



William "Bill" A. Pauly

September 29, 1936 - August 10, 2014

William A. "Bill" Pauly, 77, of Urbana, died at 1:43 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2014 in the Springfield Regional Medical Center, Springfield.

Bill was born in Springfield, OH on September 29, 1936 to the late Raymond and Norma (McBeth) Pauly. He grew up in St. Paris, OH and graduated from St. Paris High School in 1954.

He joined the Navy and was assigned to a P2V-7 patrol bomber from 1955-58. It patrolled the Arctic, Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean oceans for submarine ships in trouble and plane wrecks. Bill was an electronic counter magnetic anomaly detector (ECM) operator (bombardier).

On his return to the states, he attended Urbana Junior College and graduated from The Ohio State University as a teacher. He taught at Miami East Junior High for 26 years. He then drove test cars at the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty for several years.

Bill was very active as a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary Catholic Church in Urbana for many years and was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1727, Urbana, OH.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Sheila (Ryan) Pauly of Urbana; 2 sons, Kevin M. Pauly of Springfield and Eric C. Pauly (Stephanie Shaw) of Dayton; 2 sisters-in-law, Elizabeth A. (Roy) Manning and Adele R. (Pat) Borns and nephew, Alex Borns, all of Dayton; and also many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several cousins.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014

in the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Urbana with Father Larry Gearhart celebrant. Burial will follow in Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana, where military honors will be provided the U.S. Navy and American Legion Pearce-Kerns Post 120.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's memory to St. Mary Catholic Church, 231 Washington Avenue, Urbana, OH 43078 or Community Mercy Hospice, 444 W. Harding Road, Springfield, OH 45504.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Cemetery

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
231 Washington Ave.
Urbana, OH

Tribute Wall

“ I was a junior high student in 1978-1980 at the old Miami East Conover building. I remember almost like it was yesterday, could never forget, the first time I encountered "Mr. Pauly." It was a distinctive meeting, where he was standing at the classroom door, and I was having some kind of troubles that was going to interfere with my getting in the classroom before the bell (perhaps locker stuck), and I tried to explain to him what was going on, and he said **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING** to me but kept rubbing two of his fingers together. I was a straight-A student and considered myself very perceptive, but for the life of me, I could not figure out what he was doing with his fingers and why he wouldn't speak to me! After several minutes leading to my total exasperation, I think he finally explained his movements were imitating the fiddle playing while Rome burned... ha ha... and **THAT** began an extremely special relationship for the next two years. I moved to Florida after high school, but cannot say how much I regret not ever having reached out to contact him again. I intended to, but life has a way of flying by. I certainly thought of him countless times, and it wasn't even a month ago, I was again recounting, as I have over my lifetime, one of the many stories involving some hysterical ordeal between him and I. You see, we had gotten into the habit of playing practical jokes on each other, and these had advanced so far by the end of two years (things you couldn't dream of doing today) to involve my receiving an entirely flunked report card (he gave me ZZZ- in citizenship), to his class being replaced unexpectedly by a class from a previous year! I can hear his exact words to this day, after running through the top floor desperately searching the other rooms, "Mr. DeWeese, where's my CLASS!?!". He didn't even ask, just knew I was responsible. I honestly look back at the wealth of true joy and camaraderie we shared in that short time, and believe we had become truly friends with just a vast age difference. Many, many times each week I somehow found time when he was without a class to talk at his desk about everything under the sun, and he challenged me, inspired me, and made me feel worthy at a time when I was suffering under an abusive home life. I feel such love in my heart for this man who made my junior high time special beyond

description, that made these two of the most priceless years I ever lived, and can only imagine how he impacted others in his life. I hope in sharing my memories and feelings I can add a little more time spent to honor such a special human being. It is truly people like Bill Pauly who could lead us to healing the world. I will NEVER forget him; he was one of the VERY most special people in my life. I wish much peace to his family, and with tears in my eyes, I am so thankful for this opportunity to share and remember.

Rod DeWeese - August 19, 2014 at 03:22 AM

NW

“ *Mr. Pauly was my Ohio History teacher in Junior High. He alone peaked my interest, and still flourishing love of history. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones. He was an amazing teacher, and inspiration to legions of Miami East Viking Junior High Schoolers.*

Nikkole Walker - August 17, 2014 at 08:14 AM

LR

“ *I would like to extend my condolences to the Pauly family. I was a student in Mr. Pauly's Ohio history class at Miami East junior high in 1992. I loved his class. He was the nicest man. He always made his class interesting and fun. I always loved the way that he told the history of Ohio. He would not put up with you sleeping in his class either. He would throw an eraser at your head if you did! although that never happened Although tha never happened to me. Years later around 2004 I had the privilege of speaking to Mr. Pauly at Springfield regional medical center where he was a patient and I was a phlebotomist. I was so happy I got to talk to him. I told him how he was my all-time favorite teacher and that made him smile. Thank you Mr. Pauly. May you rest in peace.*

Lesley Rogers - August 15, 2014 at 09:02 PM

DC

“ Sheila, Eric, and Kevin and Loved Family, Bill was a very special cousin to me. I was 5 yrs old when I remember my brother Tom and Bill as teenagers going hunting together in the woods. I wished I could go. And Fishing at Kiser, again I couldnt go with them. I wanted to be with Bill, he was so handsome and kind. I loved him as a cousin, and I loved him always. Heaven is Lucky to have him. And also, I was proud to tell my friends, my cousin looked like the Pope! Rest well, Bill, You will be missed by all!

Dianne (Pauly) Cox - August 15, 2014 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ Our prayers and condolences to the family at the passing of my former colleague. How Bill was admired by all of us at Miami East Junior High. I was unaware of his passing until numerous students contacted me. He was an incredible history teacher, full of knowledge and interesting antidotes. His mother and grandmother were amazing educators in their own right. He was a gentle soul who impacted many lives not only in our schools...but in our community. What a reunion there was in Heavenly Realms! Greg and Marcia Ward

marcia ward - August 15, 2014 at 05:26 AM

JR

“ Your family is in my thoughts.

Jackie Caccia Romanish - August 13, 2014 at 04:09 PM

WM

“ So sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. During difficult times like this I find it comforting to reflect on the good times you had and on the hope of seeing your loved one again. The last book of the Bible (Revelation 21:1-4) speaks of a restored paradise where the human family will have the prospect of enjoying life without end, free from all sickness, disease and death. May the above scripture bring comfort to your family.

w. murray - August 13, 2014 at 07:50 AM