



Paul Stanley Godfrey

November 21, 1940 - February 19, 2025

Dodgeville - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Stanley Godfrey who left this world peacefully on February 19, 2025 at the age of 84 after a courageous battle with bladder cancer.

He was born in Mineral Point on November 21, 1940 to Mason & Lois Godfrey.

Paul grew up the son of a dairy farmer and worked on the farm alongside his father. Farming was "in his blood" and even after completing college, he continued to help out on the family farm. He also owned two farms of his own, raising both pigs and cattle. He passed on his love of animals to both his daughter and son. Farming taught Paul his strong work ethic. He worked 4 different part-time jobs to put himself through college. Every job he did, he "gave it his all."

Paul attended the one-room, country school named "Sheldon" during grades 1 through 8. Paul graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1959. He enjoyed participating in band, chorus, football, basketball, and track. He held the high school "high-jump" record.

Paul graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1962, with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. He also completed a M.S. Degree in Education Administration at UW-Platteville in 1978.

Paul began his Elementary School teaching career in Costa Mesa, CA and after five years returned to WI to continue his career. He worked for 20 years in the Dodgeville School District as an Elementary School Teacher, Middle School Teacher, Principal of Ridgeway Elementary School, and Principal of Dodgeville Elementary School.

In 1988, Paul began a new career path in the insurance and investment industry. He used his teaching and administrative skills to help his clients achieve financial security.

He married Janice Dee Helin in 1962. They were blessed with two amazing children,

daughter Shelly in 1966 and son Scott in 1969. Janice passed away in 1985.

Paul married Suzanne Eileen Tobert on July 16, 1987 at the Dodgeville United Methodist Church. They were very happily-married for 37 years until his death.

Paul's faith was important to him. He loved singing in the Dodgeville United Methodist Church Choir and served on several church committees over the years. His love of music led him to sing in the Dodgeville Community Barbershop Chorus along with his father Mason and son Scott too. For many years Paul served the community as a member of the the Mineral Point Kiwanis, and was President for a couple terms.

Paul liked to travel and enjoyed summer family camping trips. In 2008, Paul & Suzanne retired together. First, they traveled with their "condo on wheels" RV as they criss-crossed the U.S.A. twice! They enjoyed every moment!

In later years, they bought a 2nd home located in The Villages, Florida and immersed themselves into that active, retirement life-style and beautiful Florida weather during Fall & Winter. They loved taking daily walks together, watching the wildlife & water from their picture-windows, driving their golf cart all around, and spending time with friends. Paul & Suzanne always returned to their Dodgeville home to enjoy Spring, Summer, and our family!

Paul is survived by his loving wife Suzanne, daughter Shelly (Bill) Ehlenbeck, son Scott (Sarah) Godfrey, brother Philip Godfrey, sister Judy (Jerry) Nichols, 6 grandchildren: Brittany, Morgan, & Alexis Ehlenbeck, Spencer (Leah) Godfrey, Eliza (Brenden Polkinghorn) Godfrey, and Maggie (special friend Alex Schemm) Godfrey, 4 great-grandchildren: Raelyn Ehlenbeck, Griffin, Nora, & Rowan Godfrey. Plus, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents: Mason (1993) & Lois (2003) Godfrey, In-laws Ralph (1992) & Graciela "Chela" Tobert (2007), first wife Janice (1985) Godfrey, and sister-in-law Kay (2016) Godfrey.

A private, family burial will be held at Graceland Cemetery in Mineral Point. In Spring, there will be a private, family service at Dodgeville Methodist Church.

Memorials may be sent in Paul's memory to Dodgeville United Methodist Church Choir or the Hodan Center in Mineral Point.

Paul will be deeply missed.

I will think of him each and every day.

"I love you with all my heart."

Tribute Wall



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

March 05, 2025 at 11:26 PM

MD

“ Mike and Lisa Derr purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul Stanley Godfrey.



Mike and Lisa Derr - March 04, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MH

“ So sorry for the loss of Paul Godfrey. I first met Paul in 1977 when I joined the Dodgeville School District as the district administrator. At that time, Paul was the principal of the Ridgeway Elementary School. Before the 1977-78 school year started, the principal of the Dodgeville Elementary School passed away. The school board then, with confidence, named Paul the principal of both elementary schools. He did an excellent job with staff, students and parents, and was very well respected. He was a wonderful role model and human being and will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.

Monte k Hottmann - March 02, 2025 at 11:42 AM

CH

“ Mr. Godfrey was principal of Dodgeville High when I was hired to start the Writing to Read program for kindergartners. He was always friendly and cheerful, and helpful when I needed it.

Caroline Hodge - February 27, 2025 at 09:26 AM

PD

“ We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Suzanne and family at the passing of your dear husband, father and grandfather. Paul was my first principal at the Ridgeway school. I knew Paul as a man of high integrity...a Godly man with solid principles. Every morning he would pick up my friend Bill and I for school and drop us back home after the school day was completed. As I recall those days...Suzanne was our daughter Angie's first grade teacher...Angie is now 50. Peg and I have many fond memories of Paul. We all miss him and send our love. Peg and Bob Duckart.

Peg & Bob Duckart - February 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM

DT

“ My sympathy to Suzanne and the rest of Paul's family. I was a teacher sub in the Dodgeville School District while Paul was there. He encouraged me to get the long time job I had at Lands' End. I also enjoyed when he and his dad sang at several places. The group they sang with had wonderful voices. RIP Paul.



Donna Toay - February 24, 2025 at 03:51 PM

TS

“ My sincere condolences to Suzanne, Paul's family, and all who knew him. My husband, Tom, and I volunteered with Paul and Suzanne at the Mineral Point Kiwanis 4th of July Ice Cream Social for many, many years. Hard work and responsibility was in his blood. Paul was a kind person.

Trici Schraeder - February 24, 2025 at 11:02 AM

EH

“ Paul and I were classmates as well as good friends. We shared many good times together. Condolences to your Family. Edith Hunter

Edith Hunter - February 22, 2025 at 05:07 PM