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I 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.
Cory



**On behalf of the Parkman Trustees
and the Parkman Chamber of Commerce**

Special Thanks for the continued support of the
Geauga County Sheriff Department,
Middlefield VFW Post 9678
Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team

Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76
Parkman Girl Scouts and Brownies
Cardinal Marching Band
Father John Berkley, St. Edward's Church
and the various participants who helped to make our
Parkman Memorial Day Parade a success.

**Best wishes to everyone for a fun and safe summer
and don't forget to give THANKS to a Veteran.**



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Harold Lewis Blackford



Born on the kitchen table September 10, 1924 to Joseph and Evelyn Blackford at the farm located on the Parkman Nelson Road.

He was the oldest of four children. Roy, Lucille, and Janet were his siblings.

After graduating from Parkman High School in 1943, he worked as a tractor mechanic until entering the service in Cleveland, Ohio February 13, 1945.

On August 3, 1945, he departed the United States for the Philippines serving as an auto mechanic attached to the M.P. unit. He received the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He returned from the war on October 12, 1946. He was honorably discharged from the military on December 1, 1946. Harold would never talk about his war experience with his family. The only exception was that after the war he refused to eat chicken or turkey ever again in his life.

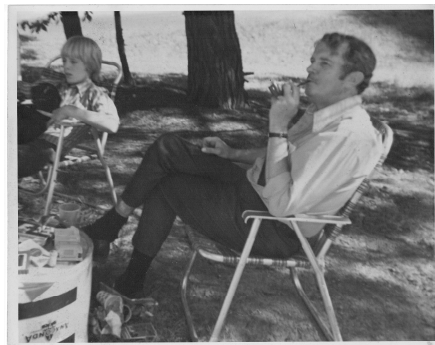
He celebrated New Year's Day in 1949 with his new bride Josephine Brown. They were married for 62 years. Jo remembers first watching him from the upper hillside near the farm. As a nine year old, Harold was sitting on the tractor pretending, with loud noises and animated movements, to be driving the tractor. Back then, the farm was used to grow gladiolus for funeral homes in Cleveland.

Harold worked at Geauga Industries in Middlefield until he was severely burned in an industrial accident.

His later years were spent raising sheep and growing hay at the Parkman farm.

He had three children Brenda, David and Linda. He loved good coffee, doughnuts, trains and airplanes. He had beautiful blue eyes. He was a gentle man.

He was 86 years old when he left his duties here on Friday, January 28, 2011.



The Blackford family thanks all the people in the military for their honest and faithful service to this country.

150th Anniversary American Civil War Veterans



This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. Forty-three men from Parkman served in this war. Some are buried at the Lower Cemetery and others at Overlook Cemetery. This Memorial Day as we honor World War II service man Harold Lewis Blackford let's take a minute to remember the Parkman residents who served in all the wars, especially those who were called to duty to serve in the War Between the States.

<u>Civil War Veteran</u>	<u>Year Buried</u>	<u>Civil War Veteran</u>	<u>Year Buried</u>
AGLER Jeremiah	1890	HEWITT John	1901
AKINS Perry	1911	HOPKINS E.B. (Ezra)	1883
BAIRD Edwin P.	1923	HOPKINS Fred	Unk
BOLD R.H. (Robert)	1895	HOSMER Chester A.	1924
BRADEN G.W. (George)	1910	HOSMER Perry J.	1923
BROWNING John B.	1914	IRWIN Samuel	1915
CHAMPLIN (Ebbin)	1897	JONES Arthur A.	1917
CHAMPLIN William E.	1890	LINSLEY James F.	1863
COOK Frederick T.	1906	MCELWAIN E.W.	1892
CROMWELL William H. Sr.	1896	MINING John J.	1911
DONALDSON A.S. (Arthur S.)	1906	MOORE Edwin T.	1863
DURFEE J.G.	1880	MORTON Charles	1899
EVANS Daniel P.	1919	MORTON G. Henry	1915
FALES Francis (Frank) F.	1904	MORTON Oran	1903
FARRINGTON Floyd	1907	PERCIVAL E.J. (Elijah)	1920
FLINT Adolphus, MD	1893	SHERWIN J. Allen, Jr.	1927
FRAM Will M.	1885	SMITH Marsh, Sr.	1887
FREEMAN Edward L.	1892	SMITH Norman Decatur	1895
HARRINGTON Henry H.	1902	SUMMERS Stephen G.	1885
HATHAWAY James E.	1901	THORP John	1882
HAVENS L.H. (Levi)	1901	TRAVIS Dudley R.	1900
		WATERS Rollin A.	1909