



Donnie "DP" Paul

April 14, 1941 - September 21, 2024

Celebration of Life Services for Donnie "DP" Paul, age 83, of Baxter, Tennessee, formerly of Monterey, Tennessee, were conducted on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 4:00 PM from The Chapel of Goff Funeral Home. Rev. Bobby Floyd officiated. Full Military Honors were provided by Ft. Campbell Honor Guard and the Veterans Honor Guard. Mr. Paul was born on Monday, April 14, 1941, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, to the late William Ollie Paul and Edith L. Buckner Paul Barner. Mr. Paul passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at his home. Mr. Paul was a United States Army Captain serving during post-war Korea and Vietnam. He retired with 22 years of service in the United States Army and was a Green Beret and master parachutist. He was awarded a Combat Infantry Badge, four (4) bronze stars with "V" device for gallantry in action, two (2) Army Commendation Medals with "V" device for valor in action, various service medals, including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for combat in an undeclared war. He rose through the enlisted ranks and was commissioned as an officer after eight (8) years of service. He was a distinguished graduate of the Infantry OCS. He was a life member of VFW 6277, Chapter 117 of the Disabled American Veterans, where he also served as Commander and Vietnam Veterans of America. He attended Mariam College in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Following his retirement from the US Army, he worked as a police officer, school teacher and ran his own consulting business for manufacturing companies. He worked with Honeywell

Avionics and Paradyne Corporation in Florida. He loved golfing, fishing, and traveling. He was Pentecostal in Faith. He and Terry were baptized at Lighthouse Church in Rickman. They attended several churches in the area. He was survived by his wife, Terrie Simmons Paul of Baxter, TN; 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn Renee' and John Langfritz of Clearwater, FL, Dawn-Marie Reneh Arquette of Flat Rock, MI; 1 son and daughter-in-law, Michael A. and Michelle Paul of Largo, FL; 3 grandsons, Kenneth Arquette, Christopher Arquette, and Brandon Paul; 2 great granddaughters, Destynee Beckesh and Haile Arquette; 1 great grandson, Gavin Arquette; 1 stepson, Joshua Barnes of Cookeville, TN; and 1 sister, Nancy L. Kastl of Dayton, OH. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William A. Paul; maternal grandparents, Dillard and Laura Buckner, who raised him; and grandson, Jason T. Paul. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial donations be given to Wounded Warrior Project. The family received friends at Goff Funeral Home on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 3:00 PM until time of services at 4:00 PM. Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ Omar & Kevin Ortiz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie "DP" Paul.

Omar & Kevin Ortiz - September 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donnie "DP" Paul.



September 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TL

“ Don Paul you have been apart of our lives for 28 years, and boy have there been some roller coaster rides 🤔 but through all the ups and downs, I am proud to call you my brother in law. You were one of a kind for sure 😊 and probably rubbed a lot of people the wrong way over the years 🤔 but you had a giving and caring heart. You lived a life as a survivor in more ways than one, and I am so grateful for your selfless service to our country and all you did to protect it. Your life was full of many accomplishments, adventure's and difficulties. I am glad my sister got to share and be apart of many of those with you. You gave her a good life and I will be forever grateful to you for that. During your last days on this earth you expressed to me how much you loved my sister and how well she had taking care of you and that you were going to keep her one more day 🤔 I am so proud of her courage and the strength she was given during this time and just know DP we will keep her one more day as well 😊 and be here to help her continue life without you. Sister stay strong and May God Bless you during this difficult time ❤️
May you Rest In Peace DP, you will be forever in our heart's.

Tammy Lewis - September 25, 2024 at 09:43 AM

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“ Tammy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Donnie "DP" Paul



Tammy Lewis - September 25, 2024 at 08:05 AM

JT

“ Jeannie Templeton sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie "DP" Paul



Jeannie Templeton - September 24, 2024 at 09:27 PM

BP

“ Bill & Sharon Prost purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnie "DP" Paul.



Bill & Sharon Prost - September 23, 2024 at 03:57 PM

GD

“ Paul and I met Don and Terrie when they visited in their rv in Texas. But in the short time we knew them they were friends. I knew he was a vet but until I read his obituary I did not realize what a hero he really was. I know he will be missed by many and I am proud to have known him. Paul and Gayle Desch

gsyle desch - September 21, 2024 at 07:09 PM