



Paul Grey Mills

August 28, 1926 - September 8, 2020

Paul Grey Mills, 94, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville. Dr. Gray Little and Reverend Mark Pitts will officiate. Arrangements are being handled by Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. Those wishing to share memories or condolences may do so at www.cavin-cook.com.

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

Paul was guided by his devotion to Jesus, pride in his community, and love for his family - and he set an incredible example of servant leadership along the way. A proud resident of Mooresville, Paul was born on August 28, 1926 to Lonnie Edgar and Bessie Mae Coggins Mills, whom he joins in Heaven, along with his siblings, James Edgar Mills, Julia Jermaine Mills, Nealess Brawley Mills, and Melvin Eugene Mills. He graduated in 1944 from Central High School in Mooresville.

In an example of both service and leadership, he joined the United States

Army and served at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, from 1945 to 1946. There, he rose to the rank of Acting Supply Sergeant and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal for his service.

Paul studied accounting at the Carolina Business School in Charlotte, and obtained his Charter Life Underwriting Certification, then worked for multiple insurance companies, including Pilot Life, Lincoln National Life, and Minister's Life. Ultimately, he used his skills in business to fulfill the American Dream of entrepreneurship, opening House of Flowers in 1973 alongside his wife, Jean - his partner in business and his partner in life. The shop later became Jean's Hallmark Shop. A true family business, his children fondly remember working in the shop with their parents. Behind the counter in the Port City Shopping Center in downtown Mooresville, they learned important life lessons like the value of a dollar and the importance of hard work.

Upon selling the shop in 1989, Paul worked as a real estate broker in Mooresville, where his hometown pride shown through. Long after his retirement, he delighted in giving his grandchildren "tours" of the town, pointing out various properties along the way. Once they were old enough to drive themselves to visit, Paul made sure his grandchildren never left the house without detailed directions on the best way for them to get safely back home.

Despite a busy schedule and a tireless work ethic, service was a priority. It was a way to show his love for God and his love for others. He dedicated his time to many organizations including the Gideons, the Lion's Club, the American Legion, and the Charlotte Jaycees. A natural leader with an infectious smile and magnetic personality, he was an active member of First Baptist Church, Mooresville, where he served as Stewardship Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, XYZ Senior's Group President, Baptist Men's Group President, Sunday School Director, Sunday School Teacher

(children and adults), and Deacon.

He was also a civic leader, serving as a Precinct Chairman for many years, and as a Charter Member of the Iredell County Republican Men's Club. His family will miss his excitement over Election Day returns, his generosity to numerous nonprofits, his joy in serving missions, but mostly, his love for Jesus that reflected all his choices throughout life.

Paul loved all people and he loved life. He leaves behind his legacy of service and of love to his family, including his wife of almost 66 years, Dorothy Jean Brannon Mills; his four children, Paula Mills Little (Gray) of Hickory, Leslie Mills Bruner (Jerry) of Laurinburg, Jennifer Mills Barnes (Eric) of Camden, SC, and Paul Grey Mills, Jr. of Mooresville (Jennifer); his brother, Lonnie E. Mills, Jr. ("Mickey"); twelve grandchildren, Ben Little (Meg), Andy Little (Courtney), Owen Bruner, Clay Bruner, Scott Bruner, Chase Bruner, Abby Bruner, Zachary Barnes, Tiffany Barnes Massey (Derek), Alexandria Mills, Grey Mills III, and Grant Mills; and four great grandchildren, Rosalee Little, Eowyn Little, Noah Little, and Tucker Massey.

For those who favor a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Wounded Shepherds Ministry, 6608 Yacht Place, Hickory, NC, 28601.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Grey Mills*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Paul Grey Mills*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Paul Grey Mills*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Sweet Jean & Family ...*

We will never forget the kindness .. support & friendship you .. Paul .. & .. Partners In Christ gave us & our whole Family when we first came to 1st Baptist ... Paul was such a sweet gentle soul .. & a fine Christian example ..

We have such sweet memories ...

Love to you .. Paula & Grey ..

David & Janice Proctor

Janice Proctor - September 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM



Thank you so much Janice and David. My parents thought the world of you both.

Paula Mills Little - September 11, 2020 at 10:04 PM

MP

“ We are sorry for the loss of Mr. Mills. We have fond memories of him from First Baptist. May God wrap His loving arms around each member of your precious family and give the peace and comfort that only He can provide.



Love and prayers, Mike & Gail Parker

Mike & Gail Parker - September 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM

PS

“ We love you, Jean Mills and all your beautiful family. Paul and you have helped to create so many beautiful memories in our lives..Hallmark Store, Partners In Christ teaching and loving us,Wednesday night suppers, trips to Barger Cottage, always there to pray for our family. Thank you for loving us.

Eddie and Phyllis Stubbins

phyllis stubbins - September 11, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JM

“ Saturday Night Rap (old school rap, as in great conversations) at the Mills home was a highlight of the week for First Baptist youth in the '70's. I wonder how many times Paul and Jean wondered what in the world we were discussing, it was all good as our conversations led to relationships with Christ. They opened their home, fed us and always shared their faith with us. Paul was so gentle and soft spoken, but his words were powerful and true. Much love to Jean and my high school buddies. Lifting you up in prayer.

Love and peace, Joy Maddrey Miller

Joy Miller - September 10, 2020 at 10:31 PM

PL

Love you Joy! Thank you so much! ❤️

Paula Mills Little - September 11, 2020 at 10:07 PM

SK

My first wonderful memory of Mr. Mills was my mother proudly introducing him and Mrs. Mills to me at Jean,s Hallmark and the warm greeting and love that both exuded each time we saw one another at church. His loving, warm and kind spirit always filled my heart with joy. He made such a positive difference in my life and that of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was doing God.s work on earth and no doubt is now in Heaven today. My prayers are for your family for comfort.

Susan Reading Kelley-Brown - November 09, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JK

“ *Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to Jean and family. - Jennifer, Steve and Jane*

Jennifer Kinion - September 10, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Grey Mills.*



September 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

CM

“ *Such a sweet soul,always a smile,always a kind word,have missed seeing at Church.Prayers to Ms Jean,Love to your family.*



Cynthia McLaurin - September 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JL

“ Jessica Lathrop purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



Jessica Lathrop - September 10, 2020 at 01:59 PM

MB

“ My first memories of Paul were at the Hallmark Store after moving to Mooresville in 1985. I loved going to that store due to the atmosphere created by Paul and Jean. Upon going to First Baptist, I got to know him better. He was always a beacon, always smiling. He will be sorely missed.

Mary Beth Belew

Mary Belew - September 10, 2020 at 11:35 AM

TL

“ Some of my most precious memories of Paul and Jean will always be sharing a church pew. Paul was such a kind, sweet soul and will be dearly missed. Love and prayers to Jean and the family. Love you all.

Teresa C Lewis - September 10, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 10, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 10, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ I will always remember and be grateful for Paul and his encouragement. When my spouse was very ill, I mentioned to Paul in the bank where I worked that I would like to read the whole bible. He came back in a few minutes with copies of Daily Bread that guided you in reading the Bible through in one year. I followed it and can humbly say I read the Bible in its entirety. Thanks to Paul who took the time to encourage and guide me along. Rest In Peace Paul as I know you will, his love of God was displayed every time I saw him. Thank you Paul for all of the conversations and my prayers go out for his family and friends.

Sandy Mills - September 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM



Thank you so much for sharing this. It means the world to me. Sounds just like my Dad. ❤️
Paula Mills Little

Paula Little - September 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ I always loved Paul Mills. His smile, his love for Christ and his genuine outgoing personality. He was one of those people that made the church I grew up in home. Always ready with a compliment or encouragement, his love for everyone around him will be remembered always

Anne Stubbins Powers - September 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ *The Marion Family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Paul Grey Mills.*



The Marion Family - September 10, 2020 at 09:30 AM

GG

“ *Grey, Jennifer, Alexandria, Grey and Grant purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Paul Grey Mills.*



Grey, Jennifer, Alexandria, Grey and Grant - September 10, 2020 at 09:27 AM

LF

“ *Love your CFI Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Paul Grey Mills.*



Love your CFI Family - September 10, 2020 at 09:07 AM

BB

“ *It was a joy growing up in Mooresville with the Mills family. To this day, Mr. and Mrs. Mills are two of the kindest, sweetest people I have ever known. I know everyone will miss him greatly. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Bill Brown - September 10, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ I am so sorry to read of your loss, but I know Paul celebrates in Heaven today. What a good man, and my childhood is full of memories of going to Jean's Hallmark and buying Smurfs and other things there. What a good man! All of my love and prayers to Jean, Grey and the rest of the family.

Rob Reading - September 10, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Steve & Laural Hutchinson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



Steve & Laural Hutchinson - September 10, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ Donna McDaniels lit a candle in memory of Paul Grey Mills



Donna McDaniels - September 10, 2020 at 02:48 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 09, 2020 at 09:09 PM

JE

“ To the family of Paul Mills:
Many memories of visiting the Hallmark Shop!
Enjoyed visiting with Paul and Jean, when I
was visiting my Dad! You all are in our
thoughts and prayers! God Bless ! Al and
Jennifer



Jennifer and Al Eakle - September 09, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JB

And... many years of working there with those Christmas ornaments,
those racks of cards, and running next door to the Revco for snacks!
Thank you so much for praying for us all. Our parents' lives have been
truly blessed for years and years -- and still, weekly visits from one of
their most precious friends in life! Jennifer Mills Barnes

Jennifer Mills Barnes - September 09, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 09, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the
family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 09, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TF

“ My thoughts and prayers to all the family.. Paul will be missed by any and everyone who was ever blessed by his presence on this earth.. he's in a much better place and lived a happy life! Special love and prayers to Jean.. you and family fulfilled his blessed journey and he is at total peace in heaven 🙏❤️



Tom Mills and family - September 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM

KH

So sad to hear of Paul ' s passing. He was a wonderful cousin who seemed to always have an engaging smile to give I know he will be missed.

Kay Mills Hamilton - September 09, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JL

“ What a wonderful gentleman. His storytelling will surely be missed.

Janice Lowrance - September 09, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Grey Mills.



September 09, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MS

“ *Moser and Bruner Attorneys and Staff purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Paul Grey Mills.*



Moser and Bruner Attorneys and Staff - September 09, 2020
at 02:56 PM