



Memorial Day Special Edition Parkman Paragraphs

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2005 Parkman Memorial Day Parade.

We wish to thank all of our Active Duty and Veterans throughout all eras of our country's existence for all of the sacrifices that they have made to give us our freedoms and continue to make our country a safe place to live. May our future generations understand these sacrifices from our Veterans and appreciate the quality of life created for them.

On behalf of the Parkman Trustees and the Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Special Thanks for the continued support of the:

Geauga County Sheriff Department
Middlefield VFW Post 9678

Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team
Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76
Cardinal Marching Band

Parkman Congregational Church SS Edward Lucy Catholic Parish
and the various participants who helped to make our
2005 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration a success.

Dixie Warner (thanks for the story of Richard and Jeanette Giles)
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Best wishes to everyone for a fun and safe summer
and don't forget to give THANKS to a Veteran.



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Richard W. (and wife Jeannette) Giles

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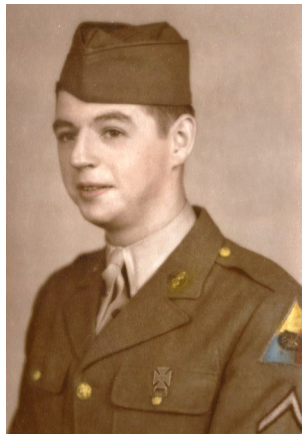
Richard W. Giles 1922 - 2003

Richard W. "Dick" Giles was born July 5, 1922, at home to the late Kenneth and Eleanor May Giles. After graduating from Parkman High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, and served until 1945, stationed in Hawaii and Guam, with the 119th Ordinance Company.



He married Jeannette DeGroft in 1943, and they both celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2003.

In 2001, he was designated a Geauga Living Legend for Parkman, in the Inaugural Class of 2001.



Mr. Giles served as concession manager for the Geauga County Maple Festival for 20 years, and in 1991, won a state award from the Greater Ohio Showman's Association, (GOSA), for best festival manager in Ohio. He was a charter and lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 6519, in Chardon, and is registered in the World War II National Memorial, that is in Washington, D.C.



<https://www.wwiimemorial.com/Registry/plaque.aspx?honoreeID=268383>

"Dick," as many knew him, had a Gulf service station and AAA Towing Service for many years, in Parkman. He drove a school bus for Parkman and Cardinal School Systems for 20 years. He and his wife Jeanette had D & J Amusements, that played at many local festivals. After selling his show, they bought a home in Eustis, Fla., and spent winters there as "snowbirds." Together Dick and Jeanette enjoyed life with their many kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.



Mr. Giles died Nov. 12, 2003, at Hospice House in Cleveland Ohio and laid to rest in Overlook Cemetery. He was inducted into the Parkman Veterans Memorial Day Honoree list in 2005.



Special Thanks to Dixie Warner for helping develop this story and the photos.

You can find Richards name on the Veterans Memorial Plaque in the Parkman Community House.

Thank you Richard for your service to our country and community!



Jeannette D. (DeGroft) Giles 1918 - 2020 (age 101)

<https://www.bestfunerals.com/obituary/JeannetteD-Giles>

Jeannette "Jean" D. Giles, was born in Parkersburg, WV on July 5th, 1918 to the late Glenn and Elsie (Boger) DeGroft.

She moved from West Virginia to Geauga County in 1929. Jean graduated from Chardon High School and then Kent State University before marrying Richard on February 19th, 1943. In 1945, she relocated to Parkman and was a teacher for 37 ½ years. After teaching, Jean continued driving a school bus for the next 7 years before retiring. She was also co-owner of D & J Amusements for 8 years, a wife, a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.



The Geauga County Historical Society

Jean enjoyed reading, doing volunteer work at Geauga Hospital, and spending time with her family and friends. She was an active member of the following organizations: Chardon V.F.W. Post #6519 Auxiliary; the Chardon Daughters of

the American Revolution; Ohio and Geauga County Retired Teacher's Association; life member of the Geauga Historical Society; the Antique Car Club of Eustis, FL; and the Geauga Maple Festival Board.

At 101 years old, Jean passed away peacefully at Blossom Hill Health Care on March 25th, 2020. She is once again reunited with her husband of 60 years, Richard W. Giles, who died November 12th, 2003. They both rest at the Parkman Overlook Cemetery.

Jean will be dearly missed by: her children, Marsha (Gerald) of Vienna, VA, Dixie (Henry) Warner of Troy Twp, Terry (Tim) Ross of Leesburg, FL; 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and many friends.

Both Richard and Jean have been very supportive residents of our Parkman Community and earned great respect from our township.

