



Paul Draeger

November 8, 1921 - February 4, 2013

Paul F. Draeger, age 91 of Woodruff, died February 4, 2013, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. He was born on November 8, 1921 in Colby, the son of Paul and Anna (nee Panke) Draeger. He was a Mason and was very active in the church. A talented vocalist, Paul sang with the choir at Community Presbyterian Church and weekly at the Avanti Nursing Facility. He enjoyed spending time at the Lake of the Torches Casino. Paul is remembered fondly by the many people whose lives he touched with his kind, generous and humble heart.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife of 61 years, Joyce Anderson Draeger, his devoted son, Paul L. Draeger, his sister, Henrietta Becker, and a nephew, David Becker. He is survived by his grandchildren, Brandon Paul Draeger and Jessica Draeger (Tony Chapman II), his daughter-in-law, Cindy Draeger, a great-grandson, Henry Paul Chapman, a nephew, Keith Paul Becker, special friends Linda and Ken Biek and Nancy and John Bruno.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 2 PM at Community Presbyterian Church in Lac du Flambeau. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Presbyterian Church in Paul's name.

Tribute Wall

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“ DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KNOW THAT MY UNCLE PAUL IS NOW AT HOME, AT REST, PEACE AND WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY AND OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST!

HE WAS SO SPECIAL TO ME - -WE TALKED EVERY WEEK AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED THE HARD TIMES IN COLBY DURING THE DEPRESSION, THE GOOD TIMES AND THE TRIALS HE HAD TO ENDURE DURING THE RECENT YEARS.

HE WAS CERTAINLY A VERY SPECIAL UNCLE.
I WILL MISS HIM AND OUR TALKS.

MAY YOU KNOW THAT MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU DURING THIS MOST DIFFICUTL TIME.

I LOVE YOU ALL!

KEITH PAUL BECKER
PROSPECT, OHIO

KEITH PAUL BECKER - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

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“ We are thinking of you. We loved Paul and have many good memories.

ken and linda biek - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

JP

“ Sincere condolences on the loss of my Dad's cousin Paul. I can still hear him being referred to as "Pauly" by my Great Aunt Anna Draeger. (Hope I'm right about the memory.) It's comforting to know he is 'home.'

Julie Panke

Julie Panke - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

BD

“ Thank you all for the warm thoughts and love for my grandfather. He will be missed by so many. I hope to see everyone at the memorial service, and give grandpa the send off he deserves.

Brandon Draeger - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ I will always remember our good times spent together, fishing at your cabin, trip to CA. etc.

Sue Becker - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

KA

“ Paul and Joyce were one of our first tenants at Balsam Woods Apartments, in Woodruff, where they lived for many years. They became more than tenant/landlord relationship, we became dear friends.

Paul enjoyed the outdoors in the summer and he became our "official caretaker" of the grounds at the apartments. He took pride in his work and it showed. We built a shed with a sign saying "PAUL's SHED" so he could keep all the tools of his trade. Many times you would see Paul and Joyce sitting in their lawn chairs in front of his shed. He would love to stop and talk to as many people as he could.

There were times I would stop and Paul would be laying in his lounge chair, shirtless, catching the sun's ray. I would take time to stop and chat. We would talk about anything and everything, and ALWAYS laugh. We always ended with a smile and a hug.

I know Paul is "landscaping the heavens" and sitting with Joyce catching the sun's ray.

When your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help you find the smile!

God Bless,
Kathy & Bob Almekinder
Steve Forrest
Balsam Woods Apartments

Kathy & Bob Almekinder - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

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“ *God Bless You all as you worship today and remember such a special Grandpa. Our prayers and condolences are with you. Love, Barbara Nieman & family.*

Barbara Hitt Nieman - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

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“ *AGAIN JUST MY THOUGHTS TO ALL OF YOU. EVEN THOUGH I COULD NOT ATTEND THE SERVICE FOR MY UNCLE PAUL, I WAS THERE IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. I AM SURE YOU PERHAPS SANG HIS FAVORITE HYMNS LIKE AMAZING GRACE AND PERHAPS WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS AND OTHERS.*

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND COMFORT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IN YOUR SORROW!

HE WAS A SPECIAL UNCLE BUT NOW AT REST AND PEACE.

SINCERELY,

KEITH P. BECKER

KEITH P. BECKER - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Paul Draeger*

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