



## Paul H. Hillis, Jr.

July 23, 1947 - June 8, 2013

Paul H. Hillis, Jr. 65 of Centralia passed away Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Centralia Manor in Centralia. Paul was born July 23, 1947 in Litchfield, son of Paul H. Hillis, Sr. and Maxine (Billiter) Hillis. He married Maxine Kawamura in Honolulu, Hawaii and they later divorced. He also married Phyllis (Stock) Hillis and she preceded him in death. Paul is survived by his parents, a brother: Edward Hillis of Philadelphia, PA; a sister: Karen Cople of Maryville; two nephews: Jonathon Hillis of Philadelphia, PA and Cameron Cople and wife Jennifer of Maryville; four nieces: Sara Hillis and special friend Patrick Cleary of Philadelphia, PA, Dayna Hillis of Philadelphia, PA, Jennifer Hillis of Baltimore, Maryland and Arielle Cople and special friend Lucas Connaway of Centralia; two great-nephews: Owen and Ryan Cleary of Philadelphia, PA; numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis, Maternal Grandparents Harry and Ethel Billiter, Paternal Grandparents: Charles and Carrie Hillis, Maternal Uncles: Ellis and Clara Billiter and Everett and Alma Billiter; Maternal Aunt: Jerry and Joe Anderson; Paternal Uncles: Jesse and Minnie Hillis, Fred and Wilma Hillis, Ted and Winnie Hillis, and Med and Vertis Hillis; Paternal Aunts: Ethel and Carmen Flanakin, Lorene and Al Bradley, Floss and Lou John Oldani and Eunice and Francis Kearbey. Paul graduated from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois with his Bachelors and he also graduated from University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign with his Doctorate of Juris Prudence. He was an Attorney for 33 years. He also was the States Attorney and Public Defender in Marion County. He was of the Methodist

Faith. Paul enjoyed playing pool, he was an avid collector of anything that caught his eye, a historian, with in-depth study of the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations and he loved animals especially beagles and boxers. Funeral services for Paul H. Hillis, Jr. will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Rusty Beals officiating. A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield, friends are asked to meet at the cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Relay for Life, Salvation Army or to the Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Hillis. I remember Paul all the way back to 5th grade at Ida J. Russell Elementary school and right through Mr. Robley's advanced biology class at LHS. We had no contact after high school, but I remember Paul as a fine fellow with a sharp wit. I send you sincere condolences. Paul's classmate-----Marilyn (Baney) Gruber*

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**Marilyn Gruber** - June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ *Mr.& Mrs. Hills, I'm so sorry for your loss. Paul was a very good man. I'm proud to say that I knew him. Ashley Vaughn Centralia Manor Dietary*

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**Ashley Vaughn** - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Hillis, Your loss must be devastating. I am so sorry. If I had known in time I would have been there for Paul. We where always friends, no matter what. His passing, though sad for us, does provide peace for Paul. GODS hands will shield and comfort him now. I will miss his sharp eye, quick mind, and generous spirit.*

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**Scott Hansen** - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Attorney Paul Hillis: An active legal mind. A true advocate. Good Guy. Sympathy is extended to the family.*

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**Alan Buck** - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Paul years ago when I did some custom picture framing for him. He was a very nice man and extremely interesting. I know he will be missed very much. The family will be in our prayers.

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**Mark Greene** - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Mr. & Mrs. Hillis, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your first female ag student.

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**Betty Zumwalt** - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Uncle Paul and Aunt Maxine. I am so so sorry. I wish I could have been there for you, but I did not find out until it was to late. Big HUGS to both of you. Love and miss you. Hugs to Eddie and Karen also.

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**RuthAnn Francis** - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Paul was a dear friend and wonderful person. He will be missed.

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**Ron Kretzer** - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

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June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So very sorry to hear about Paul's passing. I will be at Elm Lawn Cemetery tomorrow.

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**Bill Dees** - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'm sorry to here of Pauls passing, he was a good friend.

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**Jim Crabtree** - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM