



Paul L. Lanphier

December 19, 2019 - December 30, 2019

Paul L. Lanphier, 78, of Oskaloosa died Monday, December 30, 2019, at the MHP Hospital in Oskaloosa. He was born on December 19, 1941, in Knoxville, Iowa, one of fourteen children born to Fred Earl and Viola Estella Johnson Lanphier. The family grew up in Tracy and Paul attended school there as well. Following school, he stayed with relatives and helped on their farms in the area. On November 23, 1959, Paul joined the United States Army. He served as a paratrooper and was honorably discharged on November 21, 1962. On June 7, 1962, he was united in marriage to Joyce Miller at Knoxville. To this union three children were born, Tammy, Terri, and Tina. Paul and Joyce later divorced. In 1962, Paul went to work at Rolscreen (now Pella Corp.) in Pella. He continued to work there for nearly 35 years until retiring in 1997, as his health was starting to decline. He valued his time at Pella Corp. He was a dedicated and hard worker that his managers and co-workers could depend on daily. In addition to a paycheck and benefits from Pella, Paul met the love of his life Miola "Pic" Hendricks in the factory at Pella. He and Pic were married on May 10, 1986, at Eveland Access in Mahaska County.

Paul loved life and people. He was always up for an adventure and looked forward to the challenge of learning new things. In his younger days, he built race cars and raced dirt tracks around the area. Paul did not let age determine what hobbies he wanted to try; he earned his pilot license at the age of 50, then at 60 he decided that was the perfect time to pick up a guitar for the first time and learn to play. He had a lifelong love of, cooking, camping, fishing, and boating. He was a talented handyman and enjoyed working on projects in his garage and around the house. He was a member of the Oskaloosa American Legion, V.F.W., and the Elks Lodge. Paul was an all-American Guy that anyone would be proud to call friend. He believed in being there for his family, friends and country. He cared about and respected the people around him and always found the best in everybody, even if he had to drag it out of them with a joke or a smile. He was content and happy with his life, he loved Pic and his children and grandchildren endlessly and he would tell and show them that often. He was a true servant warrior with a heart of gold that will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

His family includes his wife of over 33 years, Miola "Pic" Lanphier of Oskaloosa; three children, Tammy (Craig) Johns of Osage Beach, Missouri, Terri (Steve) Long of New Sharon, and Tina Lanphier of Oskaloosa; two step children, Tina Bunnell of Oskaloosa and Troy (Mary Jane) Bunnell of Stover, Missouri; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; a sister, Maribelle (Norman) Riddle of Pella; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Kenneth, Robert, Jerrold, Bill, Charles, and Howard Lanphier; and six sisters, Frieda Christianson, Maxine Faulkner, Clara Olson, Nellie Farmer, Phyllis VanDerVeer, and Mabel Porter.

As was Paul's wish his body has been cremated. Paul's family will be at the Bates Funeral Chapel from 6-7:30 Thursday evening to share stories and celebrate Paul's life. In lieu of flowers please bring your favorite story of Paul to share with Pic and the kid's. If you feel that you need to give in honor of Paul's life, please make donations to Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa Hospital.

Events

JAN **Visitation - Family Present** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

Comments



“ Pic...I am so sorry to hear Paul had passed. He was a man with heart!
Sharon and Curt Welch



Sharon and Curt Welch - January 12, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Pic and Family: sorry to be reading about Paul. My sincere condolences as he was one of the true good guys. Kent Sellars

Kent Sellars - January 05, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ RIP uncle Paul
Yvonne Alfaro Jett



yvonne Jett - January 03, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Paul and Pic were always easy to be around...both just genuinely good people. You'll be missed Paul!

Wanda VanderWerf - January 03, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ when ever we would go visit uncle paul, joyce and the girls there always a garage full of guys working on his stock car and having a good time.the girls and i would ride bikes all around the bock never straying from the square route of the neighborhood. joyce always had SWEET tea on hand. uncle paul had a Rupp dirt bike that mom and dad got me and boy oh boy did i love it. mom tried riding it once, she popped a wheelie, jumped the curb, crossed the street, and finally let off the gas when she "crashed" in the neighbor's yard. then there was the time that uncle paul brought over a store dummy, that he had dressed up for halloween and hung it up in his tree. apparently, mom and dad asked if they could barrow it. little to knowledge, as a joke, dad or maybe uncle paul put it in my car, on the driver's side.latter in the evening, i went to get in my car and low and behold was the "stranger" sitting in the driver's seat! as i let out a bloodcurdling scream, almost the entire neighbor came out to see what had happened and who was getting "murdered". everyone got a big old laugh, including uncle paul once mom and dad told him about it. thanks for being a part of my life that will always put a smile on my face. love you uncle paul.

mari jo lamb (riddle) - January 03, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ It was a Saturday afternoon in early May. My Dad and Paul started day drinking . Decided it would be a good idea to go for a plane ride. We took off from the Fremont airport and made our way to the Des Moines River. Flew so low that I swear I could have reached out and dangled my foot in the water! Scared me to death. Oh and thank you Paul for the turkey feather. It took twenty years before my dad told me that, that isn't a turkey feather , it's a bald eagle feather. How he got that for me I'll never know. Thanks Paul for the memories .
Dustin VerSteeg

Dustin VerSteeg - January 02, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Cindy Albright lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Cindy Albright - January 02, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ Wanda Allgood lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Wanda allgood - January 01, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ When our family first visited Iowa in the Fall of 1977 I remember our family visiting Paul and his family in Oskaloosa. Paul was still into dirt track car racing, which always interested me. Our prayers and love go out to the family.

Larry and Becky and the Pottridge family

Larry Pottridge - January 01, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Michael Lanphier lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Michael Lanphier - January 01, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Uncle Paul, you were always my favorite uncle on the Lanphier side of my family. I cherish memories of you. You always be with us no doubt. I love you.

Love...Michael Lanphier



Michael Lanphier - January 01, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Love, Todd, Jill, Kelley and Aaron Pfeiffer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul L. Lanphier.



Love, Todd, Jill, Kelley and Aaron Pfeiffer - January 01, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Paul was wonderful man that knew how to make people smile.my heart goes out to his family



Brenda ziegler - January 01, 2020 at 05:35 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. What a great guy that i had the honor to work with. I knew him as a kid as well...Mr.Smiles. My family always had a very high opinion of Paul. Prayers for the family.



John Voss - December 31, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ Marla Thomas lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Marla Thomas - December 31, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ Paul was a great friend. We remember all the great time we spent at the VFW and on the DesMoines river. We were truly blessed to have known him. Now his cancer is gone and he's picking with the best in heaven. Prayers go out to Pic and the family. He will be greatly missed. Bill and Jenni Bennett



Bill and Jenni Bennett - December 31, 2019 at 10:44 PM



“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Becky Netten - December 31, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ Paul was s great man! Remember him & Milo from Pella Corporation! Thoughts and Prayers to you all!!

Kristi Dursky - December 31, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ Mike And Ruth Bushnell lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Lanphier



Mike and Ruth Bushnell - December 31, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Pic and girls, I won't be able to be with you in person, as I am out of state, but my heart, thoughts and prayers will be with you now and in the days to come. Paul (I could never call him uncle as he was more of a big brother figure to me) was special! He spent time staying with us, on the farm, when I was just a little girl and it was Paul who taught me to tie my shoes and write my name (I was the only Kdg. who wrote my name in cursive!) My favorite story to share was when he gave me "candy"! Wow! was I excited until I tasted it and really didn't like it. Then he laughing told me it was pig pellets! Yep, that was Paul! In recent years we use to laugh over it and when he wasn't feeling the best I told him he better get to felling better or I would bring him some "candy"! You will be missed Paul but you touched this life as you did so many and I thank you!

Joyce Housley - December 31, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ Pic and family I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visiting with Paul when Larry plays the jam sessions at the V.F.W. Hugs and prayers for you.

Sandy ford - December 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ So sorry Pic. Paul was a great guy and good friend.

Diane Hughes Dea - December 31, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ Paul was a great man, one who I was very proud to call a friend. You will be dearly missed my friend.



Steve McCombs - December 31, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ paull was a very special uncle to me we had lot of fun, paul and pic use to come listen o my band when we played in town, they had a good time , paul was always there for every 1 no matter what the cost was or the time. he will be missed, love you uncle paul. Jerry, Debbie, and Girls Lanphier

jerrold lanphier - December 31, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ fly high sweet angel -- you definatly touched my family 's heart in so many ways ! When you walk thru those pearly gates my riverman will be there to greet you i'm sure .Catch up time for sure you two. We love you and your family so very much-- for us to choose a favorite story -- there are way to many so-- God bless we will love you always. Katherine VerSteeg and family

katherine versteeg - January 02, 2020 at 04:27 PM