

## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

ERNEST B PARRY 12 023 675 SERGEANT  
296 ORDNANCE MEDIUM MAINTENANCE COMPANY

**Army of the United States**

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military  
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest  
and Faithful Service to this country.*

*Given at* SEPARATION CENTER  
FORT BRAGG NORTH CAROLINA

*Date* 25 JUNE 1945

*R. B. Martin*  
R.B. MARTIN  
MAJOR AGD

# ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE


1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>PARRY ERNEST B</b>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>12 023 675</b>	3. GRADE <b>SGT</b>	4. ARM OR SERVICE <b>ORD</b>	5. COMPONENT <b>RA</b>
6. ORGANIZATION <b>296 ORD MM CO</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>25 JUN 45</b>	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>SEPARATION CENTER FORT BRAGG NC</b>		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>WARNER'S RD BALDWINVILLE NY</b>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>29 NOV 22</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>SYRACUSE NY</b>		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <b>SEE 9</b>		13. COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>	14. COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	15. HEIGHT <b>5'5 1/2"</b>	16. WEIGHT <b>117 LBS.</b>
17. NO. DEPEND. <b>1</b>	18. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)	19. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)	20. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL (X-02)</b>

## MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>7 FEB 41</b>		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <b>7 FEB 41</b>		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE <b>SYRACUSE NY</b>	
25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>SYRACUSE NY</b>		26. REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO.		28. COUNTY AND STATE <b>RFD# 1 BALDWINVILLE NY</b>			
29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>RFD# 1 BALDWINVILLE NY</b>		30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>PARTS CLERK AUTOMOTIVE (348)</b>			
31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATA (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) <b>COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE 25 JUL 44; MM 30 CAL RIFLE M-1903 10 AUG 44 *</b>		32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS <b>CENTRAL PACIFIC</b>			
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS <b>GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL GO# 10 HQ 3533 ORD 43; AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL WITH 1 BRONZE SERVICE STAR; ASIATIC PACIFIC THEATER CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 1 BRONZE SERVICE STAR</b>					
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION <b>NONE</b>					
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES SMALLPOX <b>20 APR 45</b> TYPHOID <b>20 APR 45</b> TETANUS <b>18 APR 44</b> OTHER (specify) <b>YELLOW FEVER 12 SEP 41</b>			36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN DATE OF DEPARTURE <b>20 APR 41</b> DESTINATION <b>APT US</b> DATE OF ARRIVAL <b>26 APR 41</b>		
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE CONTINENTAL SERVICE YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>1 6 15</b> FOREIGN SERVICE YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>2 10 4</b>			38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD <b>SERGEANT</b>		
39. PRIOR SERVICE <b>NONE</b>					
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION <b>CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENT AR 615-365 15 DEC 44 RR1-1 (DEMOBILIZATION)</b>					
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED <b>NONE</b>			42. EDUCATION (Years) Grammar <b>8</b> High School <b>2</b> College <b>0</b>		

## PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>4 4 19</b>		44. MUSTERING OUT PAY TOTAL \$ <b>300</b> THIS PAYMENT \$ <b>100</b>		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS <b>NONE</b>	
46. TRAVEL PAY <b>\$386-</b>		47. TOTAL AMOUNT <b>191.82</b>		NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER <b>MAJOR FD</b>	
INSURANCE NOTICE <b>YOU NO</b>					
IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.					
48. KIND OF INSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nat. Serv. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Govt. <input type="checkbox"/> None		49. HOW PAID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allotment <input type="checkbox"/> Direct to V.A.		50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance <b>31 MAY 45</b>	
51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) <b>30 JUN 45</b>		52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH <b>\$6.55</b>		53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO <input type="checkbox"/> Continue <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discontinue	

 RIGHT THUMB PRINT	54. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) <b>NO TIME LOST UNDER AW 107 LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED *ITEM 31: SS 30 CAL RIFLE M-1 9 JUN 44; SS 30 CAL CARBINE M-1 16 JUN 44</b>	
	55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Ernest B. Parry</i>	
56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) <b>E.M. KOPP 1ST LT AUS</b> <i>E. M. Kopp</i>		

THIS FORM WILL NOT BE REPLACED  
IF LOST OR DESTROYED. SAVE IT.

# ARMY SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>PARRY, ERNEST B.</b>	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>12 023 675</b>	GRADE <b>Sgt</b>	DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE <b>7 Feb 41</b>	SEX <b>M</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>29 Nov 22</b>
PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES (Street and Number - City - County - State) <b>Warner's Rd., Baldwinsville, Onondaga Co., N. Y.</b>					

CIVILIAN EDUCATION				
HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED <b>10</b>	LAST YEAR OF ATTENDANCE <b>1940</b>	HIGHEST DEGREE RECEIVED <b>None</b>	MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY <b>Academic</b>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED <b>Baldwinsville, N. Y.</b>
OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING				
COURSE <b>Mechanical Drafting</b>	NO. HRS. <b>300 Hrs.</b>	COURSE <b>Honolulu Voc. School</b>	NO. HRS.	

SERVICE EDUCATION				
SERVICE SCHOOL <b>None</b>	COURSE	WKS. OR HRS.	RATING	ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM
				INSTITUTION WHERE ENROLLED <b>None</b>
				CURRICULUM AND TERM (COURSE OF TRAINING PURSUED)
				NO. OF WEEKS
				GRADUATED YES NO

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS		
MAIN OCCUPATION (TITLE) <b>Student, High School</b>	SECONDARY OCCUPATION (TITLE) <b>None</b>	
JOB SUMMARY <b>Completed two years of high school, taking courses in Mechanical Drafting, English, history, algebra, geometry, science.</b>	JOB SUMMARY	
NO. OF YEARS <b>2</b>	LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT <b>1940</b>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
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MILITARY SPECIALTIES									
ASSIGNMENTS									
YEARS	MONTHS	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ARMY CODE NO.	YEARS	MONTHS	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ARMY CODE NO.
0	2	Pvt	Medical Basic	657	0	10	Cpl	Machinist	114
0	3	Pvt	Automobile Mechanic	014	2	4	Sgt	Automotive Parts Clerk	348
0	8	Pvt	Mechanic, Automotive Chassis **						** 906

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATION AND CIVILIAN CONVERSIONS (Shown by title)

**Parts Clerk, Automotive (348)**  
Worked in automotive supply warehouse requisitioning, storing, and issuing repair parts and hand tools. Supervised 4 clerks. Kept inventory records.

**Civilian Conversions:** Storeroom Clerk, Garage Supplies; Stock Clerk II; Manager, Stockroom.

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATION AND CIVILIAN CONVERSIONS (Shown by title)

**Machinist (114)**  
Did lathe, shaper, and drill-press work, making jigs, automotive repair parts, and special tools. Worked to tolerances of .003. inch. Reads blueprints.

\* THIS INFORMATION BASED ON SOLDIER'S STATEMENT. (Indicate by \* any items not supported by other records)

DATE OF SEPARATION <b>25 Jun 45</b>	SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER <i>Ernest B. Parry</i>	SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER <i>John R. Atkinson, Jr.</i>
		JOHN R. ATKINSON, JR., CAPT., AUS. SEPARATION CENTER, FT. BRAGG, N.C.

**Honorable Discharge**  
from the  
**Civilian Conservation Corps**



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify That \* PARRY, Ernest B CO2-357194 Asst Ldr  
a member of the CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS, who was enrolled  
July 11, 1940 at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y., is hereby  
(Date)  
**HONORARILY DISCHARGED** therefrom, by reason of \*\* E.T.E.

Said Ernest B. Parry was born in Syracuse, N.Y.  
in the State of New York When enrolled he was seventeen years  
of age and by occupation a no occupational qualities He had blue eyes,  
brown hair, medium complexion, and was five feet  
six inches in height. His color was white

Given under my hand at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y., this twenty-first day  
of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty

*Vincent J. Barreca*  
(Name) (Title)

VINCENT J. BARRECA Company Commander

\* Insert name, as "John J. Doe."  
\*\* Give reason for discharge.

# RECORD OF SERVICE IN CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

\*\*Served:

a. From 7/11/40 to 12/21/40, under War Dept. at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y.

Type of work Infirmary Attendant \*Manner of performance Excellent

b. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, under \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. at \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_ \*Manner of performance \_\_\_\_\_

c. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, under \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. at \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_ \*Manner of performance \_\_\_\_\_

d. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, under \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. at \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_ \*Manner of performance \_\_\_\_\_

e. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, under \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. at \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work \_\_\_\_\_ \*Manner of performance \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: CONDUCT: Excellent

Discharged: December 21, 1940 at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y.

Transportation furnished from Oxford, N.Y. to Syracuse, N.Y.

*Vincent J. Barreca*  
(Name) (Title)

\*Use words "Excellent", "Satisfactory", or "Unsatisfactory".  
\*\*To be taken from C. C. Form No. 1.

VINCENT J. BARRECA Company Commander

# Life of a retired president

By Amber L. Whitley

Daily Times Staff Writer

"I highly recommend retirement," says Ernest Parry, 79, as he leans back in his chair and closes his eyes.

After a moment, he laughs, opens his eyes and stares out the line of windows to his left.

Parry's living room overlooks his pond, several brightly colored trees and the houses of both of his children.

That particular section of the property is tranquil in the late afternoon hours and its soothing effect is obvious from the relaxed look on Parry's face.

"My wife and I like to sit here when we're being good and reading

our Bibles," Parry adds with a laugh.

Parry, a man who served in the armed forces, taught school and was president of two colleges, retired from his house in Sims with his first wife Edna, in 1982.

When he lost Edna to cancer in 1997, Parry said he also lost himself.

The couple had been married 54 years, and they shared a special bond.

Parry was miserable alone, and he knew something was going to have to change in his life.

And what happened next is a love story fit for Hollywood.

A woman in Parry's Bible study at First United Methodist Church suggested that he give Alice Adams a call. Adams lost her husband to cancer about the same time that Parry lost Edna.

"Her name and telephone number sat on my desk for about a month until I finally got the nerve to call her," Parry said.

When he finally contacted her, they set a date to meet for lunch. Parry got the day wrong and as he sat in the restaurant alone he decided to take a chance and see if Adams wanted to meet him there.

Adams came for lunch but after the date Parry lost track of her. He found out that Adams was in the hospital with pneumonia.

He called her to ask if he could come and see her.

"But she wouldn't let me,"

## Neighbors

After only a few days apart, Parry knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Adams.

"I could hardly wait to get home," Parry said. And Adams shared his feelings.

The couple was married in September 1999.

Parry is enjoying his new marriage and his retirement. But the road to his retirement was not an easy one. Looking back, Parry now wonders if he spent too much time working and furthering his own education.

Parry was born in Syracuse, N.Y., but he spent most of his childhood in Baldwinsville, which is about 15 miles northwest of Syracuse.

The Great Depression caused his family to struggle, and they had to move out in the country into a house that at first had no running water, no indoor bathroom and no electricity.

In 1941, Parry joined the service and dropped out of high school.

He was at the Honolulu harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

Twenty days after the attacks, Parry got to see the destroyed harbor as a driver for a major from Washington, D.C. Parry said the ships were still burning.

Parry got out of the service in 1944, married Edna and began a stint of teaching after he got his general equivalency diploma.



# CENTURY DIVISION EXPERT INFANTRYMAN

## Certificate of Proficiency

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Sgt Ernest B Parry, 12023675  
Sv Co., 398th Inf

Having successfully complied with WD Girs Nos. 269,  
322, 1943 & No. 14, 1944 is authorized to wear an

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

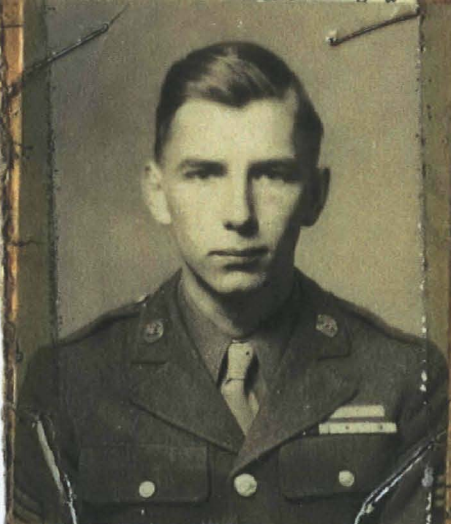
*Edna E. Parry*  
date 26 July 1944  
Regional Commander

Signature

*Edna E. Parry*  
Civil Aeronautics Representative

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*Edna E. Parry*  
Fingerprinting Officer



The holder thereof is otherwise notified by the Administrator  
within each period, it shall continue in effect thereafter until  
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"But she wouldn't let me,"  
Parry said with a smile. "It  
was because she didn't feel  
like her usual beautiful self."

But Parry was persistent,  
and he asked Adams if she  
would like to take a drive in  
the country once she felt bet-  
ter.

She agreed, and the road  
trip started a string of dates.

But throughout their  
courtship, Parry was looking  
ahead to the month of June.  
He had already committed

himself to visit his brother,  
Jim, in Alaska. He would be  
gone the entire month.

It would be a "cooling off"  
period for the couple. In  
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cy diploma.

His years of teaching at  
his own additional school in  
soon led him to the position  
president at Forsyth Technic  
Community College in 1961.

He was there 10 years, then  
he made the move to Wils-  
on and became the president  
Wilson Technical Commun-  
College for 11 years.

After Parry retired, he had  
the free time to start doing  
additional work in the commu-  
nity. He was one of the driving  
forces that started the West  
Shelter in 1983. He is also  
involved in Habitat for  
Humanity and is a former  
member of the Kiwanis Club  
of Wilson All America.

In Kiwanis, Parry met Char-  
lie Farris, attorney with  
Thomas and Farris.

It's been years since the two  
men have seen each other. But  
despite the passage of time  
Farris remembers Parry as  
one of the best men he's ever  
met.

"He was one of the most  
dependable people you could  
ever meet and he was well  
respected in the community,"  
Farris said. "He's a very  
delightful person and I wish  
we had more people like him."

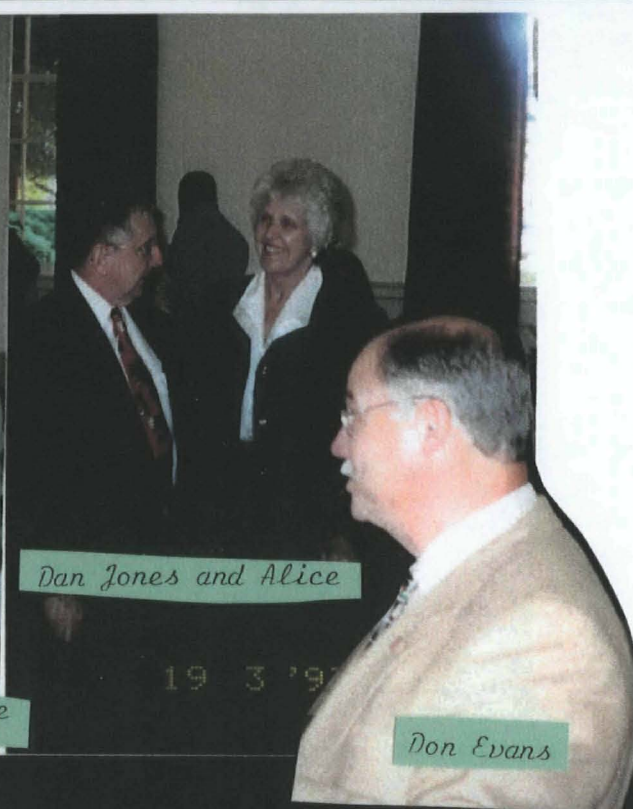
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Alice and Ernie

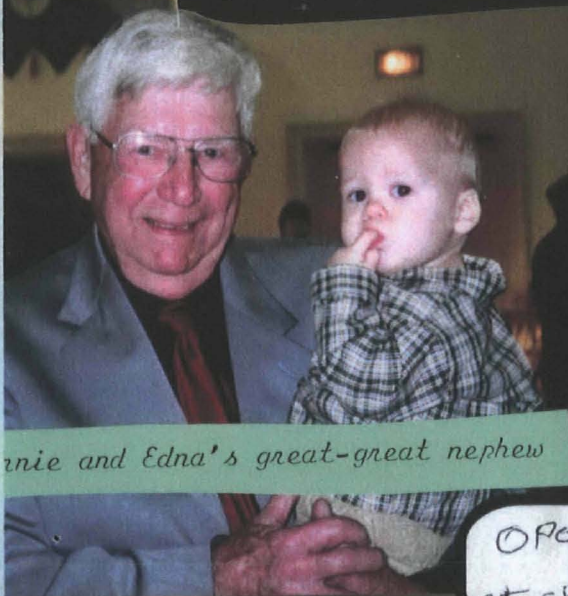


Claudia Creasy and Ernie



Dan Jones and Alice

Don Evans



Ernie and Edna's great-great nephew

OPEN  
House  
at church



Ernie Bonnie Boles and Alice

Adele met Ernie when he first came to Wilson Tech in the fall of 1972. She was so impressed that he insisted that we all call him Ernie, not Dr. Parry. He is obviously a very down to earth person who doesn't stand on ceremony. On the other hand, as a boss he can work you so hard you wonder why you are in the job at all...just joking, Ernie. :)

In 1982, Dr. Parry retired as President of Wilson Tech, intending to spend his time teaching, doing volunteer work, farming, traveling, and remaining active in community affairs. Though he never found any time for teaching in the classroom, he worked harder farming and working for the betterment of the community welfare than he had as President of "The Tech." The Parrys always had to get a "Cow Sitter" when they planned on traveling anywhere. While remaining active in the First United Methodist Church, Parry became extremely interested and involved in the Wilson Area Habitat for Humanity. Two of his many years of service to date included being its President, while in the last few years, he has been one of the main driving forces for the building of two homes. He has nailed, painted, dug, puttied, cleaned, supervised a team of Pennsylvania college students for a week, and in general kept all the other volunteers on track. You can see the results for yourself at 1017 and 1019 Lodge Street.

To see Ernie as a leader you need only recall the splendid job he did as President of Wilson Tech. During his ten years there, the evidence of his leadership ability was plentiful. He helped move the board toward more equitable racial and sexual balance. He emphasized organization and planning, including long-range planning and establishment of the first comprehensive personnel plan the institute ever had.

His leadership with Habitat for Humanity has already been mentioned and other civic groups such as Wesley Shelter, Wilson Kiwanis All-American and First Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission have also benefited greatly from his leadership.

There is ample evidence of Dr. Parry's personal and business progress. He enlisted in the Army in 1940, was assigned to Fort Bragg, where he made his North Carolina "connection," meeting Edna Ogburn of Angier, whom he would later marry. After his service in the Army, Ernie quickly learned that in order to survive, he had to get interested really quickly in trying to earn more than \$35 a week, especially since the Parrys had one child by this time. He returned to school in a summer school program in New York state, where he obtained a high school equivalency certificate in 1948. He later earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and began his career in education as an industrial arts and machine shop instructor. He immediately began working on a masters degree in education at the University of Maryland, earning the degree in 1955. While working as supervisor at Northern Illinois University, Parry enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, obtaining his doctorate in administration and supervision in 1959. He returned to North Carolina in 1962, where he served as the initial president of Forsyth Technical Institute until the Parrys' move to Wilson in 1971. By then the Parrys had one daughter who was married and living near Raleigh and one son, recently graduated from high school.

Parry is a devoted family man, who was married to Edna for 53 years before her death. He has three grandsons and a granddaughter. He epitomizes the person who cares about other people, and if those others are less fortunate than he is, he will help them in any way he can.

The latest chapter in Ernie's life is his new bride of three years, Alice. Both of them had lost their spouses at about the same time, and they seemed to hit it off right from the start. Bowie and Adele have fond memories of a trip we took with Ernie and Alice to Pennsylvania on the train. Both are great companions and a lot of fun to be around.

Ernie, Alice, we love you both!!!

*Bowie and Adele*

Bowie and Adele Gray