



Paul Dean Franklin

July 17, 1942 - January 21, 2011

Paul Dean Franklin, Sr., 68, of Nashville, MI went to be with his Lord January 20, 2011 with his family by his side. He was born July 17, 1942 in Sondheimer, LA the son of the late Gaston E and Ollie (Richey) Franklin. Mr. Franklin was an electrician for the railroad, worked in construction, business owner and farmer. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed listening to gospel and country music. Some of his favorite things were hunting, fishing and trapping. He was a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3552 and American Legion Post #42. Mr. Franklin had his private pilots license, was very proud of his family and loved visiting his family in Louisiana and California. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sharon (Pease) Franklin; children, Dean Allen (Kim) Sweeney of Grass Valley, CA, Sharon Denise (Richard) Angus of Bellevue, Paul (Mandy) Franklin, Jr. of Bellevue and Paula (Willard) Pierce of Hastings; grandchildren, Dillon Sweeney, Lyndon Angus, Ethan Angus, Amelia Angus, Brooklyn Pierce, Lexi Pierce, Morgan Pierce, Connor Pierce, Madison Franklin and Weston Franklin. He was especially close to his siblings; sister, Alice Jean (Bob) Montfort of LA; brothers, Daryl (Nita) Richey of LA, Carl (Gloria) Franklin of TN, Russell (Clara) Franklin of MS and Mack (Ruby) Franklin of LA; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Helen (Joe) White and Barb (Chuck) Schutt; many many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and too many close, special people in his life that were like family to name here. You all blessed him with your friendship. Those who knew him know he rarely

met a stranger. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Shera Lynn and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Clifford and Gertrude Pease, brother Doug (Grace) Richey; nephews Bobby Montfort and Stevie Furr. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2011 with Pastor Glenn Branham officiating at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Kalamo Township, MI. Visitation will be Sunday, January 23, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Dean Franklin*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *I just found yesterday of Paul Sr.'s passing and I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He was a great man and I always loved seeing him drive by in his pickup truck waving and honking. Your whole family have been great neighbors and friends over the years. I am sure he is up sitting with my dad talking about their military days, the farm and the neighborhood. I am sure Paul is updating my Dad on all the changes and happenings going on. :-)* Please know Sharon, that I am just down the road and if you ever, ever, ever need anything let me know and I will be there to lend a hand, an ear to listen and/or a shoulder to cry on. Please know my mom, my daughter and I send our heartfelt and sincere condolences to all of you. Love you very much!

Tammy Friddle - January 26, 2011 at 02:59 PM

PS

“ *Your in our thoughts.*

Phillip and Debbi Shook - January 25, 2011 at 11:40 PM

KG

“ I am so honored to have known such a wonderful man! I spent a lot of time with Big Paul throughout my teen years and into my early adulthood, he would have given anyone the shirt off his back if they were in need. See you in heaven someday Big Paul and throw Stetson a bone for me!

Kilee Gardner - January 24, 2011 at 01:10 PM

GV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I wish I could be there. I'm glad for the times I did get to visit with Paul and wish it could have been more often. Love, Gloria and Family

Gloria Franklin Varnado - January 24, 2011 at 12:11 PM

RS

“ We are thinking of you and what a great person Paul was. We last saw him on Cordel's birthday. He remembered a lot of good times and it was great to talk with him. There are many sad hearts because of the many he touched.

Ronnie and Jayne Sears - January 23, 2011 at 10:46 PM

JB

“ I am so very deeply sorry about your loss. You have been a part of my life since I was 4 and it is a horrible shock to hear of your loss. I am very sorry!

Jason and Kathy (zinke) belt - January 23, 2011 at 03:46 PM

JA

“Denise, Sharon and family I am so sorry for your loss, I much enjoyed talking to Paul though the years, He is in such a better place and the pain is gone from his body. I am praying for your family to remember the good times with him in your life, he will be sadly missed by many, he was a true gentleman. Much love to all of you, if you need to talk I will be here. Jackie

Jackie Angus - January 23, 2011 at 11:38 AM

WH

“Paul you will be greatly missed. My condolences go to all his loved ones. I have very fond memories of us growing up at Darnell, La. together. Rest in peace.

William D. (W. D. or Dub) Hemphill - January 22, 2011 at 05:28 PM

AJ

“I was very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He and I grew up together at Darnell. He always would come and visit with me when he was down here. I will miss his visits. My wife and I are giving a memorial to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Paul's memory. May God comfort you. Alton Welch, Jr.

Alton Welch, Jr - January 22, 2011 at 12:33 PM

LB

“So many childhood memories with Paul I will cherish forever! God bless his family & all who loved him

linda & Bob Banks - January 22, 2011 at 12:05 PM

KR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all..May GOD wrap his arms around you and protect you, and fill you all with strength to get though this*

Kim (Ramon) Rogers - January 22, 2011 at 12:36 AM