

Paul Duane Ascherl, was born May 31, 1933 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Hughie and Marie (Crowley) Ascherl. Paul attended Corpus Christi Catholic School in Ft. Dodge, Iowa until the 6th grade; he finished his education in the Ft. Dodge School System graduating from Ft. Dodge Senior High in 1951. After high school he helped his dad farm before joining the United States Army in September of 1953, he was discharged from active duty in August of 1955 and served in the Iowa Army National Guard in Ft. Dodge until 1960. On April

27, 1957, he was united in marriage to Lois Ann Albrecht at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Clare. The young couple made their home north of Ft. Dodge for a few years before moving into Ft. Dodge in 1959. Paul started (crop) farming northwest of Ft. Dodge in 1959 until 1969. In 1962; he was hired on at Hormel and the family moved to Clare, where he raised hogs from farrow to finish north of town. While living in Clare, Paul was the mayor and a charter member of the Clare Volunteer Fire Department. In 1969, they moved to an acreage in Deer Creek Township northwest of Ft. Dodge, where he raised hogs and feed out cattle. Paul taught his boy's the



value of an honest day's work for an honest day's wage, and he instilled in the boy's to always tell the truth, because that their word was their bond. Paul loved the land and the outdoors and could fix or build anything and taught his boy's the same, from replacing an engine, fixing a dent in a car, or even painting a car with a chicken feather (oh wait that's a different story), to remodeling a home. Paul attended as many of his son's sporting events, musicals or singing engagements that he could. In 1982, the Ft. Dodge Hormel Plant closed. Paul was



transferred to the Hormel Plant in Beloit, Wisconsin. In 1983, Lois and their sons John and Luke followed and settled in Janesville, Wisconsin. Paul retired in 1998 from Hormel and moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa where they were centrally located among the grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois on February 6, 2013. Paul remained in Emmetsburg until moving to the Allison Rehabilitation Center in Allison, Iowa due to declining health issues in April of 2026. Paul passed away at the Allison Rehabilitation Center in Allison, Iowa on Friday, July 3, 2026 reaching the age of 93 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Paul was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg, the Emmetsburg Knights of Columbus #936, the Emmetsburg VFW Post #2295 and the Emmetsburg Kiwanis Club. While living in Clare he was active with St. Matthew's Catholic Church and was a member of St. Williams Catholic Church while in Janesville, Wisconsin. His son's and grandchildren were very special to him and he would drive anywhere to see them perform in an event. He enjoyed playing cards, laughing, family and friends; he also enjoyed listening to singing. After his retirement he enjoyed restoring old Antique Farm Equipment and woodworking, he also became a good Grill Master.



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'ABCs of song' – Ascherl Brothers, Clare

Paul never met someone he didn't know and if he did, he knew them when he was done; he could talk the paint off a fence post.

Left to cherish his memories are his eight sons and their spouses, Matthew and Elaine of Parkersburg, Iowa; Todd and Cathy of Dalton, Nebraska; Mark and Annie of The Colony, Texas; David and Sandy of Janesville, Wisconsin; Michael and Joan of Ft. Dodge, Iowa; Joseph and Donna of Johnston, Iowa; John and Stefanie of Waveland, Mississippi and Luke and Amy of Eagle Grove, Iowa; thirty grandchildren: Jeremiah, Kara (Brandon) Bueter, Megan (Derek) Snakenberg, Andrew (Liz) and Evan (Shay); foster granddaughter, Gina (Marc) Fowler; Elizabeth (Joseph) Kupper, Daniel (Amanda), Zach (Leae), Alex (Rachel), Brigitte (Keith) Kenagy, Samuel (Jamie), Isaac (Karley), Theresa and Kadie; Paul, Patrick, Megan Martin) and Ally; Cassidy (Luke) Svehla, David (Elbee) & Michael (fiancé, Megan Martin); Jocelyn (Taylor) Hansen and Madeline; Caitlin (Andy) Parthum, Collin, Caroline (Kylar) Honan and Connor (Meg); Fulton and Will; Brett and Rylie; fifty-seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, a sister, Helen and her husband, Dave Coppinger of Waukee, Iowa; and other relatives and friends, especially Mike Cullen, Randy Janssen, Dave Shirk and Jim Stevens.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; his parents, 2 brothers, Tom, Emmett Ascherl; and a sister, Irene Kerlin Templeton and a foster great grandson, Josh Fowler.



A Celebration for the Life of Paul Duane Ascherl

BORN

May 31, 1933 ~ Ft. Dodge, Iowa

ENTERED INTO REST

July 3, 2026 ~ Allison, Iowa

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

10:30 A.M. Monday, July 13, 2026

Holy Family Catholic Church ~ Emmetsburg, Iowa

Msgr. Kenneth Seifried ~ officiating

MUSIC

"In The Arms Of An Angel" by Sarah Buerellis

Entrance ~ "Here I Am Lord"

Psalm ~ "Shepherd Me, O God"

Offertory ~ "Prayer of St. Francis"

Communion ~ "On Eagle's Wings"

Recessional ~ "Be Not Afraid" "Oh Danny Boy"

Pianist: Joan Ascherl

Cantor: Jocelyn Hansen

CASKET BEARERS

Grandsons

Jeremy, Andrew & Evan; Daniel, Zach, Alex, Sam & Isaac

Paul & Pat; David Jr. & Mike; Collin & Connor;

Fulton & William and Brett

FINAL RESTING PLACE

St. James's Catholic Cemetery ~ Clare, Iowa

Military Graveside Service by the

Iowa Army National Guard of Camp Dodge

and Fort Dodge VFW Post #1856

Arrangements are under the care of the

Martin Mattice Funeral Home ~ Emmetsburg, Iowa

We wish to express our gratitude for your kind thoughts and prayers.

*You are invited to join the family in the Holy Family Parish Center for
refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.*

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorials be directed to:

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001-2997

and or St. Edmonds Catholic High School

2321 6th Ave N Ft Dodge, Iowa 50501

Daddy's Hands

*I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer
and reaching out to hold me when I had a nightmare
you could read quite a story in the caluses and lines
years of work and worry had left their mark behind*

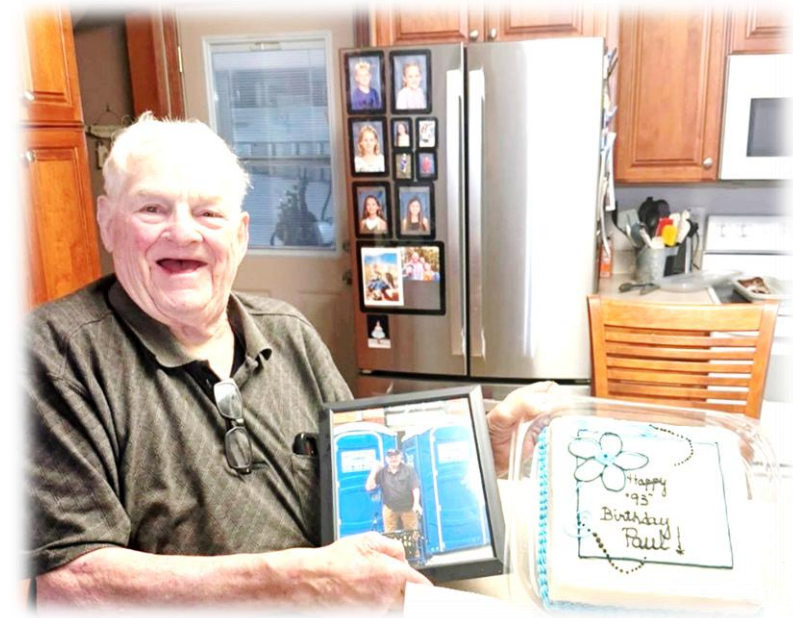
*I remember daddy's hands how they held my momma
tight and patted my back for something done right
there are things that I've forgotten that I loved about
the man but I'll always remember the love in daddy's
hands*

*Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to
understand there was always love in daddy's hands*

*I remember daddy's hands working til they bled
sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again
and never take for granted the love in daddy's hands.*



A Celebration of a New Life



Paul Duane Ascherl

1933 ~ 2026