proper** - May 26, 2019 at 02:17 AM

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“ I was Dean's High school Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. Dean was in some of first ag classes. Dean was an active member of Ff and I can remember him oversleeping on the morning of a state or area live-stock contest. But Dean was fun to be around and he and Diana were always generous to the FFA with their pizza business, he will be missed by many. Paula and I will keep the families in our prayers and know that God has a special place for Dean. Diane will be in our prayers at Church tomorrow. Joe and Paula McCain

**Joe McCain** - May 25, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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“ So Sorry for the Parkers, Dean was a great guy and will be sorely missed. Have know him all my life and his family.

RIP Dean

Brian Shaw and Family

**Brian Shaw** - May 25, 2019 at 10:41 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear that Dean passed away. We were childhood friends and made many memories together. He was the sweetest person. My thoughts are with his entire family. May he rest in peace.

Wendy French van Gemeren

**Wendy French van Gemeren** - May 25, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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“ There are no word to express how sad I am for you and your family right now, Diane. I can't even imagine how your life changed the moment Dean passed. You two were always together making fun memories and I know you will cherish every one of those. My heart goes out to you and the kids. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you to find the peace and comfort you need to get through the times ahead..

**Robin Freeman** - May 25, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Dean was a fellow classmate with whom I graduated with many years ago. He has now graduated from this life to his home in Heaven. My heart goes out to his family as they grieve the loss of a good man, but they can rest assured they'll see him again one day.

**STEVE PHILLIPS** - May 26, 2019 at 01:52 AM



“ Thank you, Steve, for sharing this heartbreaking news. Dean was deeply loved and will be sadly missed. Diana and family. please know that your family is being lifted up in prayer.

**Nancy Griffith Hammes** - May 26, 2019 at 09:23 AM

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“ Diana, nothing we can say will fill the hole in your heart and in your life. I've known Dean forever. Such a great person. Hope the memories you have sustain you through your grief. Praying for you and all your family. He will be greatly missed.

**Brenda Bodkin** - May 25, 2019 at 08:02 PM

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“ Dean is my brother-in-law and I am struggling to get a grasp on this loss. He was one of the greatest guys I know. He was even once my boss as I managed a Chicago's pizza. He was such a hard worker but more than that had a heart of gold! He would help anyone who needed it. I cherish the love he has for Diana and his kids! I just can't put into words the pain I feel for this family. They are special in every way! I love you all and am praying for you!

**Karen McDonald** - May 25, 2019 at 07:25 PM

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“ One of the most hard headed, loving people I ever knew. Deano would always give you his opinion...sometimes you didn't even have to ask!!! Deano was always honest and sincere. I had the pleasure of working with him for 40 years, and playing ball with him for many years as well. #5 was a fierce competitor and great athlete. We had a lot of fun on the ball fields and Basketball courts, and many great times at his parents summer cottage skiing and fishing with him and Diana. Some things we did I can't mention here, but boy we sure had some fun times. Sadly we don't realize all we shared with someone until it is all over and we take time to reflect on those great memories. Thanks for those memories buddy.... Diana, E.J.,Emily, Rich and Ann I am so very sorry, you are in my prayers...Guy

**Guy Titus** - May 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM

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“ I can't express how sorry I am to Dean's family. I've worked with Dean for 23 years and from my first day of work until the morning of Thursday, May 23rd, when I last talked to him, he has always managed to tell me things that I will never forget. Dean always had a way to put you at ease when you were struggling with something like work, coaching or life in general. His advice always kept my attention and helped me. The strength and positive attitude he had through his battle with cancer showed me how to look at the negatives in life. Dean will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. He is in a better place now with God. Until we meet again...love you brother.

**Scott Yost** - May 25, 2019 at 06:18 PM

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“ Diana, EJ, Emily & Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts n Prayers are w you all. Chopper/Penni Bennett



**Penni D Bennett** - May 25, 2019 at 05:34 PM

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“ Wow,am totally stunned and full of grief,I did not even know Dean was ill.We both shared a great love of sports and comaradiery since way back when.WE and several other of our great friends were teammates and brothers on many teams throughout our younger lives.Some of the best highs and lows of life were shared on the ball fields and b-ball courts,but the low I feel right now is the worse.Deano my brother and dear friend ,are going to be sorely missed by me and countless others.You were a friend to all,never heard a bad word about anything or anyone from you ever.Diana I am so very sorry for you,do know how deeply in LOVE both of you were with each other.Mr. and Mrs. Parker my condolences to both of you,you raised two very well liked and respected sons.Duane my condolences buddy.Now I understand all the rain ,the Angels have been weeping.Love ya Dean sure am gonna miss you. Wheels

**Danny Wheeler** - May 25, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ Diana and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow Dean was a great guy and will truly be missed we always enjoyed spending the day going to the Purdue IU games. Cory and Donnette



**Cory Johnson** - May 25, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear this... like Danny “Wheels “ Wheeler shared we spent a lot of time on those softball fields over the years ... our hearts go out to the family and especially Diane, his parents and E.J. and Emily... and his beautiful grandchildren... gone too soon old friend... God Speed Deano!!!

**Dale and Julie Guernsey** - May 25, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Duane i am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Your mom was always so sweet to all of us. Your parents raised wonderful, caring children. God Bless Theresa Rosemeyer Couch

**Theresa Couch** - May 25, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Diana and family sorry to hear of Deans passing. Thoughts and Prayers. Missy

**Missy cross** - May 25, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Diana, EJ and Emiy,  
Brenda and We send our deepest sympathies to you and your families. Dean was a true family man and we always respected his smile and genuine love for life. We are praying for all of you.

Doug and Brenda Apple

**Doug Apple** - May 25, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ Diana, EJ and Emily,  
Brenda and I send our deepest sympathies to you and your families. We always enjoyed Dean and his wonderful smile and enjoyment of life. We are praying for you.

Doug and Brenda

**Doug Apple** - May 25, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ My very sincerest condolences and thoughts are with all of you. Sincerest sympathy.  
Richard Moore

**Richard Moore** - May 27, 2019 at 10:15 PM