



Paul J. Hilligoss

June 23, 1948 - March 31, 2014

Paul J. Hilligoss, 65, of Indianapolis, passed away March 31, 2014 in Methodist Hospital. He was born June 23, 1948 in Rushville to Herman "Hilly" & Esther (Ralston) Hilligoss. He spent his early life in Rushville before moving to Indianapolis in 1978. Paul was a 1966 graduate of Rushville High School. He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the US Army. He married Barbara Matney on August 23, 1972 and she survives.

Paul was an electrical journeyman. He worked his apprenticeship with Philco Ford in Connersville, spent a few years with the Trane Company in Rushville and then worked for General Motors & Rolls-Royce in Indianapolis, retiring in 2008 after nearly 34 years. He was a member of the UAW and a dual member of the American Legion in Rushville Post #150, a Legioneer in Indianapolis and in Beech Grove he was in the Sons of the Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Indianapolis, a brother, David R. & wife Geana Hilligoss of Venice, FL and several nieces & nephews & great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 4 PM Friday, April 4, 2014 at Moster Mortuary in Rushville where friends are welcome to visit from 2-4 PM that day. Pastor Rick Rhoades will preside and burial will be in the Hopewell Cemetery in Rush County. The Rush County Veteran's Honor Guard will provide military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul J. Hilligoss*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. My memory of Paul, as one of your neighbors, would be of seeing him tend to his garden in the summer. Little Misty, the cat, running around hunting in the tended garden.*

Lillian Gates - April 12, 2014 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lillian Gates lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Hilligoss*



Lillian Gates - April 12, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Paul J. Hilligoss.*



April 04, 2014 at 07:22 AM

BZ

“ *It was my pleasure to know Paul at Rolls-Royce. I will always remember his cheerful smile and warm friendship. You could always tell if he liked you. He will always be with us. BZ*

Bob "BZ" Zellers - April 03, 2014 at 02:13 PM

WM

“ *My name is Dean McCane and Paul and I grew up together at Henderson School. We spent a lot of time together, Paul was my friend. We suffer together on the big move to Rushville Grade School; country kids going into the big city. I was just in r-ville last week and thought of Paul as I was driving pass his childhood/country home. Pau, I will always have you in my memories, it is has been an honor knowing you.*

Willard Dean McCane - April 03, 2014 at 09:44 AM

LH

“ *Aunt Barb, I just want you to know that I am sorry to hear about Uncle Paul's passing. I sure do have a lot of memories coming to visit the both of you during Christmas time and being able to spend time together. Christmas with the both of you was always a blast! I am sending you a big hug and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

To my dad (David) I am sorry for your loss. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as well. I am always here for you dad and I love you.

-Lynley Hilligoss

Lynley Hilligoss - April 03, 2014 at 06:03 AM

CC

“ Barb, I just want you to know how sorry I am to hear about Paul's passing. I talked to David today and asked about you. I know how hard it is to lose your spouse. Want you to know that I am praying for you and thinking of you. Sincerely. Cheryl Eaton Caudill (Jeana's sister).

cheryl eaton caudill - April 02, 2014 at 03:53 PM

WD

“ Paul was one of my favorite relatives, always smiling and sharing! We were second cousins, but Paul was closer in age to my older brothers than my mother. I remember our family visiting them in Rushville when I was young. We had a great time, - Aunt Esther in the kitchen, Uncle Herman with his twinkly eyes and Paul and David graciously allowing the younger kids to hang out with them. The annual Hilligoss/Land reunion was a blast every year - even if the grownups took their euchre very seriously!

Wanda Dodd - April 02, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ I remember Paul - although he was eight years older than me and I would have been about 10 years old when he graduated - David and their parents living across the street from us in Rushville in the 1960's. I also remember playing basketball behind their garage, in the alley, with the backboard attached to the garage. I just wanted to write and give my condolences to his family. Keeping you in my thought during this time of remembrance.



Greg Raike - April 02, 2014 at 09:46 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry to read about your brother David. You may remember me and my sisters. I am Donna, one of the Vonderheide girls. I remember how much we use to be together. If you remember we just lived through the field from you guys. You use to come over and we would play cowboys and Indians. (Way too may Westerns on T.V. then) You and Paul would also come over at harvest and we would ride in the wagons when Dad was picking corn. Seems just like yesterday. Just wanted to let you know that I am truly sorry for your loss.

Donna Wilson - April 02, 2014 at 08:23 AM