



Parkman Paragraphs

Memorial Day 2023 Edition

Salute to Frank M. Benyo
and Joseph F. Klima

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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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and the various participants who helped to make our
2023 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration a success.

Benyo Family - (thanks for the photos and story of Frank Benyo)

Klima Family - (thanks for the story of Joseph Klima)

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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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Frank M. Benyo

Frank M Benyo was born October 10, 1926 in Cleveland Ohio. His parents bought a farm in Parkman, Ohio when he was 6 years old. After moving there, he and his older sister attended Parkman School. She decided she didn't want to go and said, "Frankie lets go home." He replied to her, "No, I want to go to school." He then graduated from Parkman in 1943.

Shortly after graduation, he was drafted into The United States Army, going to Fort Benning, Georgia for his basic training. Upon completion of his basic training, he was sent to California to board an Army ship destined for the Philippine Islands. While aboard the ship, the war concluded with the surrender of Japan. Frank proudly spent the rest of his military duty guarding Japanese prisoners in the Philippine Islands.

Upon discharge he returned to Parkman, Ohio and was employed for many years at Chardon Rubber Company. He served as president of his Union there. He met Bonnie Gardner in 1962 and they were married in 1963. They had four lovely daughters and they loved him dearly. They were all saddened by his early death of cancer in 1982.

Frank was a gardener, which was his favorite thing to do after work. He grew grapes and made some really good wine. He liked football and was a fan of the Browns. Along with a niece and her husband. Frank and Bonnie once took their girls to the Browns' football game. Their youngest daughter Barbara was a baby. The whole group had to pass Barbara back and forth taking turns holding her. What a game that was. Frank also helped to coach Marie and Susan in softball, helping Coach Jerry Humenik. He also umpired the softball games. One time the family went to a Cleveland Indians baseball game and the girls made signs and Frank helped them walk in the parade. Frank also really liked Homecoming days in Parkman.

Thank you Mr. Frank Benyo for your service to country and community.



Joseph F. Klima

Joe Klima was born on March 9, 1925. He was raised in the Burton and Windsor areas and finally hung his hat in our Parkman community.

Joe entered the U.S. Army on October 6, 1943, reporting to Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio for training as a Tank Driver. He was deployed to the European Theater where he served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe.

Joe was Honorably Discharged on January 3, 1946, with the rank of Tec 5. The rank was created from 1942 until 1948 to recognize enlisted soldiers with special technical skills, who were not trained as combat leaders. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and the WWII Victory Medal.

Joe was a Parkman resident for over 60 years. He was married to Edna Ulis Klima for 60 years until her death in March 2007. Together they had two sons, Kenneth and James Klima. He and his family were members of St. Edward's/St. Lucy's Parish. He retired from Johnson Rubber in Middlefield in 1986. Joe died on September 20, 2012.

Thank you Mr. Joe Klima for your service to country and community.

Below are generic photos of the Sherman Tank which was commonly used in the US Army during WWII.

