



Paul Joseph Epsha

September 5, 1934 - October 15, 2023

Paul Joseph Epsha peacefully transitioned to his eternal rest the evening of October 15, 2023.

Born in 1934 to Joseph and Rose (Krebs) Epsha in Detroit, Michigan, Paul was a first-generation U.S. citizen who loved his family above all his many priorities, interests and hobbies.

He was the beloved and loving husband of the late Debbie (Keller Motson) Epsha, and brother of Peter (Judy) Epsha and Mary Ann (Leonard) Jacks, who preceded him in passing.

He is survived by his daughter Amy Randi Motson (Michiel); sisters-in-law Judy Epsha and Patricia (Gregg) Keller; nieces Jean (Bill) Lakin, Terry (Dan) Latimer, Kathy Verschoor, Heidi (Greg) Golabek, Melissa Keller and Nicole Schultz (Carl); and nephews Greg and Christopher Epsha. An 11-time great-uncle and great-great uncle to four, he was affectionately referred to as “Uncle Paul” by everyone in his family. He was also known as “Paulie Joe,” “Dad Dude” and “awesome dude” (says his son-in-law and all who knew him).

Paul completed his high school education at Henry Ford Trade School before proudly serving in Korea with the United States Army. He then pursued his engineering degree before launching his career at Burroughs and ultimately

retiring with accolades from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan.

He was an ever-curious lifelong learner whose interests spanned from appreciating life's simple pleasures - such as the beauty of nature - to staying up-to-date with the latest technology trends, pop culture and music.

Paul and his wife Debbie made their retirement home in Cadillac in 2004. They were members of the Cadillac Welcome where they met a terrific group of new friends with whom they shared many adventures and great times.

Everyone fortunate to meet Paul agreed that he was remarkably genuine, personable, kind, generous and humble – and funny! Along with his smart and witty sense of humor, he was an engaging storyteller who always had wisdom to share with a side of sage advice.

Paul will be forever in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know him.

A memorial mass will be held in Paul's honor at St. Ann Catholic Church at 800 W. 13th St. in Cadillac, Michigan, Thursday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by the mass and military honors to be conferred by the Cadillac Area Honor Guard.

Whenever Paul encountered active military personnel during his outings, he made a point of treating them to refreshment and thanking them for their service. Those who wish to honor Paul's legacy of kindness may do so with Veterans Serving Veterans at (PO BOX 634 Cadillac, MI 49601), or engaging in a random act of kindness of their choice in his memory.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
800 W 13th St
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-2471

Memorial Mass

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
800 W 13th St
Cadillac, MI 49601-9281
(231) 775-2471

Tribute Wall

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“ Your father had such an amazing soul! He was always so happy to put everyone at ease with his big smile. I'm so sad for you and sorry such a wonderful person is gone. Judy Stilwell

Judy Stilwell - October 19, 2023 at 09:30 AM

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“ Erin O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Joseph Epsha.

Erin O. - October 19, 2023 at 06:46 AM

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“ It was a pleasure to visit you regularly at Curry House, Paul. You were witty and wise and told interesting stories. Thank you again for your service. I will miss you. Nate Nelson

nathan karl nelson - October 18, 2023 at 09:31 PM