



Paul R. Knachel

February 13, 1942 - September 6, 2025

Paul R. Knachel, 83, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 6, 2025 surrounded by his family and two cherished dogs at his home in Libertyville, IL. He was born February 13, 1942 in North Judson, IN, and had been a Libertyville resident since 1976. Paul was a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington, the Acacia Fraternity President and was a United States Army veteran, having served in Germany. He was a retired employee of Allstate Insurance Company and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Paul was a longtime member of Libertyville Mainstreet Board of Directors, receiving their Lifetime Achievement award for beginning their gift certificate program. His favorite quote was, "It's nice, to be nice, to the nice," from the TV show M*A*S*H.

Surviving is his wife of 53 years, Gail E. (Shultz) Knachel; 2 children, Elizabeth G. Knachel and Todd R. (Tarn) Knachel; granddaughter, Charlotte; sister, Cheryl Orkis and by many loving family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Sylvia (Vendl) Knachel and Verdayne Knachel of North Judson, Indiana.

A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 13, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church, 501 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial donations would be appreciated to St. John Lutheran Church & School, www.stjohnslib.com, Northern Indiana Community Foundation, www.nicf.fcsuite.com or North

Judson Wayne Township Public Library Endowment Fund, www.njwtpl.org.
For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
501 W Park Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048

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Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
501 W. Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

September 15, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ Sine &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

Sine &. - September 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ Gail, I'm so sorry to hear about Paul's passing. He was such a nice man, always so welcoming and kind. I am praying for you and your family. Nan

Nan Lambert - September 12, 2025 at 01:04 AM



“ Deb & Bill Ehardt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul R. Knachel.



Deb & Bill Ehardt - September 11, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Deb & Bill Ehardt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

Deb & Bill Ehardt - September 11, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul R. Knachel.*



September 11, 2025 at 04:07 PM



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September 11, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *I've known Paul since we were about 6 years old, but didn't become great friends until high school. Rock, as he was known in high school, and I played football together, sang in a quartet together, spent a lot of time together and even roomed together for a short time at Indiana University, before he joined his fraternity. He was always a great guy and will be missed, but I know he's in a better place.*

Dennis Ciboch - September 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *Maquis Tolari purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Paul R. Knachel.*



Maquis Tolari - September 11, 2025 at 09:33 AM

MT

“ Maquis Tolari planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

Maquis Tolari - September 11, 2025 at 09:33 AM

PF

“ Paul's Tanker friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul R. Knachel.



Paul's Tanker friends - September 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

PF

“ Paul's Tanker friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

Paul's Tanker friends - September 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JV

“ I spent Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and OCS with Paul AKA "Snatch" to us. We maintained a 59 year friendship from those early Army days. We had great times in and out of our Army days. Paul was a terrific guy and I will miss our friendship.

James W Varda - September 10, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MN

“ Paul & Gail were dear neighbors of ours & we are sorrowing at his loss, but hope to join him again one day in Heaven.

Margaret & Jim McCarthy - September 10, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MT

“ Oh my goodness! I am so very sorry to hear Mr. Knachel passed away. 😞

Paul was a great man! He was very ethical and honest. Thanks to Paul hiring me as his Secretary 'B', I was able to work for many fine Officers of Allstate. He gave me a chance when I was still a rookie! I was in his 'Good Hands'!

I will always hold him in high regard. May God bless his family during these difficult times. ❤️

Marriann Tegeler - September 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul R. Knachel.



September 10, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul R. Knachel.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul R. Knachel.



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