



Paul A. Purnell

March 24, 1945 - March 30, 2017

ADRIAN—Paul A. Purnell, age 72 of Adrian, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Bixby ProMedica Medical Center, Adrian.

Paul was born on March 24, 1945 in White Pigeon, MI. to Milton and Selema (Wachner) Purnell. He graduated with the Adrian High School Class of 1965. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the Army from 1965- 1967. On October 11, 1968, Paul married Nancy Near at St. Mary's Church, Adrian; they celebrated 48 years of marriage.

Paul retired from Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville, where he worked for 30 years. He enjoyed traveling around the state visiting casinos, and fishing. He treasured family time and taking trips to the Upper Peninsula. Paul kept track of the local high school sports teams as well as Siena and Adrian College teams. He was an avid Philadelphia Eagle fan.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his son, Andrew (Lisa) Purnell of Sanford, FL; grandchildren, Hannah and Landon Purnell; brother, John (Barb) Purnell of Brookfield, WI; brothers-in-law, Jim (Jayne) Near and Bob (Lynn) Near; sister-in-law, Susan (Hank) Adkins; niece, Kathy (Rob) Conklin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Selene 'Sally' Braun, Yolanda DeMolen, Lloyd, Sam and Clovis Purnell.

A Celebration of Life for Paul will be scheduled for later this summer and put in the paper.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHo

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul A. Purnell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *There is no way I could ever pick one memory and I could write a book on all of them, I know he was my rock, he was more like a dad to me than an Uncle. I was so blessed to have him my whole life I never remember an event that he wasn't there for. I was doubly blessed when he married my beautiful Aunt Nancy she has such an amazing heart and spirit. I have always admired her, she has more strength than she even realizes. Our Son was blessed with such a wonderful Great Uncle and Great Aunt who have enriched his life the same way they did mine. I was honored that Rob and I could be with you right up until the end. Every time I look up to the stars and see the brightest one I know it's you smiling down. Love you always Rob Kathy and Justin* ❤️❤️❤️



kathy conklin - April 10, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I am sure he will be missed by many, and I'm grateful that you have so many friends and family nearby to comfort you. I will remember you both in my prayers.*

Mary (Oess) Kever

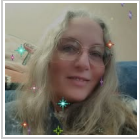
Mary Klever - April 06, 2017 at 03:24 PM

JB

“ Nancy...Just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about Paul. My greatest memories of him, was seeing him standing out in right field while I was coaching. He did not have someone in the program, but he was at every home game supporting the team...rain or shine. I always appreciated that, My thoughts are with you and Andy.

Jennifer Bailey

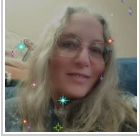
Jennifer Bailey - April 06, 2017 at 06:29 AM



“ Sheri Elizardo Lavigne sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul A. Purnell

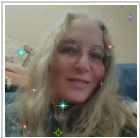


Sheri Elizardo Lavigne - April 05, 2017 at 01:49 AM



“ We met Paul and Nancy about 23 years ago when we moved onto the dead end of Petoskey Ct. With our 6 kids, 4 boys and 2 girls and Paul didn't like the boys so much cause they would ride their bikes in his grass and boy oh boy Paul didn't like that and he would let ya know. But then our daughter, Misty was the youngest at age of 2 so Paul liked her cause she was sweet and walk up on to their porch and he would give her candy ect..And as she got older and was riding her bike,all we had to do was look down the street and see what front yard her bike was in,between, Paul and Lawrence Cricky's they always treated her like their own granddaughters. Bless their Hearts,they both were Great Men, Paul would pump the kids bike tires for them any time they asked him to, plus at Halloween, they always made sure they gave Misty a bag full for just herself ♡♡♡♡

Sheri Elizardo Lavigne - April 05, 2017 at 01:45 AM



“ Sheri Elizardo Lavigne lit a candle in memory of Paul A. Purnell



Sheri Elizardo Lavigne - April 05, 2017 at 01:34 AM

SM

“ Uncle paul will always be my favorite uncle (great uncle to be more accurate). He was always quick to make you laugh and feel loved. And he never came empty handed, he always had a bag of twizzlers for the kids. Aunt nancy and Andy I am so sorry and saddened for your loss.



Stephanie McBryde - April 04, 2017 at 08:12 AM

JS

“ Dear Nancy and family- My deepest condolences to you and your family. Paul always had a smile and a joke to tell! May he rest in peace.

Judy Szeman

Judy Szeman - April 03, 2017 at 07:09 PM

TR

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Paul. He had such a spunky personality and a great laugh. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Tracy, Paul and Natalie Karrels

TracyKarrels - April 03, 2017 at 05:47 PM

LM

“ Nancy, so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathy. Larry & Marcia Muck

Larry Muck - April 02, 2017 at 08:48 PM

CG

“ Uncle Paul was the first person to ever take me fishing and i still love to fish. He lived with us after getting hurt in Judo. He was warm, funny and kind. Rest in Peace.

Carla Braun Green - April 02, 2017 at 08:28 AM

AM

“ Nancy, we are so sadden to read about Paul. We will always remember his kindness and his wonderful smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Andy and his family and all of your family. May God wrap you in his arms.

Doug and Alice

Alice Miller - April 02, 2017 at 06:44 AM

KS

“ Nancy, Andy and family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers! I will miss Paul very much! Hugs to all of you! Love, Dan and Kristi Scholz

kristi scholz - March 31, 2017 at 06:10 PM

PD

Sorry to hear of my classmates passing. Prayers coming your way, Nancy and family. Love and Prayers. Pat Aldrich Dartt

Pat Aldrich Dartt - April 02, 2017 at 09:55 PM

LL

Nancy, mom and I are so sorry to hear about Paul. Mom is traveling from Florida and wants you to know how sorry she is not to be here for you. Our loving prayers for peace and comfort are with you and your family.

Lisa Lambright and Diane Baker

Lisa Lambright - April 03, 2017 at 10:41 AM