



Paul "Paudy" L. Hansford

February 8, 1929 - June 25, 2016

Paul "Paudy" L. Hansford, 87, of Stratham, New Hampshire passed away peacefully following a short illness at his home on Saturday June 25, 2016.

Paul was born Feb. 8, 1929 in Bloomfield, IN, the son of Ruel "Pete" Hansford and Dessie Townsend Hansford.

Paul was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Bloomfield, IN, and after moving out of state, he attended Bethany Christian Church in Greenland, NH.

Paul served as a member of the U.S. Army in the Korean War, was a proud veteran, and was a lifetime member of the American Legion in Bloomfield, IN. He was also a member of the Bloomfield Lions Club.

He owned and operated Demaree Cleaners for a number of years. He was manager of the Bloomfield Housing Authority for 25 years, and worked at The Bloomfield State Bank for 20 years. He was also a justice of the peace in Bloomfield in the early 70's.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Wilma Ruth Fuller (Howard), his brothers, Kenneth and Bernard Hansford, his sister Mary Ann Strange (Gerald), and brother-in-law Jack Brinegar, two nieces, Cathy Strange

and Jane Saunders.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Arlene Compton Hansford, his sister, Patty Brinegar, his daughter, Vicki Lambert (Mike) of Bedford, IN, sons Mark “Wally” Hansford (Kim), Bloomington, IN, and Joel Hansford (Nancy), Stratham, NH. He had ten loving grandchildren and twelve wonderful great-grandchildren.

Paul was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing his produce with all his family, friends and neighbors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting (small game and mushroom), and making praline candy. In later years, he enjoyed carving walking canes and giving them to family and friends. Overall, his great joy in life was giving to others.

Paul was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He had numerous friends and will be greatly missed by all.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 P.M. on Friday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield and 9:30am Saturday until the hour of service at the Church.

Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday at the Bloomfield First Christian Church with Pastor Scott Chastain and Rev Arlen Pope officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery with Bloomfield American Legion Honor Guard having Military Services.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

Bloomfield, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
421 South Seminary Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424
(812) 384-4212
info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bloomfield First Christian Church
120 West Spring Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, Vicki and the family of Paul Hansford, we just wanted to send our sympathy for your loss. Paul was a special person who was an influence on many lives. He always had a wave and a smile for the people he met around Bloomfield. All our sons worked for him when he managed the Highrise and thought he was a good boss. I know you have many happy memories.

Dallas and Sharon Frederick

Sharon Frederick - July 02, 2016 at 08:09 AM

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“ I have many memories of Paul Hansford, but one memory in particular comes to mind. One morning I arrived at the Highrise at around 7 AM. After weaving my way through the boiler room entrance, I lightly tapped on the door and was greeted by Paul. “Oh sorry,” I said, “I tried not to wake anyone.” “Don’t worry,” he replied mater-of-factly, “I’ve been up since 4. Took care of a few things around here, stopped by the bank and did a couple jobs, walked on down to the brickyard, did a little fishing, and on the way back found a couple of mushrooms. I was just making breakfast, do you want any?” I realized then that Paul had already accomplished more before 7 AM than I would that entire day. Paul was a mover. I thought he would go on forever.

But what he didn’t tell me was that in that short time he had also talked to and touched the lives of dozens of people along the way. He always had a kind word. He remembered what your thoughts, concerns, or problems were and every time he saw you, would ask how you were doing. He cared about what was happening in your life.

There are many lessons I learned from Paul (not the least of which was what fungi I could eat without needing to have my stomach pumped). One of the most important was to take the time to make a difference in others’ lives. By the grace of God should I get into Heaven someday, the first person I look up will be Paul Hansford and ask him to show me around. I figure by then he will have walked every inch inside the Pearly Gates and will know and love everyone there as they will know and love him.

Scott Frederick - July 02, 2016 at 06:04 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Scott Frederick - July 01, 2016 at 08:07 PM

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“ Scott Frederick and Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Paul "Paudy" L. Hansford.



Scott Frederick and Family - July 01, 2016 at 11:09 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Paul with the Hoza-Frederick Kids



Scott Frederick - July 01, 2016 at 10:23 AM

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“ Arlene, Vicki, Mark, Joel: I'm so sorry to hear about Paul. What a character he was! I always enjoyed hearing the news Dad would share after one of their regular phone calls, and I remember the many times we shared at our houses during the epic euchre games when I was a kid. Peace and prayers to you all.

Sandy Tidwell - June 30, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Paul "Paudy" L. Hansford.



June 30, 2016 at 03:34 PM

Tammi Duzan

“ Tammi Duzan sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul "Paudy" L. Hansford



Tammi Duzan - June 30, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ Bless your family.



Anna Kaye Mitchell - June 30, 2016 at 09:50 AM

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“ I met Paul back in 1979 when I started working at Bloomfield State Bank. He has been a great friend and buddy since then I will never forget all the fun and memories we have shared. He was a great guy and I shall miss him forever. 💔

Charlene Mullis - June 30, 2016 at 07:16 AM