



Paul Leon Mesplay

July 26, 1933 - November 29, 2014

Paul Leon Mesplay passed away Saturday, November 29, 2014 at the age of 81. Paul was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 26, 1933 to the late Charles Harvey and Myrtle (Harris) Mesplay.

Paul was a Class of 1951 graduate of Rolla High School . In December of that same year he met the love of his life Miss Lena Scharlene Booker, the two were united in marriage on March 2, 1952. This union was blessed with two children. In October of 1952 he went to work for the Rolla Post Office, where he would spend the next 35 years before he retired August 26, 1988.

Paul loved baseball and softball, he played shortstop during his high school years; he also played baseball for the Salem Monarchs, and many Rolla City leagues. In 1951 Paul was given an opportunity to go to Detroit for a try out, although he was unable to attend, it was always a great joy to Paul to know that he was asked.

Paul also loved to hunt, fish and travel; he was fortunate that he had traveled to all the lower 48 states and was able to fish while there. In 1988 he went to Maine for a month and fished everyday he was there. He was a longtime member of the First Assembly of God Church in Rolla, he loved to share his knowledge of fishing and his fish tales with family and friends, he was also in charge when the church held a fish fry. He enjoyed the outdoors and mushroom hunting, he had a favorite tree that he would always find big beautiful mushrooms, but he would tell no one where it was located. He lived life to the fullest, his love of the outdoors, his farm, the cattle and his family

brought him riches money couldn't buy. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend and will be greatly missed. Paul was also known to all by his great sense of humor, which will also be missed.

Paul Leon Mesplay is survived by his wife of 62 years Lena Mesplay, of the home; children, Dennis Mesplay and wife Kathy, of Rolla, MO, and Diane Brown and husband Bob, of Rolla, MO; brothers, Charles Mesplay and wife Mabel, of Woolrich, ME, and David Mesplay and wife Brenda, of Columbia, MO; sister, Ruth Flett, of Rolla, MO; sister-in-law, Marilyn Mesplay, of Bath, ME; grandchildren, Katrina Bailey, of Rolla, MO, Sarah Calhoun (Clay) of Sparta, MO, and Marcy Ibrahim (Dan), of Springfield, MO; great-grandchildren, Kelby Bailey, of Rolla, Chloe, Cash, Flint, and Holt Calhoun, of Sparta, MO.

In addition to his parents, Paul was welcomed home by an infant sister.

Funeral services for Paul Leon Mesplay will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 1:00PM at the First Assembly of God Church in Rolla, Missouri with Pastors Ray Cook and Chuck Whitmire officiating. Interment will be in the Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the First assembly of God Church of Rolla, Missouri prior to the service from 11:00AM. Memorials are suggested to the Gideons or the Rolla Nutrition Site, cards are available all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens

MO 65401

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church
Rolla, MO

Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church
Rolla, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Leon Mesplay*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Paul Leon Mesplay*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I enjoyed working with Paul for many years at the P.O. He was so fun and loved to joke with all the employees. I was sad that he was sick so many years but now he is happy and new in his eternal home.*

Patricia Elliott - December 13, 2014 at 09:17 AM



Thank you! He remained a jokester to the end.

marcy - December 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM



He remained a jokester to the end and we all cherished that. Thank you for sharing your memory. He is pain free in his eternal home just as you said.

marcy - December 24, 2014 at 11:17 AM

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Sarah - December 01, 2014 at 05:54 PM

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I was always proud to be related to Paul. He was the kind of guy we all want to be, but few ever reach that goal. Whenever someone asked if I knew anyone from Rolla and I said yes Paul Mesplay 99% of them either knew Paul or had a story about him. Most of the stories seemed to involve slow pitch softball. We lost a really good man. RIP cousin Jim Butery

Jim Butery - December 02, 2014 at 01:58 PM