



## Paul Wycoff

May 22, 1922 - May 10, 2010

On May 10, 2010 a mighty singing voice fell silent from cancer and a beloved husband, father, and friend joined his forefathers in the heavenly chorus.

Paul Eugene Wycoff, a descendent of Dutch immigrants who came to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in 1637, was born in Kingman, Kansas in 1922. His father worked for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. His mother died when he was five years old and he lived for several years with relatives who taught him to sing.

During the Great Depression Paul worked at the Winfield Dairy and Ice Plant, delivering blocks of ice and serving ice cream, leading to a lifelong passion for chocolate ice cream. Paul won a college scholarship for his vocal performance, but was drafted into the Army in 1942.

Paul served as a military policeman and then a hospital corpsman during World War II. Assigned to the 229th General Hospital, he landed in France in August 1944 and sailed to the Pacific in 1945. He returned home to Winfield after the war ended.

Paul moved to California in 1946. His wartime marriage ended a few years later, but he was blessed with a daughter from that union. He married for a second time in 1954 to Jean Matthews and they had two children.

Paul worked as a masseur for the YMCA in Fresno during the 1950s and joined Pacific Airlines, now Northwest Airlines, in the 1960s as a station agent in Fresno and later in Eugene.

Paul's strong baritone voice inspired thousands as a loyal choir member and

frequent soloist for the Fresno and then Eugene First United Methodist Churches. In retirement he sang over 350 musical programs at Eugene area nursing homes. His repertoire ranged from Home on the Range, Old Man River, and God Bless America, to selections from Handel's Messiah. In 1986-87 he sang in the Eugene Opera's production of Madame Butterfly.

Paul also volunteered in retirement to help at the Eugene relief nursery and as an officer in the Wyckoff House and Family Association and in Post 293 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Paul's wife Jean died in 2006 and Paul moved to Corvallis to live with his daughter in 2007. He married Mary Lou Jones in 2009.

Paul is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Wyckoff, of Corvallis, daughter Sandra Daley of Santa Ana, California, son Wesley Wyckoff of Herndon, Virginia, daughter Julie Monk of Corvallis, and their families, many nephews and nieces, including Karen Cornish of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and many dear friends.

The First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis will hold a memorial service for Paul at 11:00 am on Friday, May 14, 2010. A graveside entombment with military honors will take place at 2:00 pm at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorial donations can be made in Paul's memory to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, 1801 Willamette Street, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I just learned of Paul's passing and just have to say what a joy he was! He sang at my wedding and was always a happy, loving, and gentle man. I shall miss him.

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**Barbara Britt** - September 21, 2010 at 07:05 PM

DF

“ I send condolences from myself and my sister Kathleen Perreira, who lives in Hawaii. We are cousins of Paul. She had talked with him by telephone in the past and had hoped to visit with him this summer. He was so very talented.  
Our cousin Ted Dalton sent us the notice of Paul's passing.

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**Dr. Charlotte Farney** - May 28, 2010 at 05:20 PM

CV

“ I met Paul while i was searching an old friend in the USA over e-mail. Paul stayed an e-mail friend who i will miss. I wish his Familie all the strenght they need to come over this loss. May Paul rest in peace. Charles.

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**Charles Vlaanderen** - May 16, 2010 at 09:57 AM

LM

“ Uncle Paul left me some fond childhood memories of him driving us in his deisel-fueled car to treat us to ice cream. I will miss his phone calls and his willingness to share his singing techniques. I greatly treasure the CDs of his music. My prayers are with all the Wycoff family.

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**Lorna Matthews** - May 13, 2010 at 08:13 PM

LR

“ I have been a friend of Linda Dodson's (Mary Lou's daughter) for over 20 years. I met Paul last summer during a visit with Linda. He and Mary Lou had recently married and they looked so happy. I could tell right away what a charmer he was and why everyone liked him right away. He had a beautiful soul and that shone bright. Prayers and condolences to Mary Lou, her family and all of Paul's family. My visit north was better for having met Paul. Sincerely, Liz Stretton Reinke

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**Liz Stretton Reinke** - May 13, 2010 at 03:01 PM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

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**Lois von Hippel** - May 13, 2010 at 09:43 AM

JH

“ Dear Wycoff Family! Your father touched our lives in such a wonderful way! His voice and even more memorable to me was his smile! Many years of our church life together between your family and mine, I can only believe that they are all up there now having a wonderful reunion! Know that we are always here for you if you ever need anything! All our love, Then Luce Family (Jane, Linda and Jeff...and families)

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**Jane Hart** - May 13, 2010 at 09:20 AM

TR

“ So thankful that Bonnie made it back to Oregon in time to be with her family during the time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Tayna Rains** - May 13, 2010 at 07:30 AM

BH

“ *Paul Wycoff*

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**Barbara Hale** - May 13, 2010 at 02:22 AM

CK

“ *May God's peace be upon you and your family. Uncle Paul will be greatly missed.*

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**Carol Koyne** - May 12, 2010 at 10:53 PM