

Melvin Paul Reuter

August 18, 1932 - July 19, 2022

Melvin "Paul" Reuter, of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital.

Paul was born August 18, 1932 in Nashville, IL, the son of Melvin Reuter and Hazel (Hemphill) Reuter. He married Viola (Sprehe) Reuter on March 3, 1956 and she survives him in Centralia.

In addition to his wife Viola, he is survived by one son: David Reuter and wife Barbi of Tuscan, AZ; two daughters: Connie Profancik and husband Marc of Centralia and Sally Wier and husband Tim of Sugarland, TX; nine grandchildren: Justin Profancik and wife Renee of St. Joseph, IL, Lindsey Grant and husband Brian of Vacaville, California, Nick Profancik and wife Katelyn of St. Louis, MO, Katie Weir of Sugarland, TX, Wilson Reuter and wife Shannon of Mission Viejo, California, Amy Michaels and husband Joshua of Richardson, TX, Bennett Soriano of Houston, TX, Emily Weir of Houston, TX, and Delaney Reuter of Tuscan, AZ; nine great-grandchildren: Aubree, Keegan, Oliver, Maggie, Elliott, Hadley, Vera, August, Isaac, and one on the way; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents: Melvin and Hazel Reuter; and three brothers: Charles Reuter, Harold Reuter, and Carl Reuter.

Paul served in the Marines during the Korean War. After the serving our country, he went to St. Louis College of Pharmacy. His first job was in Centralia at Benson's Pharmacy. He later bought into Byrd Watson pharmacy and then went with Dr. Beguelin to open the clinic and pharmacy in Irvington

where he spent his remaining career. He had a number of interests and hobbies. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, and playing golf. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends and the laughter they shared. He felt "very blessed and proud to have such a wonderful family". He will be dearly missed by his family and those that knew him.

Services for Paul Reuter will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 9:30 am at the First United Methodist Church in Centralia with Rev. Sidney Davis, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, July 22, 2022 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm and the church Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 9:00 am till time of the service at 9:30 am. Memorial donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church and can be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Reuter Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Visitation

JUL **23**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM.

First United Methodist Church of Centralia

Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 9:30 AM.

First United Methodist Church of Centralia

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Paul Reuter*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - July 22, 2022 at 12:02 PM

RF

“ *Der Oley and family,
It was always a pleasure to interact with you folks in Sunshine Country Club Estates. Paul has been a loyal friend and will be missed my all who knew him.
Rodney & Bertha Fink*

Rodney & Bertha Fink - July 23, 2022 at 01:09 AM

HP

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences for you and your family's loss.
Helen and Je.. 🇨🇦*

Helen and Jim Perry - July 22, 2022 at 11:19 AM

JS

“ Sally, I am so sorry to hear about your dad’s passing. He was such a big part of our community from when the kids were little hanging out in the street playing games. He stayed so involved with you and the kids with long visits. He will be missed but certainly lived a life to be celebrated.

Jan Sherman - July 21, 2022 at 06:43 PM

FJ

“ From Ron and Jean purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin Paul Reuter.



From Ron and Jean - July 21, 2022 at 12:29 PM

RL

“ Goodby to a wonderful friend. We will miss our Sunday trips to church in Harlingen and our breakfast tacos. The Sunday routine of church, tacos, golf and afternoon BS are some of the greatest memories we have. We played a lot of golf at Sunshine and had some great times together. Paul had a wonderful sense of humor and was a great person to have for a friend. We will miss him. Our condolences to Oley and the entire family.

Ron and Jean Lawrence - July 21, 2022 at 12:14 PM

LS

“ Dear Oley and Kids, You were such a part of my growing up in Irvington. Oley, you and Paul both were very special to me. I don't know how well I would have survived my teenage years if you hadn't been in my life. Tears this morning to learn of Paul's passing. I'm sorry that I didn't know he was ill. I hope you all know that my heart is with you now.

Linda Spaet - July 21, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Reuter.



July 21, 2022 at 10:40 AM



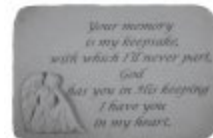
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Reuter.



July 21, 2022 at 10:33 AM

LL

“ Larry & Lehua purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." for the family of Melvin Paul Reuter.



Larry & Lehua - July 21, 2022 at 10:17 AM

LL

“ *Larry & Lehua purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melvin Paul Reuter.*



Larry & Lehua - July 21, 2022 at 10:05 AM

LL

“ *We were devastated to hear of Paul's passing. We're not sure there are words to describe how we feel about Paul 💔. What a great friend and a beautiful human being! Every moment spent with him was a true blessing. We will miss our times together that were filled with chatter, laughter and love!!! We loved him very much and felt loved in return. We hope one day we will be able to go have ice cream together again.*



Larry & Lehua - July 21, 2022 at 09:53 AM

BV

“ *What a terrible loss of a great man who always had a smile. You will be greatly missed. Prayers for your wife and family.*

bev virobik - July 20, 2022 at 06:58 PM

WH

“ *Our condolences to family and friends. Sending our thoughts and prayers with you in your loss!*

Wayne & Vickie Houser - July 20, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Melvin Paul Reuter*.



July 20, 2022 at 12:16 PM