



## Paul Joseph Monda

March 5, 1918 - February 6, 2012

Paul Joseph Monda was born on March 5, 1918, in Thomas, WV, son of Paolino (Paul) and Luigia (Louise) Mauro Monda. Always a dedicated and hard-working person, Paul went to work as a child to help support his large family, his father having died when he was twelve years old. His work experience gave him a diverse and practical education in such fields as construction, farming, masonry, coal mining, and teaching instrumental music. Paul won a music scholarship and attended Fairmont State Teachers College. He left college after two years in order to help support his mother and siblings by working, in addition to playing saxophone and clarinet with various dance bands on the east coast.

He was drafted into the Army in 1942 and completed his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. While stationed there he met the love of his life, Willene Anderson, a junior USO hostess from Richland, MO. Paul's World War II service included tours at several U.S. military bases and in 1944 he was sent with this Engineer Battalion to the Aleutian Islands. He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant, and served as a member of the Army Band under the bandleader Bud Freeman, performing for the troops' morale. During his service time, he was awarded several medals and commendations which include Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, and World War II Victory Ribbon.

On September 25, 1947, Paul and Willene were married and they lived in Thomas, WV, where he worked for the Davis Coal and Coke Company. In 1950 they moved to Missouri and built a home in Waynesville where Paul began working with the Army-Air Force Exchange Service at Fort Leonard Wood. He became the Services and Concessions Supervisor and was responsible for establishing and managing the many service and concession operations there.

Paul was an active member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, where for many years he served as the choir director. He continued to pursue music as a hobby, volunteering his time by assisting aspiring musicians at Waynesville High School. He also enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and watching St. Louis Cardinal baseball, and college and professional football games,

Paul departed this life on February 6, 2012, at the age of 93 years, 11 months. His loving wife of 51 years, Willene, preceded him in death in 1999. Also preceding him in death were his parents, his sisters: Nancy, Rose, Frances, Anna, Mary and Esther and his brothers: Joseph, Ralph, Carmen, and Nicholas.

Paul is survived by his five children: Paul J. Monda II (Helen) of Duncanville, TX, John W. Monda (Aimee) of Sunset Hills, MO, Michael E. Monda of Waynesville, Jeanne M. Strohm (Merle) of Springfield, MO, and Joanne M. Tyra (Tom) of Burke, VA. He always set for them an example of faith, devotion, charity toward others, and a very strong work ethic.

He is also survived by his nine grandchildren: Paul J. Monda III, Valerie Monda, Eric Monda (Emma), Mark Monda, Julie Monda, Jessica Strohm, Byron Strohm, Jacquelyn Tyra, and Thomas Tyra, and three great-grandchildren: Thomas Monda, Megan Monda, and Kolbi Thomas, and

numerous nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Building Fund, 367 Old Route 66, St. Robert, MO 65584.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 11, 2012 in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church with Father John Groner officiating. Music was provided by Evelyn Horine. Serving as escorts were Paul J. Monda III, Ed Flanigan, John Jarrett, Tom Lynch, Tom Bohrer and Vic Lynch.

Burial with military honors followed in the Resurrection Cemetery of St. Robert. Honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
367 Old Route 66  
St. Robert, MO  
(573) 336-3662  
[office@strobertcatholic.com](mailto:office@strobertcatholic.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Joseph Monda*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sorry for your lose, my God bless you all you will be in our prayers.*

*Paul###imported-begin##paul bates###imported-end##*

February 15, 2012 at 10:08 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Monda. Our Dad always had a great deal of respect for Mr. Monda during his years of employment at Ft. Leonard Wood. (He was the manager of the two service stations on Post.)*

*Donna (Scrivener) Brackett, Lebanon, MO  
Rich Scrivener, Nancy Scrivener, and Sharon (Scrivener) Bench of  
Springfield.###imported-begin##The Children of Tom & Mary  
Scrivener###imported-end##*

February 14, 2012 at 09:49 PM



“ *I just wanted to send my sympathy to Uncle Paul's family....I am Freda LaCaze's daughter, Mary Ellen, and heard so many wonderful stories about Paul and Willie. Mother loved them both very much, and passed that on to me. I will add my prayers to all the others that will be sent to heaven for Uncle Paul and Aunt Willie.###imported-begin##Mary Ellen Cook###imported-end##*

February 13, 2012 at 10:29 AM



“ *Joanne & Jeanne; We are both sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.##imported-begin##Sandy Stacey McCarrie & Maureen Stacey Nelson##imported-end##*

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February 11, 2012 at 10:43 AM



“ *Joanne and family. I always had respect for your Dad. I never met anyone who didn't. Strength always comes from positive thoughts and prayers which my family and I are sending to yours. Our deepest sympathy. May God give you and your family comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Tagge##imported-end##*

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February 11, 2012 at 12:39 AM



“ *John,*

*My deepest sympathy to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. May God comfort you and Bless you always.*

*Dante##imported-begin##Dante Rebori##imported-end##*

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February 10, 2012 at 02:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Paul. Our prayers are with you all. I have fond memories of him and your mother, Willene. It's been a long time since I have seen you and wish I could be there now to have a little visit with you. May God bless you all.  
Sincerely,  
Ruth Watson Williams.##imported-begin##Ruth Watson Williams##imported-end##

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February 10, 2012 at 04:20 AM



“ Paul and Helen I just by chance found out about your Dad's passing. I am so sorry. Mr. Monda was my first Boss at Ft Leonard Wood when I was just a kid of 19. He taught me everything I knew and I was so happy working with him. Enjoyed so much when he and his wife came to see us here. My thoughts and prayers are with you. My Husband George passed away suddenly 6 Jan 12. I miss him so much. Love, Betty##imported-begin##Betty Williams##imported-end##

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February 09, 2012 at 03:23 PM



“ John & Mike, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that you are in my thoughts during your difficult time. May your family wrap their arms around each other and find comfort and strength.##imported-begin##Judy Harmon##imported-end##

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February 09, 2012 at 02:54 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family.##imported-begin##Sheree Rippee McPherson##imported-end##*

February 09, 2012 at 09:51 AM



“ *Your family is in my prayers during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Vicki Willis##imported-end##*

February 09, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ *Mike, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My deepest sympathy is with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##*

February 09, 2012 at 08:24 AM



“ *Jeanne and Mike, I am so very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in the coming days.##imported-begin##Donna Aldrich##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 08:38 PM



“ *Paul was a good friend of mine. We first got acquainted when I became an Optical Concesionaire at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO . Paul was a good man I have good memories of him. from the years 40 plus years I lived in Waynesville.##imported-begin##Dr. Carl Larson##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 07:41 PM



“ *A dear friend has departed this life where no more pain or suffering shall he bare. Our prayers are for those of his family who will miss him so much that they find so measure of comfort and peace in the days ahead. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Norman Anderson Family##imported-end##*

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February 08, 2012 at 06:40 PM