



Paul Wilbur Brown

October 7, 1919 - January 18, 2017

Paul Wilbur Brown, 97, of Charlotte, N.C. passed away on 18 January 2017. A former resident of Lake Norman, he spent the last 4 years at Wilkes Senior Village, North Wilkesboro, N.C. Paul was born in Akron, Ohio on October 7, 1919. He attended Kent State University before leaving to serve his country in World War II. Paul enlisted in December 1942 and after training was commissioned a second lieutenant in the then U.S. Army Air Corps. Paul flew C-47's and was also trained as a glider pilot. He flew glider missions on D-Day and Operation Market Garden. Paul was discharged in December 1945 and he and his wife Irene subsequently moved to Charlotte, N.C. In Charlotte, Paul went into the air conditioning business and at one time owned Paul Brown Distributors. Later he would work for Allison-Erwin Company as Vice President in charge of the York Heating and Air Conditioning Division. Upon his retirement, Paul settled into his dream home on Lake Norman where he lived life to the fullest. He loved boating, sailing, swimming, and water skiing. He also enjoyed snow skiing and a weekly round of golf. He loved spending time with family and friends especially at the gazebo on his pier. Paul was a past president of Charlotte Rotary, a member of Lake Norman Power Squadron, a member of the National Glider Pilots Association, and a Mason. Paul was married to Irene (Sweitzer) Brown for 64 years, whom precedes him in death. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Hazel Brown, as well as brothers Robert Brown and Joseph Brown; and sisters Hazel Riggle and Helen Wells. Paul is survived by his two

children, Gary P. Brown and his wife Pauline, and Karen D. Geer and her husband Michael; his grandchildren Stephen and Christine; his great grandchildren Troy, Jodilyn, Alexandria, and Ciera; his three sisters Joann Badger, Mina Mclure, and Mary Sabotin. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 24 at Glenwood Memorial Park with Rev. John Miles officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Wake Forest Baptist Health Care at Home Hospice-Wilkes, 126 Executive Drive, Suite 110, Wilkesboro, NC 28697-7571. The family wishes to thank the Villages of Wilkes for the compassionate and loving care he received. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Brown family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Wilbur Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Paul Wilbur Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Paul Wilbur Brown*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Brown at Wilkes Senior Village. I would volunteer on a couple of Saturday's each month helping with Bingo and he loved to play Bingo. He was a fine man who always told me he loved me when I left and I would do the same to him. He was a true American hero. My deepest sympathy in your loss. I will miss him as I am sure you will. God Bless.*

Scott Green - February 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary, Karen and family, We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your beloved father. We will always fondly remember his smiling face and kind words. May your memories of good times give you comfort and peace. With love, John and Linda Heising & family*

February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the family, Paul became a friend of ours when we met him in the Wilkes Senior Village a few years ago. He and Marshal Craven became friends when they first met at the facility in about 2013. Rena Craven Motter is my wife and daughter of Marshal. We thought so much of Paul and were captivated by the accomplishments he had attained in his live. The most special stories were concerning his part in the war. I will always remember the friendship we had. Our thoughts and prayers to all of the family. Steve and Rena Motter

Steve Motter - January 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Joseph Subotin

January 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Gary and Karen I am sorry for your loss. Your Father was a good man. I will remember him and his smile. He was a hero.

Paula Donahue - January 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ RIP Paul, you will be missed and thank you for your service to your Country!

Bob Hunt - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I always thought highly of Mr. Paul Brown. It was such a pleasure to have known such a high caliber of a gentleman. My thoughts and prayers for your family.

Arlene Haigler - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ GP and Family, Thoughts and prayers to you. I remember meeting your Dad. Great life presence! May he rest in Peace.

Michael Donahue - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM