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LANSING A. PARKER, BSF&W OFFICIAL, DIES

Lansing A. Parker, 53, Associate Director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, died Monday (October 25) of an apparent heart attack while hunting in the Spruce Knob area of West Virginia.

Mr. Parker had served as Associate Director since 1963. He was responsible for over-all supervision of the Bureau's Offices of Legislation, Pesticide Research Coordination, Foreign Activities, Program Planning, Conservation Education and Endangered Species. He also was an Interior Department representative on the Federal Committee on Pest Control.

A native of Minneapolis, Mr. Parker graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Forestry with a B.S. degree in 1935. He worked with the Soil Conservation Service until 1941, when he became leader of a wildlife research project for the Minnesota Division of Game and Fish.

In 1943 Mr. Parker joined the Rubber Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as a member of a rubber exploration party in western Matto-Grosso, Brazil. He later was assigned to help stimulate war time production of rubber in a three-state area of northeast Brazil.

Mr. Parker joined the headquarters staff of the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1945 and served in the Branch of Federal Aid where he became Assistant Chief. He was appointed Assistant Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in 1957.

Mr. Parker was the author of many articles on wildlife management. He was a member of the Wildlife Society and the Society of American Foresters and an honorary member of the International Wild Waterfowl Association.

In 1936 he married the former Irene Kogl of St. Paul, Minn. The family home is at 4819 24th Road North, Arlington. The survivors include four sons, Lansing, a member of the coaching staff at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point; William, serving in the Army in Germany; Robert, a student at Staunton Military Academy; and Steven; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Rock Spring Congregational Church, 5010 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Mrs. Parker asked that contributions be made in lieu of flowers to the Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 3017 South 16th Street, Arlington. The Ives Funeral Home in Arlington is in charge of arrangements.

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