



## Paul Ratté

October 10, 1923 - November 4, 2011

Paul Wilder Ratté Sr., 88, died Friday, November 4, in Corvallis. Paul was born October 10, 1923 in Hartford, Connecticut to Clifford and Ruth Ratté, and grew up in Brattleboro, Vermont. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Paul is survived by his wife of 25 years, Judith; brother, Jim (Fran) of Lakewood, CO; children, Paul Jr. (Linda) of Longview, WA; Karen Gressinger (Jim) of Tucson, AZ; and Clifford II (Lynne) of Pensacola, FL; and grandchildren, Kelly and Justin, also of Pensacola, FL. Paul was predeceased by his first wife, Georgette Caron Ratté. Inspired by the 1936 movie "Brother Rat," Paul decided on a Naval career. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1945, then earned his Wings of Gold, serving as a naval aviator for 26 years (Beat Army!). His final tour of duty was as Executive Officer of the Naval ROTC Unit at Oregon State University (Go Beavs!). Paul enjoyed a loving extended family which included Judy's children, Mark (Pam), Steve (Laurey), Karen Mattravers (Scott) and Kaye Wagner (Don), 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, all of whom he was very pleased to call his and share their lives as well. Paul and Judy loved to travel and spent many winters in Kauai, Hawaii where they served as docents on Kilauea point, a favorite whale-watching spot. Paul enjoyed bowling, was a Life Member of the Corvallis Elks, and a Life Master Bridge player, attending tournaments throughout the U.S. with Judy. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th St., Wednesday, on November 9th with Father Steven Clovis officiating. A military

burial will follow at Oak Lawn Memorial Park. Remembrances may be made to the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St. Corvallis, 97330.

# Tribute Wall

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“GO YANKEES” - thanks Uncle Paul, that cheer made my Dad laugh! And I'll never forget the first time I played golf was with you. 150 on the front 9 and 75 on the bck nine - you were so patient!

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**Joe, Guy, and Denise Nadeau** - November 10, 2011 at 09:06 PM

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Dear Judy, Cliff, Lynn & family,  
What sad news. It seemed like Paul would go on forever. We are truly saddened to hear this news. We will offer a Mass for him & family at Holy Spirit Parish. God bless you all. Our prayers are with you. What an incredible man.

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**Kurt, Angie & Darlene** - November 07, 2011 at 08:34 PM