

## Loving Memorial for Paul Menely Randle

Morning Family & Friends,

We are gathered here to celebrate Paul, a loving husband, dedicated father, devoted son, loving brother & awesome Papa to 5 precious grandchildren, a dear cousin and brother in law to Tina's siblings.

Paul filled many family roles, the Patriarch of their family and was always a good friend. He had a quiet spirit and strength. Our family truly appreciates the effort Paul showed to us by helping to relocate our sister, Chris 5 yrs. ago from Memphis back to Illinois. He drove us in the RV & once there he helped to clear out the house to sell. The RV was Paul's pride & joy. He & Tina loved camping especially taking the grandchildren with them & of course Roxie his dog. Paul loved his doggies and always strived to make their lives better no matter what they might be battling. Most recently, Tucker a boxer, Lucky a Chihuahua and lastly Roxie a pit bull plus many more before them.

We remember his kindness, humility, grace and funniness in life, that twinkle in his eye and last but not least we remember Paul was a hard working man. Something not many people know is that Paul liked to cook & bake. His signature dish was chicken, rice & vegetable casserole along with baking cookie brownies, his favorite.

Paul was the son of a Minister and his Mom is a retired nurse. He was the youngest of 3 sons. In Paul's youth, he spent every summer with his maternal grandparents in LaGrange, Indiana. He loved working on the farm taking care of the crops and animals, milking the cows, feeding the chickens, pigs and horses. One Christmas, his brother Dave gave him a framed aerial view of the family farm which he cherished.

We do not know why God called Paul home too soon at the age of 66, but let us be comforted by these words from Isaiah 55: 8-9:

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways declares the Lord. As the Heavens are higher than the Earth so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

In Tina's heart for Paul she has been comforted by The Beatitudes given by Jesus during His Sermon on the Mount. They are found in the Gospel of Mathew 5:

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted, Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled, Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Just a little story to share with you; the small piano you see sitting on a side table meant a great deal to Paul in his life. You wind it up and it plays Amazing Grace which Paul & Tina played every night before going to sleep.

In closing, Tina has also been comforted by these verses from Zephaniah 3:17: The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. We thank God for His Word. May Paul now rest in Peace.