

CHARLOTTE EVANS (NEIL) PARRISH OBT.

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Parrish, Charlotte Evans Neil Age: 80

Passed Away: 2009-02-19

Funeral Home: T.W. Crow & Son Funeral Home & Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home

SCOTTSVILLE, KY — Charlotte Evans Neil Parrish, 80, of Donelson, Tenn., died quietly in her sleep on Feb. 17, 2009, at Alive Hospice unit at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, which was her decision and choice, respected and supported by her children. A lifelong participant in the United Methodist Church since her residence in Scottsville, KY as a child, she was at peace when she passed away. **Mrs. Parrish, daughter of the late Ernest Coldwell Neil and Carlen West Neil of Scottsville, KY, was born in Nashville on Jan. 20, 1929.** She is survived by her siblings, **Ernest Coldwell Neil II of State College, PA, Antonia Ruth Johnston of Fort Worth, TX, and Marian Carlen Nash of Tulsa, OK. Charlotte married the late Harry L. Parrish Sr. of Scottsville on Dec. 27, 1954, in Scottsville, KY. He preceded her in death in November 1986.**



She was the mother of Harry L. Parrish Jr. of Fort Meade, MD, John Ernest Parrish of Dickson, TN, Fred Randall Parrish of Donelson, TN Rebecca Jane Parrish Wheeler of Smyrna, TN, and Martha Jean Parrish Girton of Brentwood, TN, and their respective spouses; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild.

Charlotte and Harry resided in multiple locations throughout the southeastern U.S. until Harry graduated from Clemson University as a civil engineer in 1958. Charlotte attended the University of Kentucky School of Journalism in Lexington, Anderson College in Anderson, SC., and Erskine College in Due West, SC., while raising three of her five children and working several positions as a journalist and as a photographer. She won several awards from The Associated Press, United Press International and the International News Service for journalistic and photographic excellence.

Charlotte and Harry raised all five of their children and continuously resided in Donelson, TN from the early 1960s. Charlotte was known far and wide for her varied and eclectic academic, research, personal, writing, work and historical interests. Her work experiences were exceptionally wide, ranging from service as a teacher in a one room school house, multiple journalism oriented positions, self educated and fluent in geological and engineering vocations and avocations dedicated to support of her husband's career as an engineer, geological and mining exploration.

She worked and actively participated as a writer and editor for the *Donelson News Herald/Beacon* until the onset of her illness in December 2008. She was a 40-year member and active participant in the American Legion and past president of the Auxiliary Post 88 in Donelson and a member of Order of the Eastern Star. In recent years she was an active participant in the American Legion Girl's State, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, the Nashville Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council, the American Legion Auxiliary, Harris Family Reunion Association and the Donelson/Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, and the Scottsville High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Scottsville, KY.

A life-long advocate for the underdog in almost any situation, she was a staid and stoic mentor for many of all ages in the Nashville, TN and southern KY areas. She was a staunch supporter of all who altruistically sacrificed for the benefit of others. Pallbearers: Brent Branum, Jack Soodhalter, Jim Dolan, Johnny Wheeler, Clark Cannon, Denny Miller. Honorary pallbearers: Steve Pryor, Dickey Barlow, Craig Lafon, Butch Hoover, Tommy Hoover, Roy Turrentine, Frank Schwartz, Joel Green, W. J. Cannon, friends of the Hickory Bend and Boulder Park subdivisions, staff at the *Donelson News Herald and Beacon*, Class of 1946 Scottsville High School, members of American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 88.

Funeral is at noon Saturday at T.W. Crow & Son Funeral Home, with graveside service at Crescent Hill Cemetery in Scottsville. Visitation is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home in Donelson, TN. Prayer service is at noon Friday at Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home by Earl Watson, State Commander American Legion. Visitation continues from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at T.W. Crow & Son Funeral Home. Services to be performed at Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home by Brother Bill Reding, Ruth Ensor United Methodist Church, Old Hickory, TN and Brother Bill Smith, Chaplain for the State Commission of Veterans Affairs and Nashville Veterans Coordinating Council. Graveside services Crescent Hill Cemetery, Scottsville, KY. In Scottsville, the family will be at T. W. Crow Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 88 (Girls State or Emergency Auxiliary Fund), Box 140616, Donelson, TN 37214; or to Scottsville High School Pointers for the Future Scholarship Fund, Attn: Morris Grubs Bookkeeping Service, 202 Jacks Shopping Center, Scottsville, KY 42164 in lieu of flowers. T. W. Crow & Son Funeral Home: (270) 237-3114.

Charlotte Was One Of A Kind

By Susan Floyd – Past President Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association
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The Donelson-Hermitage community was saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend and neighbor Charlotte Parrish. Her elegant and descriptive stories in *The News Herald* about our schools, neighborhoods, and community kept all of Donelson-Hermitage connected.

Through her words, you knew the details as if you had attended every event and meeting yourself. Charlotte was often spotted late into the night finding the details of any issue that would impact our community, whether it be a local school chili supper or a huge TDOT superhighway. She always stuck around until the last citizen left to ask them their opinion and share it with her readers.

Charlotte knew our names, faces, and our issues. She was one of us and proud of it. They don't make them like Ms. Charlotte any more.

Donelson-Hermitage is a better place because of the life and work of Charlotte Parrish. We will miss her greatly.

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