



Paul P. Stoddard

April 30, 1947 - December 19, 2024

Paul P. Stoddard beloved husband, father, brother, and grandfather died peacefully at home on Dec 19, 2024. He was 77 years old. He is survived by Lisa, his wife of 29 years; daughter, Jennifer Eley of Middletown DE; daughter, Alexandra Stoddard of Kennett Square, PA; 7 grandchildren: Camryn Eley, Samantha Eley, Brooke Eley, Jessica McDonough, Bryanna Swope, Alivia Stoddard, Kayleigh Stoddard and Hudson McVaugh; and 2 great-grandchildren, Ellania and Preston; and sisters: Carol O'Donoghue, Shirley Davis, and Kathy Patterson. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul P Stoddard, Jr.; and his daughter, Hillary E. Stoddard.

Born in Dover, Delaware, Paul started his life in Wyoming, Delaware, moving to Bear, Delaware when he was 6. Paul graduated from Christiana High School in 1965 and after being drafted, he enlisted so he could choose his role in Viet Nam. He flew Huey helicopters in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as a Chief Warrant Officer and flew Pentagon personnel out of Fort Belvoir in Washington D.C. after coming home. Paul then spent the next 40 years at the Oil Refinery in Delaware City, DE working his way up from the mail room to Night Superintendent. As well as working full time at the Refinery, Paul found time to volunteer with the Delaware City Fire Company.

Paul's favorite hobby was fishing on the Delaware Bay. At first it was just Paul and his dad and then it was with his kids, nieces and nephews, and his many

friends. Along with collecting coins, mostly Morgan Silver Dollars, Paul had a great love of working with wood. Early on Paul carved birds and ducks and he also carved a white swan for each one of his children. Later in life, after retiring, Paul found working with a wood lathe was the best way to fill his time. His wooden bowls and charcuterie trays are spread all over the U.S. as gifts and wares sold at local craft shows. If you find a wooden bowl with PPS and the year burned on it, you have an original Paul Stoddard creation.

A visitation will be Friday, January 10, 2025, from 10-11 AM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Paul's life at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. If you would like, please bring a funny story to share about Paul at the service. It is what he wanted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Paul's memory to the Gary Sinise Foundation for veterans at <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/donate> or St. Jude Children's Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

OF

“ Oak House Loud Friends purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



Oak House Loud Friends - January 09, 2025 at 03:40 PM

DO

“ Dorothy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul P. Stoddard.

Dorothy - January 09, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DO

“ Dorothy purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



Dorothy - January 09, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KA

“ In the spirit of Paul's sense of humor I will just say, "silver pigs". If you know, you know. Miss you Paul, so much.

Kathy - January 09, 2025 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ The Powell Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



The Powell Family - January 08, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TF

“ The Powell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul P. Stoddard.

The Powell Family - January 08, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



January 08, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul P. Stoddard.

January 07, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



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LH

“ Love Diana Hummel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul P. Stoddard.

Love Diana Hummel - January 07, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LH

“ Love Diana Hummel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



Love Diana Hummel - January 07, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LK

“ Love Carol, Shirley and Kathy purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paul P. Stoddard.



Love Carol, Shirley and Kathy - December 31, 2024 at 03:15 PM

JL

“ Among we VN pilots, seniority was a big thing. When Jimmie left, Paul was the senior guy in our hootch . We started calling him "The Chief"! and he was a good one, always trying to keep us crazy Warrants out of trouble.

One of my most vivid memories of my tour came when I was just a rookie on my first combat assault. Paul was Pilot In Command and I was the lowly, brand new "Peter Pilot". It was a big insert of troops with about 12 Hueys going one at a time into a HOT LZ. The first three Hueys in were shot up pretty bad, and of course, we were #4. Frankly, I was scared shitless, as we would say. We started our approach and then the mission commander called us off so our gunships to soften thing up a bit. Ha! We then got the call to go in. As we started our approach, Paul told me, that if we started to take fire, I was to get on the radio and call out "#4 is taking fire" As we were on short final, I heard all kinds of shooting, so I started shouting out the message. Paul continued down, calmly landed, and the troops exited hastily. After we took off and cleared the LZ, Paul looked at me with that terrific smile of his and said, "Jim, I have bad news and good news for you. The bad news is that we we not taking fire. It was our gunships making all the noise. The good news is that you never turned your radio selector switch to Transmit, so no one heard you but us!" A very humbling beginning for me. But Paul was a great pilot ,leader, and teacher, and I learned much from him about how to survive that awful war in the many times I flew with him.

He will be missed much by Jimmie, Larry, Don and me.















Jim Lomonaco - December 30, 2024 at 01:17 PM

AS

What a great story. Thank you so much for sharing. I love hearing these special memories.

Alexandra Stoddard - January 09, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JE

“    oh pop pop the memories we had growing up.. you and Nana coming to pick us up for birthdays   to get something to eat which was most likely a happy meal from McDonald's  then you'd take us to toys t us and let us pick out something. Not to mention you'd bring over the gold 1 dollar coins for us. And if Nana didn't come you'd take us by her store to see her. We all loved every part of it. Going over to your house and seeing all the doll houses you've built , and your little work shop you had. The game where you hit the balls with that stick  I don't know the name of it. I could go on and on and on and on. Saddening to say you won't be here to do any of that with your great grandkids :(I'm truly gonna miss you pop pop and love you so much   this isn't fair but we all know our pop pops can't live forever. Tell baby car car up in heaven we love and miss him so much and can't wait for the day we are all reunited     Merry Christmas  rest easy pop pop, you'll never be forgotten.

Jessica - December 24, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DG

“ I am saddened to hear this. I worked with Paul for almost 40 years and he was a fantastic person. Paul had a good word and encouraged everyone with his can do attitude. Rest in Peace Paul

Dave Gryniwicz - December 23, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DC

“ Having left the Refinery, in 1975, Have not seen Paul. Paul was, and from all I see and here is a great human being, and friend. I my memory is correct escaped from the Coker fire safely, February 29, 1972!! A great friend and honored veteran. Rest in peace, your have served our country well!!

Dave Cochran
Montgomery, TX

Dave Cochran - December 23, 2024 at 05:23 PM

SD

Paul was a wonderful brother and always there when we needed him. I miss him so much already. I only wish I had more time with such a kind, loving beautiful brother.

Shirley Davis - December 25, 2024 at 05:41 PM