



Paul Junior Van Camp

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Paul Van Camp, 94, of Decatur, IL, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Decatur Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family.

Paul was born on September, 23, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Lester and Lucille Van Camp. Paul married his beloved wife, Joan Minkowski on June, 6, 1959, in Monroe, Michigan. They spent 54 years together before Joan's passing on September 6, 2013.

Paul enjoyed woodworking, boxing, and football throughout his life. Paul was a great bowler; he was a bowling teacher and in charge of the junior bowling leagues. He was a truck driver for many years and was a lifelong member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Out of high school, Paul served for three years in the United States Navy. He was a member of the American Legion and served as Post Commander.

Paul is survived by his six children — Sherry Van Camp, Terri (Don) Skelton, Christine (Billy) Knorr, Paula Van Camp, Paul (Kim) Van Camp, and Roxanne (Bill) Thompson; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; two half-sisters — Diana (Jon) Steinmetz and Paula (Mike) Foster; and other friends and family.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; wife — Joan Van Camp; brother — Chuck Van Camp; and two great-grandchildren — Colton Skelton and Kaladin Lawrence.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday August, 19, 2025, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral home at 11:00am. A funeral service will begin at 12:00pm following the visitation. Committal services will take place at Camp Butler National Cemetery at 2:00pm with military rites.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post #105 in Decatur, IL.



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Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at <https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.



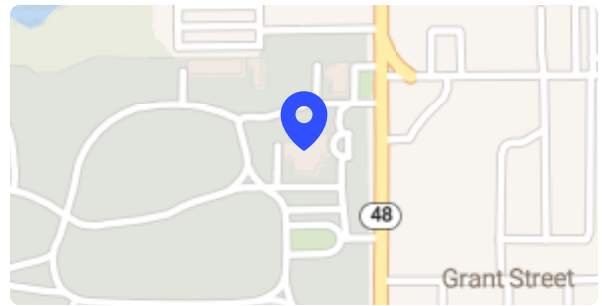
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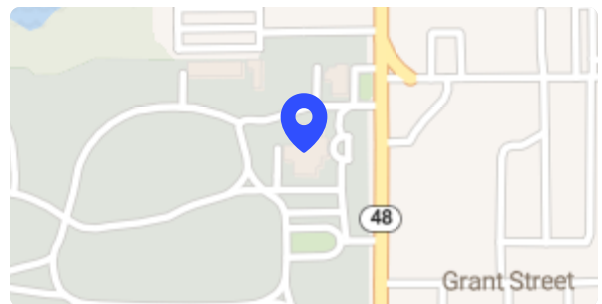
Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 19, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



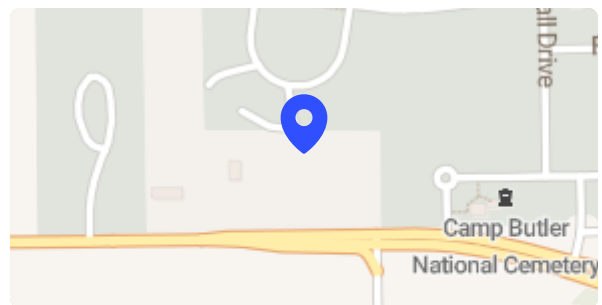
Funeral Service

- Tuesday**, August 19, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
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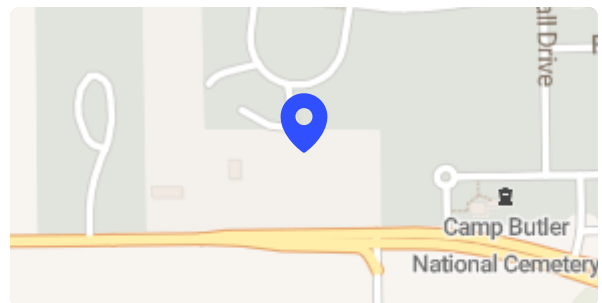
Graveside Service with Military Rites

- Tuesday**, August 19, 2025
- 2:00 PM CT
- Camp Butler National Cemetery**
5063 Camp Butler Road, Springfield IL 62707



Cemetery Details

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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Van Camp family.

August 18 at 8:56 AM



The Pagel Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Paul.

August 18 at 7:35 AM



The Pagel Family sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Van Camp family.

August 18 at 7:35 AM



Kathy & John Lawrence, Louise Siebenaler planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Paul.

August 16 at 4:50 PM



Kathy & John Lawrence, Louise Siebenaler sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Van Camp family.

August 16 at 4:50 PM



Ava, Brakya, Symone, Sarah, And Zahria sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Van Camp family.

August 14 at 9:32 PM





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Renee Hamilton posted:

My condolences to his family! Paul was a great and kind man! My fondest memories from the 3 years I helped him out, was simply sitting in the garage, smoking cigarettes, and listening to his stories in the beginning when he remembered. His favorite story to tell me was fishing on the lake as a boy, with I believe his Uncle. He told that one many times to me! 94 years is a pretty great life! I miss you Paul! 😊

August 14 at 6:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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