



Paul W. Davis

March 16, 1928 - April 13, 2018

Paul W. Davis' spirit passed on to join his Heavenly Father on April 13, 2018. He was peacefully at home with his loving family around him.

Born in Rushville, on March 16, 1928 to Keller and Nettie (Mynheir) Davis, both deceased. Paul attended the Booker T Washington Elementary School and Rushville High School. After school he joined the Navy and was a US Navy Veteran. He worked for Rex Manufacturing, Philco, Philco Ford and Ford Aerospace for 48 years, retiring in 1995.

Paul was a lifetime member of Wesley United Methodist Church. He held offices such as Chairman of the Trustees, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Chairman of Finance, member of the Pastor Parish and was the Lay Leader of the church. He also held the office of the District Trustee for the South District of the Methodist Church. He loved to sing and was a member of the church choir and was the churches "Luther VanDross". The Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church awarded a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding service and leadership as Administrative Board Chairperson, Trustee Chairperson, Lay Leader, member of the Pastor Parish Committee, Finance Committee and United Methodist Men serving our Lord Jesus Christ through the Rushville Wesley United Methodist Church. Granted on this day, 16th of March, 2018. Paul was the Postmaster of Oriental Lodge #42 and held several other offices within the organization. He was in the Civil Defense for several years serving under Pat Todd. He also was a member of The American Legion Post #150. In 1993, along with Mrs.

Martha Jones, they donated the Booker T Washington building to the city. More recently he served as a Board Member of ICAP. A Proclamation was given by The Honorable Mayor of the City of Rushville hereby deemed it an honor and pleasure to extend a Certificate of Recognition to Paul Davis on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future. In Testimony Whereof, the Mayor set his hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Rushville, at the Mayor's Office, this 17th day of March, 2018 He was presented by the Mayor the Knowles Shaw, Rush County Resident highest ranking medallion for outstanding community service ever presented to a resident of Rushville, IN

In his spare time he loved to do carpentry, remodeling and building a variety of items. He also loved landscaping his yard, maintenancing his pool and planting flowers.

Paul was the father of six children. His two oldest children Carol Marie Jenkins-Davis and Larry Eugene Davis have preceded him in death. Also, preceding him in death were 6 sisters and 4 brothers. His surviving children are Paulette Milton of Rushville, IN, Patricia (James) Howard of Overland Park, KS., Robert (Janice) Davis of Indianapolis, IN., and Laura Davis of Rushville, IN. He was the grandfather of 16, great grandfather of 25, and great-great grandfather 3. He leaves behind several nieces and nephews and friends. He is also survived by his youngest brother William G. Davis.

The Family would like to thank Premier Hospice and staff for their care and kindness.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Wesley United Methodist Church 627 E. 8th St. Rushville, IN from 4:00pm - 8:00pm with a reception in the church dining hall. The funeral services will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Moster Mortuary, 334 N. Main, Rushville, IN starting at 11:00 am with Rev.'s Mary Downs & Irvin French presiding. Burial will in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery on US 44.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carol Jenkins - Davis Community Park through the RCCF or the American Lung Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul W. Davis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Bob, So sorry to hear about your father's passing. What a great long life he was able to live.*



Greg Raika - April 26, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul W. Davis.*



April 21, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul W. Davis.*



April 20, 2018 at 03:00 PM

PS

“ I meet Paul Davis at Ford, Vieston when i was tranfered to Hose dept. 1987, Paul was a jewel, just like family, a great person. We all shared stories of our family, receipes, ect. We had to work and we made a day good day of it. I was sadden when i looked at facebook last Sat. Evening .we had lost our Pastors daughter, and then saw where Paul passed on Fri day before. I did visit him at his home after he retired, so enjoyable. I want u all to know I love Paul Davis. He came to my daughters wedding, we were family. God bless those that remain, keeping u in his arms, comfort u, strengthen u as u have his ervice, going home service. Know he loved u!! He always talked about his children!!!

Patsy Snyder - April 20, 2018 at 11:26 AM

SR

“ I first met Mr. Paul Davis in September, 1963. I had taken over a paper route from Joe Pavey, right after Labor Day W\E of that year. When I went for the first time to collect for my deliveries, I met Mr. Davis (yes, indeed, we had to go door-to-door back then, to collect from each of our customers!). At that time, Paul would have been only 35 years old. What impressed me the most, initially, were his very striking “Good Looks!” This was indeed, a Very Handsome young man! (But, eventually, I found his inner beauty to be even More Profound...as I will relate below!!)

I delivered Paul’s Family’s paper for the next 2 and-a-half years, from Sept. 1963 until March, 1966. Over that span of time, Paul had begun to build his current home at 630 N. Ft. Wayne Road. My paper route came off of E 5th St. and went up Ft. Wayne Road, right past Paul’s building site. At first, I did not know it was his place, and that he was basically doing all the work by himself, after his daily Full-Time job at Philco-Ford!

Here is how I found that out. For a span of about 7weeks, during this time-frame, I was unable to find Paul at home @ the E. 8th St. address to get payment for my deliveries (i.e. due to his overtime work at P-F, and working on his new house!). On the 7th week, when I was able to find him at the E. 8th St. home, I told him what had been happening. He said, “You mean, you kept delivering my papers, even though I had not paid you?” I said “that is correct!”

The 7-wks at 35cents\week, equaled \$2.45. So, Paul paid me immediately, and I gave him those 7 little stubs from my Collection sheet. Then, Paul said this to me: “Steve, I don’t want you to ever go 1 week without your payment for my paper. So, do you see that Pick-up Truck in front of the house here?” I said, “Yes sir, I do.” He said, “When you come to make your weekly collections, please look for that truck. If you don’t see it here on E. 8th St., please look for it, where I am building that new house on Ft. Wayne Road. Wherever that truck is, I will be nearby, and I will pay you right away!” I said, “Mr. Davis, I was not sure, that house being built over there was

yours. So, now that I know, I will definitely look for your truck during my weekly collections. And, thank you, for letting me know about this!" We shook hands after all was said and done and Paul beamed that Fabulous Heart-Warming Smile that he was Famous for!

End of Story...Never again, did I go past 1 weeks' worth of deliveries to get payment from my Dear Friend, Mr. Paul Davis!

I reconnected with Paul, back in October, 2016 at the time of my Brother-In-Law's Funeral in Rushville. My wife & I visited with him, & his daughters Paulette & Laura at the Beautiful Home he had built at the top of Ft. Wayne Rd., all those years ago! We had a Most Excellent visit for about an hour and-a-half, and this is when my wife, first learned of Paul's daughter, Carol Ann Jenkins' fate.

We cried together over Carol's loss, and then I shared this story above with Paul, re: my weekly collections. Before I could get to the 'End of the Story' above, Paul asked me this: "Well, did I ever get that far behind with my payments again?" I said "No Way! I never went past 1 weeks' cycle of collections, after our agreement that I should look for your truck!"

My final conversation with Paul was last November, 2017. It was just before the rededication of Rushville's Community Park in honor of his Much-Beloved daughter, Carol Ann Jenkins. I told him how proud I was of him & his Family, and how Happy I was to be able to call him "My Friend"!

*Rest in Peace, Paul... You have been a Good & Faithful Servant of the Lord! Your reward in Heaven will be Great, due to the Exemplary Life you have led on this Earth. The world lost some of its Luster, when you left it last Friday. But, MY OH MY! ... has Heaven become so much more Brilliant, with your arrival!
Sincerely....Steve & Gloria Roberts*

Steve Roberts - April 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM

DR

Very nice tribute, Steve, to a fine man.

David Roberts - April 18, 2018 at 09:01 PM

TA

“ *We were saddened by the news of Paul's passing. Our condolences to the family. He was a very warm-hearted person. Tracey Alums and family.*

Tracey Alums - April 16, 2018 at 10:16 AM

AS

“ *Paul was one of the nicest men on this earth! I remember when I was dating my ex and I would walk by his house and he was sitting on his front porch and he offered us a drink and sit and talk to us! He always had stories that I will never forget. Now I can share the story that he was a great man!!* 🍷👍



Ann Spaeth - April 16, 2018 at 10:15 AM

EA

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Paul's death. I worked with him on saving the Booker T. Washington school building. He was a fine man. Our community has lost a lot with his passing. Eleanor Arnold*

Eleanor Arnold - April 15, 2018 at 09:12 AM