



## Paul J. Muhlstadt

November 21, 1948 - February 11, 2024

Paul J. Muhlstadt, age 75, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Miller Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee. He is now with his Lord and Savior in Heaven.

He was born November 21, 1948 in Streator, the son of Carl & Anna Klein Muhlstadt.

Paul married Susan Strachan on August 24, 1991 at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

For twenty years, Paul worked for A.O. Smith, Crown, Cork, & Seal, and Peddinghaus Corporation as a tool and die maker. Then, he went to work as an engineer at the Joliet Arsenal for twenty years. He retired from Holohan Heating after 15 years of service.

He was a master woodworker. Paul enjoyed golfing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a parishioner of St. James Catholic Church in Irwin.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Susan Muhlstadt of Kankakee; four children, James (Angie) Muhlstadt of Limestone, Paula Muhlstadt of Gilman,

Karla (Donald) Learned of Irwin, and Charles Muhlstadt of Irwin; two sisters, Maryanne Cooley of Kankakee and Dorothy (James) Coats of Lehigh Acres, FL; three grandchildren, Garrett (Abbie) Muhlstadt, Braden (Brittany) Muhlstadt, and Gavin (Kara) Muhlstadt; five great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Joyce (Jerry) Lechner of Streator; one brother-in-law, Richard (Kathy) Dumas of Bonfield; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Carl, Andrew, and Edward; one sister, Carol Dumas; and one brother-in-law, Jeff Cooley.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin. Rev. Ron Neitzke will celebrate the Mass.

Interment will follow at Pilot Cemetery in Herscher.

Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church or Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## Pilot Center Cemetery

Herscher, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Mass

FEB 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle  
4372 Main Street  
Irwin, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ Paul was a life long good friend. Our paths have crossed many times. Starting at St. Patrick’s High School in 1961. We shared 4 years there and became great friends. We found out that we were both born in St. Mary’s hospital in Streator, IL along with another great friend Bob Wilkerson. Bob and I were born on the same day there. Paul’s’ uncle and my Dad were great friends growing up in Streator also. We stayed together as good friends along with another high school buddy Rich McBarnes for the next 63 years. We were still meeting for breakfast on a regular basis. Paul even worked for me for a number of years as a Safety Manager. He was one of the most honest and trustworthy people that I ever met. Even though he was “grouchy” sometimes.. RIP & God Speed Paul

Patrick Holohan - February 13, 2024 at 03:20 PM

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“ My prayers go out to Sue and the family. Paul was our neighbor for over 45 years. He was always ready to give a helping hand. He will be missed. Thinking of you all. Jan Flock



Jan Flock - February 13, 2024 at 01:55 PM