

## Lawrence Parr, 74

*May 26, 1928 - April 23, 2003*

**ALTOONA** – Lawrence "Larry" Ronald Parr was born May 26, 1928, in Sac City to Otto and Emma (Yaeger) Parr. He attended Simpson College, graduating in 1951. He then enlisted in the Marine Corps at Quantico, VA.

He married Jeannine Marlo Phipps Nov. 22, 1951. From this union, three children were born. Larry spent his service career in Santa Anna CA, as a First Lieutenant until 1953. He then started his teaching career in 1953 in Dallas City, later moving to Boone. He received his Masters degree in education from Drake University in 1962. He then became vice-principal in Boone, principal in Griswold and principal in Harlan for a number of years. Lastly, he became the principal at Ankeny High School from 1976-1989, from which he retired. He served in the National Guard Unit for a number of years throughout his career as well. His passions were education, being a teacher and also a coach of basketball, football and track. He was inducted into the Simpson College Hall of Fame for football in 1975. He was also inducted into the Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame for the Board of Directors. He died at his home in Altoona April 23, 2003, at age 74.

Larry was preceded in death by his son, Steven Wayne Parr in 1977, and his parents, Otto and Emma Parr. Larry is survived by his daughters, Diane Sorensen (Dan) of Clarion and Janet Leinen of Gilbert, AZ; sister, Margaret Ann Coogan of Metairie, LA; grandchildren, Gabriel Fiscus, Jody Jondle (Josh), Matt Leinen, Dustin Leinen and Kaci Leinen, and two great granddaughters, Jordyn and Jadyne Jondle, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 26, 2003, at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens Funeral Home. Private burial was held April 28, 2003, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. Donna Ewert of the Congregational Church in Harlan officiating.