



Mr. Paul Winford Summerall

December 5, 2014

Summerall, Paul Winford, 94, of Plant City, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 5, 2014. Paul's life impacted many people even through his last days and his legacy will continue to touch others into eternity. He is survived by his loving wife, Veda, of 73 years; 1 daughter, Patsy (Wayne); 3 sons, Paul, Steve (Wanda), and Charles (Linda); 13 grandchildren, Kim, Patricia, Terri, Lisa, Lori, Charla, Paul Richard, Jo Linda, Jonathan, Laura, Clifford, David, and Robert, 36 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, with Reverend Mike Davis officiating. Pallbearers are Mark Desmond, Scott Hanchett, Steve Wynn, Christopher McKee, Jonathan Shields, and Shane Barron. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, December 10 from 6-8:00 P.M. Condolences may be shared with Paul's family by visiting www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Paul was born April 18, 1920, in Mulberry, Polk County, FL, the son of the late John Henry Summerall and Sarah Avis (Sadie) Rainer. Coming of age during the latter years of the Great Depression, Paul understood the responsibility of providing for a family.

Paul enjoyed reading, his favorite author being Zane Grey, and he endeavored to stay current with events happening around him, even in his later years. His newspaper of choice was the Lakeland Ledger. He refused to

pay more than 25 cents for a paper and drove out of his way to get one, driving past two or three other stores to the Shell gas station at Hwy 60 & 39, to buy a Lakeland Ledger paper. He read it from front to back every single day.

Having an unstoppable, adventurous, and pioneering spirit, Paul made a living as a civil engineer, operating heavy equipment and draglines for over 50 years. His advanced skill contributed to building and developing many areas in Florida, when they were still only small dots on the map, including Disney World, Cypress Gardens, and Weeki Wachi.

During World War II, Paul served his country working with the Corps of Engineers to build and repair roads, airstrips, and other important areas for critical transportation and logistics.

Even in his later years, his desire to experience new things led him and his loving wife to embark on their very first cross-country driving trip from Florida all the way to Alaska, lasting three months.

Paul loved his family. He was most happy when he was among the five living generations of his family, and he could watch the younger ones running around, while talking and catching up with the older ones. If there was a family gathering, he was going to be there. He did not allow his physical disabilities to interfere with his time with his family. His children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews, all learned valuable life lessons from observing his work ethic, his compassionate treatment of friends and strangers alike, his "never-give-up" attitude, and most of all, his love for, and commitment to, his family. Many stories were told and retold, and became family legends, over sharing a pot of Paul's signature "secret recipe" chili and sweet cornbread.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

East County Civic Group
FL 33567

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Pepa, I miss you so much, it hurts. I know you're with God now and all your loved ones gone before you. I'm so glad I got the quality time to be with you before you left us. It meant the world to me all the memories I hold from childhood til you passed. God bless our family now without you. I love you forever and will see you soon. ❤️*
Love, Trish

Trish Hanchett - July 02, 2015 at 01:44 PM

TH

“ *Trish Hanchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Winford Summerall*



Trish Hanchett - July 02, 2015 at 01:38 PM

CS

“ *Love u so much*

cheyenne shriver - December 11, 2014 at 06:19 PM

LB

“ *Patsy, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. Reading his obituary I could tell he was a wonderful man. Prayers for you and your family for peace and strength. Lola Bennett*

Lola Bennett - December 11, 2014 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ *Charla Barron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Winford Summerall*



Charla Barron - December 09, 2014 at 11:38 PM

JJ

“ *Always had a smile. Always looked forward to visiting you and memaw. We will miss you, and your smile. But cherish the memories forever. Love you pepaw.*

Johnathon Johnson - December 08, 2014 at 07:00 PM

CS


“ *I only knew him a little while and met him a handful of times but I can tell you he was a very nice Christian man*

Christina Summerall - December 08, 2014 at 06:05 PM

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Christina Summerall - December 08, 2014 at 06:05 PM

 Tina Cooper

“ *Pepaw was always there for anyone who needed him. I love and miss you. Give thanks to the lord he is with him now. R.I.p*

Tina Cooper - December 08, 2014 at 08:37 AM

DJ

“ Daniel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Winford Summerall



Daniel Johnson - December 07, 2014 at 10:23 PM

Terri Walls

“ We love you and miss you dearly ,Pepa,I am glad I got to spend some quality time talking to you at the hospital,and to hold your hand and be there for you, like you was for me ,always,you was always there for me ,I will never forget it ,nor ,how you loved your family ,no matter what happened,we all pulled -togetherI know you're in a better place ,say hello to all our loved -ones gone on before....I know they greeted you fondly ,when you left us that Day...you always smiled at the World ,even if the World didn't smile back,you always was friendly to everyone even when you didn't feel up to it....we love you ,and will sorely miss-you....Love,Terri and Family....



Terri Walls - December 07, 2014 at 07:53 PM

CS

Its cheyenne ur great great granddaughter,I love u so much, u mit b gon but the love and happiness you left behind is n ending

cheyenne shriver - December 11, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ *We will miss you. I know you are up there shining on your family and friends. You were an inspiration to us all. Say hello to the family for us. We love you*



Tracy Powell - December 07, 2014 at 06:34 PM