



Paul Woodside

June 22, 1927 - June 20, 2024

ADRIAN- Paul Woodside of Adrian, formerly of Ypsilanti, MI died at home on Thursday, June 20, 2024, two days shy of his 97th birthday.

Paul was born on June 22, 1927, in Maston, PA, the youngest of Roland and Minnie (Meckes) Woodside's six children. The family moved to Ypsilanti when Paul was a young boy, and he has called Michigan home ever since.

He served his country in the United States Army from 1946-1947, where he worked as a tank crewman. After Paul was discharged from the Army, he had more time to decide what he wanted to do in life. He found his special someone and on January 15, 1949, Paul married Geraldine Brink in their home city of Ypsilanti. They shared 67 years together before her death in 2016.

Paul worked as a firefighter for the city of Ypsilanti from 1955 to 1985 and saw many changes during his career in the way you approach a fire situation. After Paul retired from firefighting, he realized he wasn't ready to slow down. Paul and his family decided to restore houses in the Ypsilanti area; and once word got out that Paul was good at painting, plumbing and hanging drywall his phone kept ringing. He was a Mason for over 50 years and was affiliated with Phoenix Lodge 13. Paul liked to relax out on the golf course with his friends. He is survived by his children, Lori (James) Murray of Adrian, MI and Wayne (Pat) Woodside of Myrtle Beach, SC; grandchildren, Jennifer Daniel, Sara (Jason) Kubek, Wyatt Woodside and Melissa Woodside; great-grandchildren, Jacob (Tabetha) Daniel and Nathan Daniel; and a great-great-granddaughter,

Ellie Daniel. Paul was preceded in death by his siblings, Eleanor, Nelson, Robert, Cliff and Martha.

Following Paul's wishes, cremation will take place with no services at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice who provided wonderful care for Paul and his family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul and Gerry were my landlords who became friends when I lived in Ypsilanti. I lived on Washtenaw and then on Huron St in a lovely historic home. I still have a stained glass window hanging that Paul made for me....as well as a dried floral wreath that Gerry made for me. I attended their annual pig roast for years and still can taste Gerry's homemade rolls. Aww such fond memories. RIP Paul... condolences to the family. Diane DeNio

Diane DeNio - July 23, 2024 at 08:19 AM

KJ

“ Paul was one of my most favorite retirees when I worked for the City of Ypsilanti! He always had a smile and would tease that he was there to give me a hard time. I'm so sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

Kim Jones

Kim Jones - July 15, 2024 at 10:09 AM

BK

“ Paul was always doing fun things at the fire department, like lying in his bed at the top of the stairs with one eye open as people went by. It was always fun to see him as a clown in the 4th of July parade. He was a hard worker and enjoyable to be around. Bob Keefer.

Bob Keefer - June 26, 2024 at 09:38 AM

Jl

“ Paul was great friend, neighbor, and a brother firefighter. Always making the best out of the worst situations with humor. I'll never forget his famous potato soup only to find that he forgot the cut up potatoes in a pot of water should have been mashed potatoes. Or simply wearing hunter orange socks with his dress uniform as the policy required colored socks as opposed to white socks. Paul operated efficiently and effectively on the fire ground and that is where we worked. RIP Brother Woodside.

Jon Ichesco

Jon Ichesco - June 25, 2024 at 07:29 PM

VG

“ Our family always looked forward to seeing the Woodside's. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodside (and Lori and Wayne) were so much fun and genuinely nice and easy going. I remembered Mr. Woodside loved fishing and he and my dad were always in a competition to see who could catch the most and the biggest fish. It's amazing when they always told us about the ones that got away, and how big they were! It took me many years to realize they were just kidding. He always loved to joke and tease us children, and I remember his very boisterous laugh.

I'm so sorry for your loss Lori and Wayne. I know you are comforted by the fact that he (and your mother) were such loving parents.

Victoria Gregory - June 25, 2024 at 06:05 PM