

Paul Meuser

RANTOUL – Paul August Meuser, 83, died peacefully at his "little piece of heaven on earth" Florida home on March 7, 2011, with his loving wife, Norma, at his side. The angels have escorted him to his final resting place, where he will be at peace with friends and family who have passed before him, including his grandson, Michael Meuser; father and step-mother, Albert and Margaret Meuser; and brothers Roy and Robert Meuser.

Paul was born on Feb. 7, 1928, in Rantoul. In his early years, he was a truck driver for Hall Freight Line.

In 1955, he founded Paul's Appliances. He retired in 1991. "Don't Bawl, Call Paul" is his well-known slogan.

A beloved husband, father and grandfather, Paul is survived by his devoted wife, Norma Weinard Meuser, of 61 years; his five children, Paul (Vicky) of Loda, Patricia (Fred) Wilson of Rantoul, Richard (Lori) of Rantoul, Cynthia Burke of Rantoul and Timothy (Lynda) Meuser of Rantoul.

Paul is also survived by his 12 grandchildren, Paul Joseph Meuser, Scott Meuser, John Paul Burke, Sheila Curtis, Jason Wilson, Matthew Meuser, Christopher Meuser, Tina Burke, Troy Burke, Travis Burke, Melanie Meuser and Brandon Meuser. Paul's 12 great-grandchildren include Lance Meuser, Samantha, Chelsey, Bobby and Emily Curtis, Connor and Rachael Burke, Jordan, Justice, Noah, Olivia and Benjamin. Also surviving is brother John Meuser of Veedersberg, Ind.; step-brother Bill Busing of Rantoul and step-sister Emma Davis of Gibson City.

Paul enjoyed boating, fishing and hunting, as well as collecting and working on antique cars with one of his best buddies, Jim Richardson.

Paul was a devout Catholic, and a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus. He faced life with optimism and humor, and was always the life of the party. He will be truly missed by all of his loving friends and family.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 E. Grove, Rantoul. Rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, 311 E. Grove. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following funeral service.

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