



Paul Roger Williams

September 8, 1937 - October 13, 2018

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, Paul Roger Williams passed away from this Earthly plane. With his loving wife, Beverly, at his side he passed away at Del Webb hospital in Sun City West, Arizona.

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Paul was the youngest of seven children born to Everett and Dederika (Boven) Williams. True to his Dutch heritage, Paul learned the importance of hard work and education. By age ten he had his own paper route and worked odd jobs for his neighbors to earn spending money. After graduating from Western Michigan University with a Bachelors Degree in Business and a Master of Business Psychology Degree he moved to Flint, Michigan, to work for General Motors, Buick Division in their employment office. In 1968 Mott Community College, also in Flint, lured him to become a member of their teaching staff where Paul taught Business Education. It was while at Mott that Paul met and then on August 12, 1978, married Beverly Wallen Dobos, the love of his life. After retirement from Mott College in 1993, Paul and Beverly soon moved to Tucson, Arizona where they fell in love with living in a desert climate. In 2012 Paul and Bev moved to Sun City West, Arizona for eight years but were in the process of returning to Tucson to be with family and friends.

With his wife, Beverly at his side the couple traveled the world extensively enjoying the wonders of God's great creation. Paul was so proud of the fact that he visited 105 countries through the years. An avid reader, photographer, weight lifter, jewelry craftsman, golfer and chef, Paul was a man in perpetual motion. Paul was also a true dog lover, and spent many beautiful years in the company of Mitzi, Buffy, and Muffy. He personally trained Muffy to be a service dog and she served him faithfully for 14 years.

Paul lived for his children, step children, grandchildren and great grand children. He often said his children and step children were miracles given to him by God. He adored his daughters, Sheila (Michael) Froncek, and Stacey (Raymond) Leffler who were his pride and joy. He so loved and enjoyed his stepchildren, Colleen (Charles) Sanders, Mark (Sylvia) Dobos, Pam Dobos and Tony Dobos Jr. He was always amazed at the love he felt

for his eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He held all of them deeply in his heart and spoke of them often.

Paul was preceded in death by his siblings: Geraldine, Harold, Gordon, Robert, Richard, Donald and his grandchild, Faith Rees and his brother in law, Edward Wallen II, his sister in law, Elaine Kubica, his sister in law, Janet Bishop Wallen and his step son Daniel Dobos.

Burial services will be Thursday, October 18, 2018, in Tucson at Evergreen Mortuary on Oracle Road at 1:00 PM. There will be a visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Evergreen Mortuary

3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ, US, 85705

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Grandma, I have so many fond memories of grandpa. To going to funtastics, taking walks with muffy, or the time when we had my 8th birthday party at your old house and he shoved my nose into the cake. I'm sorry things are rough right now and you feel alone, but you have an amazing suppyory group and I love you. Stay strong!

Ethany Antonelli - October 22, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ Paul and I met in September, 1961 as graduate students at Western Michigan University. After finishing at Western, we both took jobs in Indiana. He went to Indianapolis to work as a civilian with the Army Enlisted Evaluation Center. I went with a division of General Motors in Anderson, which is about 45 minutes from Indianapolis. The draft was in full effect during this period and Paul encouraged me to consider leave GM and join his organization in Indianapolis, which I did. Because the Army position was part of the war effort it was classified as a "critical occupation," which allowed us to serve in the military as civilians without being formally drafted.

Although Paul and I had many good times in Indianapolis, my most vivid memory of those days is the announcement over the Army P.A. system that JFK had been killed. About a year later we both left the Army for different destinations. Paul accepted a position with Buick and I headed west to return to graduate school.

About five years later we both had academic positions in Michigan. We subsequently shared many life events. We built houses at the same time, bought new cars at the same time, and began new relationships at the same time. We remained best friends to the end.

Brad Huitema - October 18, 2018 at 01:59 PM



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Brad Huitema - October 18, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ Dear Mom,

I know that what you are going through right now is very difficult for you, but know that I am here for you. You have lost a husband and best friend. May the memories of all you hold most dear about Dad shine through the tears, and comfort you in the days and weeks ahead. He was truly a unique man and will be missed.

Love

Colleen

Colleen Sanders - October 18, 2018 at 01:11 AM