



## Fred Manning Parkman

November 28, 1940 - April 22, 2020

Saluda, SC

Fred Parkman

Fred Manning Parkman, 79, of Saluda, SC, husband of Dorothy Sue Lindsey Parkman, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at his residence from metastatic prostate cancer and kidney failure. Born in Ware Shoals on November 28, 1940, he was the son of the late Claude Witt and Elizabeth DeVore Parkman.

Most of his life was spent in Saluda County. When he was 5, his family moved to the family farm he loved in the Good Hope community. He was a member of the Saluda High School Class of 1958. Upon the untimely death of his father, he bought the family farm so that his mother and young siblings could remain there. A farmer at heart, he loved gardening, and tending to the cattle and the farm throughout his life. Fred, a respected pharmacist, was the founder and owner of Parkman's Pharmacy which he and Sue opened in 1966 and ran together for 40 years. A 1962 graduate of the USC School of Pharmacy, Fred made the highest grade ever scored on the state boards—a record that held for 33 years until his daughter Stephanie took the pharmacy boards in 1995 and broke his record by one point. A devoted father and grandfather, he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the love of his life—his grandchildren.

The desire to live to see them all graduate from college inspired him to fight the battle with cancer with all of his heart and soul.

Serving in inactive duty in the naval reserves while in college, Fred began his career in the US Navy spending four months stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, NH, and working at a small family pharmacy in Maine. He was later stationed on the USS Shangri-La in Jacksonville, FL. Following his military service, he worked at several drug stores before opening Parkman's Pharmacy.

An active member of the Saluda community, Fred was a Saluda Jaycee during the time that they started the Saluda ambulance service. He, along with his part-time pharmacist, organized the pharmacy operations and regulations for the Saluda Nursing Center where he served as an unpaid consultant for many years. He was devoted to the healthcare needs of the Parkman's Pharmacy community, opening the drug store to get medications at night and on weekends and holidays for four generations of the Saluda community. A charter member of Saluda Baptist Church, Fred grew up a member of Good Hope Baptist Church. He was a volunteer at the Saluda County Historical Society.

Surviving are his wife of the home; a son, James Manning Parkman (Debra) of Saluda; a daughter, Stephanie Suzanne Parkman Blizzard (Joe) of Waxhaw, NC; four grandchildren, Jake, Matthew, Jason, and Lindsey Blizzard of Waxhaw; three sisters, Claudia (Harry Patterson) Adams of Newark, OH, Jane Parkman of Charleston, Betsy Simons of Aiken; and a brother, Kenneth (Sheila) Parkman of Swansea.

The family wishes to thank Hospice Care of South Carolina, Gene and Jane Cason and Elwyn and Doris Holmes for their generous help during a very difficult time.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private graveside service will be held for the immediate family on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 11 a.m., at Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Kevin Garrison, Reverend Burton Campbell and Rev. Jeff McCartney officiating. Pallbearers will be grandchildren Jake, Matthew, Jason, and Lindsey Blizzard; Gene Cason, and Elwyn Holmes.

Memorials may be sent to Saluda Historical Society, P.O. Box 22, Saluda, SC 29138 or the Saluda Baptist Church Video System, 112 W. Wheeler Circle, Saluda, SC 29138.

# Cemetery Details

## **Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery**

1738 Greenwood Highway  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Mary & Rick Garza lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Mary & Rick Garza** - July 11, 2020 at 06:11 AM

AS

“ *Anne Shuler lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Anne Shuler** - May 06, 2020 at 04:31 PM

CF

“ *Please accept our condolences from the USS Shangri-La Reunion Association. We will add Mr. Parkman's name to the tap list that will be played at the 38th Annual Reunion this fall in Myrtle Beach. When you have a moment, please contact me at 803-240-9095 or [cindy.j.freeland@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.j.freeland@gmail.com) so we can ensure his service details are properly cited.*

*Cindy Freeland  
Ladies Axillary - USS Shangri-La Reunion Association*

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**Cindy Freeland** - April 29, 2020 at 07:38 AM

SB

“ *Summer Bedenbaugh lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Summer Bedenbaugh** - April 27, 2020 at 11:23 AM

WB

“ *Warren And Almastine Butler lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Warren and Almastine Butler** - April 25, 2020 at 01:33 PM

 Bonnie Sikes

“ *Bonnie Sikes lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Bonnie Sikes** - April 25, 2020 at 11:04 AM

MF

“ *Mose & Robin Salters & Family lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



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**Mose & Robin Salters & family** - April 25, 2020 at 01:02 AM

AW

“ Sue, my wife Jan and I are very sorry to hear Mr Fred had passed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Aubrey and Jan Williams in Mississippi.

aubrey williams - April 24, 2020 at 06:22 PM

SH

“ Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman



Sethalene Huff - April 24, 2020 at 11:53 AM

AC

“ All of us at CPG Inc, Laurens South Carolina purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Fred Manning Parkman.



All of us at CPG Inc, Laurens South Carolina - April 24, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JS

“ Prayers for family mr fred will be miss gaint hole in saluda and saluda county



JW stephens - April 23, 2020 at 11:27 PM

GC

“ Parkman's pharmacy was my second home for 7 years and was the reason we moved here. That was some of the happiest days of my life because we had a good team and a great leader in Fred Parkman. He was a dear friend of mine and someone I always respected, our families shared many good times. Sue and Fred were neighbors that we saw often. He will be missed, but no more pain will he bare. Sue, you took good care of him and I admire you for your dedication. Peace be with the Parkman family.  
Gene Cason

Gene Cason - April 23, 2020 at 11:16 PM

JH

“ Sue, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Donnie and Jennifer G Hipp

jennifer g hipp - April 23, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MT

“ Mary Lynn And Ansel Trotter lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman



Mary Lynn and Ansel Trotter - April 23, 2020 at 04:33 PM

SG

“ Fred was a true friend and I'm glad our paths crossed. He is already missed. Prayers for his family and friends.

SGM(Ret) Dwight Gilliland - April 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM

“ It is with my deepest sympathy that I learn of the passing of a dear friend and mentor. From my earliest memories of getting my single dip of ice cream for bravery in the doctors office and those countless times I and my fellow partners of crime tracked dirt into the store rushing to get that magical Cherry Icee after football practice to his mentoring of me as a young Pharmacy Student, Fred was always there offering encouragement along the way.

*I was a first hand witness to what true patient care meant from Fred. Countless trips to open the doors after hours even in some cases when it was not a medical necessity, except in the mind of his patients. You always received that human compassion from Fred and Sue. It was only that I realized this when I practiced Pharmacy elsewhere in otjet areas.*

*I learned then that Saluda had something special. It was certainly not the given norm everywhere to experience such true compassion and heartfelt care for ones fellow man as a healer and as a caring individual.*

*I will also fondly recall the trips to the farm checking on the Beefmaster cattle and crappie fishing with my friend and mentor. The laughs we enjoyed during those outings as well as the tongue in cheek medical patient sayings we were treated with from behind the counter from time to time will forever be etched in my memory.*

*Thanks to you old buddy for your mentoring me in the art of Pharmacy and more importantly in life itself. You and Gene provided me lessons that I still recall with fondness to this day. What good times we shared.*

*To the family, I offer my deepest sympathy for a man that meant so much to me and to this community that he served for so many years. I will forever be grateful for his unselfish assistance as a mentor in pharmacy and in the lessons of life.*

*May God grant comfort to each of you during this time.*

Reid Ringer, R. Ph. - April 23, 2020 at 01:32 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



**Brenda Goodman** - April 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM

WG

“ *William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Fred Manning Parkman*



**William and Naomi Goodman** - April 23, 2020 at 12:29 PM

JE

“ *Your Family are in Your Thoughts and Prayers*

*Brenda, Jerry and your FRIENDS at The HARDWARE Store.*

**Jerry** - April 23, 2020 at 12:28 PM



Diane  
Rose

*Lifting your Family up in prayer. I am so very sorry for your loss. May you cherish all of the wonderful memories.*

**Diane Rose** - April 23, 2020 at 10:39 PM

PC

*Sue and Family,*

*I am so sorry to learn of Fred's death. I remember his hard work at Saluda Nursing Center in the 1970's as he made rounds to keep the patient's medications supplied and making sure our records were done properly. Much later as I became a nurse practitioner and practiced at the University of South Carolina he was always kind, helpful and encouraging. More recently he touched my heart when he face booked a congratulatory note about an award I received from the American Academy of NPs...stating how proud he was of that "Saluda girl". Many thanks for the memories. His legacy in pharmacy will always be a part of Saluda. A big hug to Sue and all the family that I have not seen in years.*

*Pam Cromer*

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**Pam Cromer** - April 23, 2020 at 11:55 PM

KA

*My first job when I was in high school was at Parkman's Pharmacy at the lunch counter. Those are some of my fondest memories! I am forever grateful for everything I learned working there. Mr. Fred was an inspiration in my life. Prayers for Mrs. Sue, James, Stephanie and your families!*

*Karen Crouch Abstance*

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**Karen Crouch Abstance** - April 27, 2020 at 05:50 AM

AS

*Fred was always a caring pharmacist; however, his loving care for family and community was ever forward. Claudia and her husband were my classmates; therefore. since Fred was her brother I would want to also keep you all in my prayers. May God give you peace as Fred rest in His arms waiting for you.*

*With Jesus love,  
Anne Shuler and family*

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**Anne Shuler** - May 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM