



Paul Allen Trosper

November 18, 1931 - June 28, 2020

Paul Allen Trosper 88, passed away June 28, 2020.

Paul was born in Hamburg, Iowa to Ray and Adilena (Clary) Trosper. His family moved to Corvallis in 1942 and he graduated from Corvallis High School in 1950. He married the love of his life, Violet (Hope) on December 27, 1950. They were married 69 years.

He is survived by his wife Violet, daughter Diana (Leslie), 8 grandkids, 18 great-grandkids and by his beloved big sister Frances (Hall) that he affectionately called by her middle name Ramona, much to her dismay.

Paul was preceded in death by his two sons: Stephan Douglas Trosper, and Mark Allen Trosper.

He was civic minded and served as a member of the Civil Air Patrol in the early 1960's, was a lifetime member of the Elks, donated blood and was honored to be a "galloneer". Paul served on the Benton County Election board for many years. He was the 2nd of 4 generations to work Elections and loved sharing his homemade apple cake with his fellow workers on Election day.

He enjoyed his career as a mechanic both on and off the clock. As a mechanic at the OSU Motor Pool he had to test drive the State Police cars after servicing and according to family legend he once had fun running the lights and siren when he found himself behind his son Mark out on the road. He was also the Pit crew for his friend Ernie "The Fearless Chicken" at the Willamette Speedway in Lebanon.

Paul loved being in nature, especially fishing. He also loved camping in

Central Oregon, clamming in Newport, and crowdadding in the Big Elk. He and Violet spent many winters after retirement enjoying RV life on the Arizona desert with other “Fugitives”, as they called themselves. He loved hiking on the desert and taking in the beautiful Arizona sunsets.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 1. 2:30 AM - 4:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ It was Mary and my wonderful experience to work at Benton County Elections for many (15 years?).

What a great and wonderful experience Paul made for many of us as we worked together.

His humor, smile, teamwork, food (Cake) and looking after each of us was very special. It was never like it after he retired. He was one of a kind.

We know Violet was behind all the wonderful things Paul did for all of us.

There are very few gentlemen and all who met him were enriched.

Best thought and wishes to Violet and the family.

Duane & Mary Johnson

Duane Johnson - July 05, 2020 at 06:32 PM

HA

“ I've known Paul since 1967 when I got a job at OSU Motor Pool. Paul was funny and always had a smile on his face ! And, he LOVED playing pranks ! Paul was do anything he could to help anyone & had a kind heart. I worked with him for 15 years and wish I had kept in contact with him ! R.I.P. my dear friend and I hope your family will find peace❤️

Helen Atchley - July 03, 2020 at 02:38 PM

KT

Violet, Ken and I would like you and your family to know how sorry we are having read of Paul's passing. Ken truly enjoyed the 12 years they worked together at the OSU motor pool. Paul took him under his wing and I was so grateful for the way he would check in on Ken during the day since he was all alone in the body shop across the grounds from the mechanics shop. Paul was a very thoughtful and kind person with a mischievous sense of humor. His pranks kept everyone in stitches and on their toes! Ken missed working with Paul after his stroke and we both truly appreciated his hospital visits. Please know you and your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ken and Julie Torkelson

Ken and Julie Torkelson - July 09, 2020 at 01:14 AM

DZ

“ April and I would like to share our deep-felt condolences for the Trospen family.

We are lucky indeed to have had Paul and Violet as our next-door neighbors at our very first home, for upwards of 13 years and until 2014. It was quintessential: the time we spent talking across the fence, sharing stories, helping each other out with the occasional chore.

Paul was very tolerant and generous with our borrowing his tools-- his tool collection was amazing, and ours was decidedly not-- and he always had good ideas for us as we learned how to take care of our own home. Paul and Violet were kind to us, and they were a great combo.

We were able to meet all three kids, their spouses, as well as grand-kids and some greats. We appreciated how Paul and Violet were able to watch out for Steven during our time on the block; we tried to do the same. We appreciated the community of family that watched out for Paul and Violet during times when health issues arose and the otherwise very independent souls became a tad less so; we always tried to do the same.

Moving away from being Paul's and Violet's neighbors, we realized how lucky we were to have had such a great relationship with the family just over the fence. It was-- it is-- the way things should always be. It isn't the way things always are.

It was a privilege to know Paul. We wish Violet and the family the very best as they navigate this change. Best to all, remember the good, and take care of one another.

Sincerely,

David and April

David Zahler - June 30, 2020 at 01:38 PM

DL

Thank you so much for being the best neighbors for mom and dad! I know you actually stepped up a time or two because they did have their share of medical emergencies and I will forever be grateful that you were always there to make the calls. Dad and mom did love being your neighbors "over the fence".

Diana Leslie - June 30, 2020 at 04:21 PM

BH

My mom and dad were very good friends of Al and Annes Brunstrom - (Zane and Catherine Nichols). I met Vi and Paul a time or two and remember how sweet both were. I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved your mom!

Bev Nichols Hovelsrud - June 30, 2020 at 05:40 PM

DW

We grew up across the street from the Trosper's! Each of us have so many fond memories. Loved the quick visits we had with Paul & Vi in the last years when visiting family in Corvallis. Thinking of you Vi and Diana.
Diane Nelson Walker & Family

Diane Nelson Walker - July 10, 2020 at 03:39 PM