



Paul James Owens

January 9, 1944 - September 16, 2014

SGM (Ret) Paul James Owens, son of the late Raymond Wesley and Carolyn (James) Owens, was born January 9, 1944 in Long Island City, New York. Paul spent his whole childhood in the Long Island area and graduated from school.

As a young man, Paul enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully during Korea and Vietnam until his retirement in 1989. He had attained the rank of Sergeant Major and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), Army Commendation Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon "4", Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster).

While in the military, Paul was sent to Germany and while there, he met the love of his life, Irene Maria Himmelein. They were united in marriage on February 3, 1970 in Frankfurt, Germany. They shared over 44 years of marriage together and were blessed with one daughter: Corina.

After retiring from the military, Paul served as a Junior ROTC officer and math teacher until the age of 62 when his health began to decline. In 2006, Paul and Irene moved to the St. Robert to be near their daughter.

In his spare time, Paul enjoyed music, especially playing the trumpet. He liked trains and being outdoors while fishing. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Paul was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Paul passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 70 years.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Irene Owens of the home; one daughter: Corina Erna Paradee (Dale) of Waynesville, MO; four grandchildren: Rachel Beck (Brian), Andrew Pagan and Cassandra and Victoria Paradee, two great grandchildren: Tyler and Alyssa Beck; other relatives and friends.

Paul was a very loving husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa. Even though he is gone from our sight, he will forever live in our hearts.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 19, 2014 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. The song "Amazing Grace" was played and serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul James Owens*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I can only apologize for not coming to see you before your passing, aside from what you were told I love you and grandma very much and I missed you. I will regret that the rest of my life for not spending time with you. I only just found out about your passing yesterday. I am the oldest grandchild to paul james owens. I love yall aside from what you may think.
love always and forever you will be missed,
stephanie*

stephanie - October 04, 2014 at 10:53 AM



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dale paradee - September 19, 2014 at 10:18 PM



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dale paradee - September 19, 2014 at 08:14 PM

RT

“ *Richard Thomas lit a candle in memory of Paul James Owens*



Richard Thomas - September 19, 2014 at 08:17 AM

DP

“ *dad going to miss the rides to the VA and us talking. You knew would do anything for you and did. Going to miss seeing you at the corner of the dinning room table on get togethers. This morning placing you at your final resting place and rest easy dad I will watch over the girls and grandkids*



dale paradee - September 19, 2014 at 08:11 AM

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JE

“ *Your country is very thankful for your service.*

Jill E. - September 19, 2014 at 08:07 AM

MS

“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY
MARLIN STEVENS*



MARLIN STEVENS - September 19, 2014 at 08:06 AM