



Parkman Paragraphs

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Salute to Steve G. Soltis

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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.

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Cardinal Marching Band
Parkman Congregational Church
SS Edward Lucy Catholic Parish

and the various participants who helped to make our
2017 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration a success.

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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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Steve George Soltis

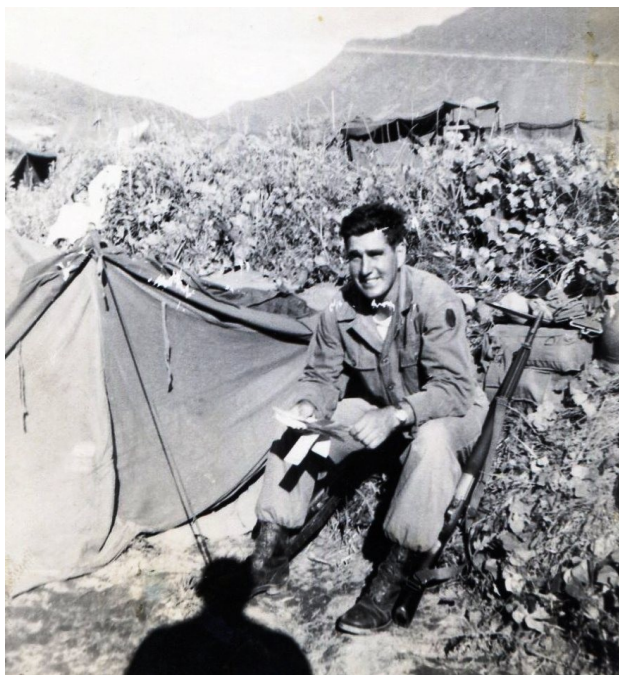
Cpl. Steve George Soltis was born in Nelson Township on April 22, 1928. He was the fourth of seven children of Nick and Sophia Soltis.

Steve attended all 12 years of school at the Nelson School, which is no more. He was very interested in football, basketball, and class plays.

After graduation, Mullins Manufacturing in Warren, Ohio employed Steve. He enrolled part-time at Kent State University.

When the Korean War started, his best friend Carl Bell was inducted into the Army. Unknown to his parents, Steve decided to volunteer for the war. Steve and Carl never served near each other during the war. Steve served as a guard at General McCaffery's Headquarters. Steve made many friends while in Korea. A few visited us in Parkman after the war.

After his military service, Steve was employed at Liberty Steel in Newton Falls, Ohio and returned to college at Youngstown State because it was closer to work.



Following his job at Liberty Steel, he began working at Geauga Industries (GI) in Middlefield, Ohio. At that time, he also transferred back to Kent State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education 1958. He would continue at Kent State University while he was teaching in order to earn his Master of Teaching Degree in 1965.

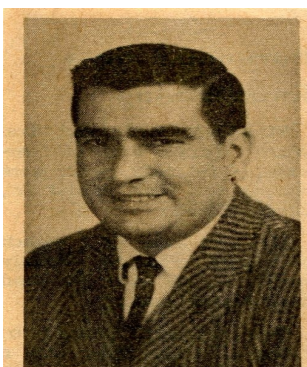


Steve purchased a Chevy Coupe and headed to Maple Rest Dance Hall in Rootstown, Ohio because he loved to dance. He met his future wife, Marjorie Rodenbucher, from Suffield, Ohio. They were married on June 19, 1954 and resided in Warren, Ohio for 1 year before they decided to make Parkman their permanent home for 62 years. Vernon Gates built their home on Route 422. Richard Gates built their home on Old State Road in 1971.



Steve attended St Edward's Church in Parkman all of his life. He was involved in many activities and dedicated his life to his Catholic Faith.

William Snyder encouraged Steve to join the Parkman Fire Department. He was a member of the fire department for nine years until we moved to Old State Road.



Steve G. Soltis

New Principal At Parkman

Replacing George Green as principal of Parkman Elementary School is Steve G. Soltis.

Mr. Soltis received his masters degree in school administration at Kent State University, August 29.

He has been employed in the Cardinal School system since 1958. Last year he was a teacher and principal at the Huntsburg Elementary School.

He began teaching in the Cardinal School system after graduating from Kent State University in 1958.

Steve retired in 1989 after 30 years as a teacher, principal and sixth grade camp director for the Cardinal Local School District. Upon retiring, he took to gardening vegetables, flowers, and shrubs. He shared these with his friends, family, and neighbors.

Steve died after a brief battle with Acute Myeloma on April 19, 2015, a few days before his 87th Birthday.

He leaves his wife Marjorie, his 5 children, Mary Lynne Zeno, South Carolina, Donna Bell, Virginia, Gregg Soltis, Ohio, Brenda Nikic, Ohio, and Lisa Hamann, Utah, 7 grandchildren, 2 deceased, and 3 great-grandchildren.

