



Paul A. Pankey

March 30, 1937 - December 17, 2021

Paul Arnold Pankey, 84, passed away on December 17, 2021, at Central Washington Hospital of heart failure. He was born in Yakima, WA, on March 30, 1937, to Elmer and Christine Pankey. He attended Yakima schools, graduating from Yakima High in 1955. He attended Yakima Valley Junior College, graduating in 1957.

Paul joined the Marine Corps Reserve as a private on December 5, 1954, in Yakima, WA. In 1957 he entered active duty and served on the Inspector-Instructor staff in Yakima. In 1958 he completed the Marine Security Guard School and served as a security guard at the American Embassies in Baghdad, Iraq, and Panama City, Panama. In 1961 he returned to the states to attend college under the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education program.

Paul attended the University of Idaho, graduating as a civil engineer, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. He served in many billets, attended various schools, spent several tours in Viet Nam, and was in Desert Storm. In 1993 Paul retired as a Colonel from Landing Force Training Command Pacific in Coronado, CA.

In May, 1996, Paul graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (while in Oak Harbor, WA, he completed a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Pepperdine University). In December, 1997, he was called to be Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee,

WA, which eventually became Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church. On December 30, 2013, he retired as Pastor Emeritus.

Paul was a Rotarian and assisted children riding horses at Alatheia. Paul enjoyed many activities with the church including several mission trips through Saddlerock EPC and visiting and caring for people. Throughout Paul's life, his favorite pastimes were sailing, tennis, golf, playing games (especially bridge). He also liked spending time at The Bunker talking with the Vets.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sydna, son Bruce, daughter Jill (Ron Kietzer), grandson Michael, granddaughter Jessica, and great-grandson Eli. Also, his brother, David (Kathy), sister-in-law Joyce Reese, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Anthony.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Saddlerock Evangelical Church, 1400 S. Miller St., Wenatchee, WA on February 12, 2022 at 2 pm. At the family's request, masks are required. Livestream also available at www.saddlerockepc.org

Memorials may be sent to Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center at 2170 Sleepy Hollow Heights, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Warriors And Quiet Waters at 351 Evergreen Drive, Suite A, Bozeman MT, 59715. Local Missions through Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 1400 S. Miller St. Wenatchee, 98801.

Arrangements are in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It is with great sorrow that we heard Paul has passed away.*

We became acquainted with Paul while playing tennis at the WRAC with the Prime Timers. What a nice guy he was. I wish I had known more about his many, many experiences as I would have loved to hear more about his life. What a truly accomplished man.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and family. May your wonderful memories sustain you through your sorrow. You must be comforted knowing Paul is now at home with God forevermore!

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