



## Paul J. Trampke

September 14, 1944 - June 30, 2017

Paul J. Trampke, 72, of Bloomfield, died Friday morning, June 30th at IU Health Bloomington Hospital, after a short illness. He was surrounded by family. Paul was born September 14, 1944, the son of Joseph and Hilda Trampke. Paul spent his life on the family farm near Owensburg, which was purchased in the 1950's after his parents left the Chicago area.

Paul graduated in 1962 in the first class of Eastern High School. He joined the Navy directly out of high school, completing his boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Station and served as a radar man aboard the USS. Notable. Upon returning from the Navy, Paul used his GI bill to attend Indiana University, graduating from the IU Kelly School of Business with a degree in Labor Relations and Human Resources. He later returned to school for graduate courses in Public Finance. He began his career at Otis Elevator as a press operator and Chief Union Steward.

Paul spent his lifetime career in the Employment arena, first as an employment counselor with the Work One offices, and as an on-the-job training developer working with employers to hire and train workers. For a time he served as the Assistant Director of the Shawnee Trace Workforce area. Paul retired from Vincennes University in 2006, after twenty plus years, as a Workforce Development Specialist providing education and training services to the unemployed, underemployed and dislocated workers. Paul

served as Jackson Township Trustee for sixteen years, and one term as President of the State Trustee Association, a 4,000 member organization. He retired from the trustee position in 2010 when he decided not to run again. Paul served previously on the Board of Directors of the Greene County Humane Society, Eastern School Board member, PACE, Clifty Memorial Association and currently was working with the Greene County Election Board.

An avid reader, Paul's interests ranged from books on the Civil War, to biographies, and military history. Paul had a strong sense of family and community. He enjoyed political discussions, farming, playing cards, canoeing, camping and traveling to most of the 50 states, and overseas, to Italy, Ireland, France, and a longboat canal excursion in England. He was steadfast, honest, and hard working, a true family man with a wry sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cam, two daughters Hilda (Steve Breedlove) Trampke, Julia (Zac) Crane, and four grandchildren, Zoe Trampke Lee, Cooper Crane, Ryder Crane and Mallorie Crane. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Hilda Trampke, and siblings, sisters; Patricia Lorek, Diana Asher, Margaret Abel and one brother, Martin Trampke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Pastor Kent Huber officiating. Interment will follow in Dishman Cemetery in rural Owensburg.

Public visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday July 5, 2017 at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Trampke Family Fund, at the Greene County Foundation, 4513 W. St. Rd 54, Bloomfield, Indiana 47424. The fund provides grants to local not for profits, to meet immediate community

needs.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dishman Cemetery

S. Owensburg Road  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield  
421 South Seminary Street  
Bloomfield, IN 47424  
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## Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I just wanted to say that I was so sorry to hear of this, and I regret that I was not able to attend the visitation to pay my respects.

*I worked with Paul more than 20 years ago, when the Workforce Development offices were still in Bloomfield. He was an incredible co-worker that I have thought of fondly over the years. He was intelligent, had a ton of stories to tell, and really cared about the people that we served.*

*The world would be a far better place if we had more like him. My condolences to Cam and the family.*

*Selena Kingsley*

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**Selena Kingsley** - July 10, 2017 at 09:46 PM

NB

“ I appreciated the opportunity to work with Paul as Trustee of Jackson Twp. & the support given to me as well. May God's Peace & Comfort be with each of you! Each of you are in our Thoughts & Prayers!

*Larry & Nellie Blevens*

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**Nellie Blevens** - July 09, 2017 at 07:34 PM

GM

“ Cam,

*I was so sorry to learn of Paul's death. It was always a pleasure to see him. I remember years ago seeing the two of you at the Soup Bowl fundraiser for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, back when he was trustee. He did so much for the community. I send my sympathy.*

*Glenda Murray*

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**Glenda Murray** - July 07, 2017 at 09:43 PM

BT

“ *Kevin and I always enjoyed seeing you and Paul at Bill and Vicky's. He was very kind and a lot of fun to be around. Our deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Beverly Tevault** - July 05, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.*



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July 05, 2017 at 04:24 PM

JW

“ *Cam: Please accept my deepest sympathy on Paul's passing. I did not see him often over the last years, but have many fond memories of working with him. The photo with the obituary perfectly captured his ever present smile and twinkle in his eyes. He was a great guy.*  
*John Whikehart*

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**John Whikehart** - July 05, 2017 at 02:57 PM

CH

“ Josh and I both enjoyed working with Paul in the Owensburg community. He was kind and patient and a real asset to the community. He will be missed by many. Our condolences to his beautiful family.

*Carianne Helms*

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**Carianne Helms** - July 05, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.



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July 05, 2017 at 10:25 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort during this very difficult time.

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**Bette Meng** - July 05, 2017 at 09:31 AM

BM

“ Bette Meng lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Trampke



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**Bette Meng** - July 05, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ We always loved the opportunity to be around Paul and his sharp wit and sense of humor. His enormous love for his family was always apparent. His care for the less fortunate was also something to emulate. Just two years ago we were setting off fireworks and lanterns at his beautiful farm and having the best time celebrating the USA and his granddaughter's birthday. He was smiling the whole time. Paul's memory will always make us smile. Our hearts go out to Cam, Hilda and family, and Julia and family. Love to all-- Jesse, Tracy, Esther, Juniper, and Karis Crane

Jesse Crane - July 05, 2017 at 09:17 AM

DB

“ Cam, so sorry to hear of your loss...my deepest condolences to you and your family.

David Benefiel - July 05, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.



July 04, 2017 at 09:09 PM

RB

“ Robin Branch lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Trampke



Robin Branch - July 04, 2017 at 08:05 PM

TC

“ *The Fergusons, Tom, Patty, Derek & Cristina purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul J. Trampke.*



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**The Fergusons, Tom, Patty, Derek & Cristina** - July 04, 2017  
at 07:18 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.*



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July 04, 2017 at 03:50 PM

LB

“ *Hilda,*  
  
*I'm sorry for your loss.  
You and your family will remain in my  
thoughts.*



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**Linda Milam Brown** - July 04, 2017 at 02:32 PM

TR

“ *Cam, Hilda and Julia, I am so sorry for your loss, I had no idea he was ill, if you need anything, please let me know. Love you all.*

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**Tamey Rollins** - July 04, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.*



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July 03, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *I worked with Paul as a CETA Specialist 76-78 and saw him over the years at meetings and other get togethers. I always considered Paul a good friend. When we were CETA Specialists, back in the day, we would meet every Friday for "coffee" and to "discuss" things. (He and I shared a dry sense of humor). I am so sorry to see that he is gone I know he will be missed. I know he loved Cam very much he always talked about what a good person she was. He was a good man.*

*Sincerely,*

*Max Johnson*

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**Max Johnosn** - July 03, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Cam,  
So sorry for your loss. I'm sure he was a wonderful man. Continued prayers for you.  
Leota Brinson*



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**Leota Brinson** - July 03, 2017 at 08:18 AM

DC

“ *God Bless !*



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**Doil Craig** - July 03, 2017 at 08:04 AM

MB

“ *Martha Bowers lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Trampke*



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**Martha Bowers** - July 02, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.*



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July 02, 2017 at 08:58 PM

KR

“ *so very sorry to hear pauls passing.i sure enjoyed cut his hair,it alway a good and differnce story he told me. i will miss him comming into the shop ken robertson.*

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**ken robertson** - July 02, 2017 at 06:10 PM

LS

“ Thoughts and prayers for Cam, Hilda, Julia, Zac, Steve, Zoe, Cooper, Ryder, Mallorie and other family and friends of Paul. May you find strength in one another in this difficult time. And know you are blessed to have each other and to have Paul in your life~though never long enough.



La Shona - July 02, 2017 at 01:43 PM

SH

“ So sorry, Cam. I miss our square dancing days when you both were always laughing and smiling! Good memories...thoughts and prayers.  
Sharon Sparks



sharon - July 02, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.



July 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM

LF

“ Our family has your family in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort during these hard days ahead knowing you have family and friends to help you through the difficult times

Larry and Beverly Burris family - July 02, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Trampke.



July 02, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ I worked with Paul for many years. He was a wonderful co-worker and friend. He will be missed by so many!! Kathy McKee

Kathy McKee - July 02, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ Rodney Burch lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Trampke



Rodney Burch - July 02, 2017 at 05:13 AM



“ So sorry to hear your sad news. He was a good, kind and considerate man, with whom I always enjoyed working alongside on projects for the betterment of Greene County. He will be greatly missed. Praying for the Lord to comfort you, your family and all who are grieving. Love and hugs.



Joan Bethell - July 01, 2017 at 09:41 PM

SH

“ *My thoughts are with the family. Paul was a good man. Sandra Hudson*

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**Sandra Hudson** - July 01, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Paul J. Trampke*



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**Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc.** - July 01, 2017 at 03:53 PM

IB

*Paul was a kind and thoughtful person. He always made me feel special. Paul will be missed*

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**Iris Bell** - July 02, 2017 at 04:02 AM

TC

*Cam sorry to hear about Paul our thoughts and prayers are with you*

*Tracy Clayton Clayton Cemetery Trust*

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**Tracy Clayton** - July 02, 2017 at 08:08 PM

PJ

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts, hugs, and prayers are with you. Patti Joness*

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**Patti Jones** - July 02, 2017 at 10:44 PM