



## Paul Anthony Rockert

October 12, 1955 - August 21, 2021

Paul Anthony “Uncle Paul” Rockert, age 65, of Kankakee passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021 at his home. He was born October 12, 1955 in Kankakee, the son of John & Lucille (Evans) Rockert.

Paul spent most of his time exploring the family farm, getting into trouble with his older siblings and cousin, pushing his thick glasses onto his nose, and being the well-known family favorite.

Paul proudly earned his rank of Eagle Scout in 1970 and used this knowledge, skills, and traits throughout his life and various careers. He went on to become Scout Leader at the Local Rainbow Council for many years.

Paul married Susan Harling on September 3, 1977 at the young age of 22. They spent many days camping, fishing, and exploring state and national parks together. After 10 years of marital bliss, they added their three children, John Paul in 1987, Emily Sue in 1990, and Anne Elizabeth in 1992. Paul was beyond proud fo his children and would hold their hand for what felt like eternity before whispering “love you” as they exited the room.

As a younger man, Paul was always outdoors. There is not a mushroom hole unfound or a rock unturned as he searched the county for Morel mushrooms, arrowheads, and berries to make homemade jam. He had a tender heart for animals and on various occasions brought home a critter to be nursed back to health, quickly falling in love with every animal brought through the front door.

Following his retirement, Paul earned his next badge in life, his own chair at Paul’s Place, where the staff became family, and he could be found sitting quietly at at the corner of the bar with a cold refreshment.

Paul was a man of little words, but many observations. He could tell you how to fix something based solely on a description, but he was not going to fix it for you.

Paul spent his last few years awaiting being reunited with the large family who preceded him in death including, his wife, Susan Rockert; his parents; four brothers, John "Sunny" Rockert, Kenneth Miling, Carl Milling, and Michael Rockert; and one sister, Kathryn Jones.

Paul will be looking fondly over those lovingly remembering him including one son, John Rockert; two daughters, Emily Rockert and Anne Rockert; one son-in-law, Jeffery Bruer; future son-in-law, Adam Banks; one grandchild, Griffin Presler; and a large family throughout the country, and friends he called family.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. Mike Seed will officiate the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Flowers are welcome. The family asks that memorials be made to Boy Scouts of America: Rainbow Council.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Anthony Rockert*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

BS

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy and big hugs to John, Emmie, & Annie. Your dad loved you so much and was so proud of you! May he rest in peace with Sue in the loving arms of our lord!*

**Bonnie & Tony Smith** - August 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM

WK

“ *We will miss you Paul Rockert! My sympathies to your family. You were a great friend!*

**Wally Kueffer** - August 28, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CD

“ *My sympathies to Annie, Emily & John. Uncle Paul will always remain in my memories as I've had many hours on a bar stool next to him either at Paul's Place on Wednesdays in the winter or at our Pole Barn during many deer camps. I'll continue to cook his rice balls (meat balls) and his homemade eggnog as I have his handwritten recipes. RIP Uncle Paul.*  
*Doc*

**Clyde Dayhoff** - August 28, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Yellow Peony and Calla Lily Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Paul Anthony Rockert.*



August 27, 2021 at 08:51 PM

DW

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Paul's family, may he rest in peace.*

**Doug and Linda Wright** - August 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM

BS

“ *The only thing that I have say is ~ I love you Paul Rockert !!*



**Bruce Schuster** - August 27, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SF

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



**scott & pam Falkenhan** - August 26, 2021 at 07:06 PM

SF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**scott & pam Falkenhan** - August 26, 2021 at 06:55 PM

SF

*Friends for over 40 years, RIP Paul ❤️🥺*

**scott & pam Falkenhan** - August 26, 2021 at 06:56 PM

LB

“ *With deepest sympathy- Jeff and Lori- Ann*



**loriann bruer** - August 26, 2021 at 04:48 PM

JH

“ *Judy Harling lit a candle in memory of Paul Anthony Rockert*



**Judy Harling** - August 26, 2021 at 01:34 PM

JH

*Paul was so much fun. He loved his wife Susie who they will now join in Heaven. He loved his children John, Emily and Annie. He loved his family. Cousins etc. will miss him. Fly high Paul.*

**Judy Harling** - August 26, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JF

“ *Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of Paul Anthony Rockert*



**Jaymie Falkenhan** - August 26, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JF

*Rest easy, big dog!*

**Jaymie Falkenhan** - August 26, 2021 at 09:23 AM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Rockert. May he now rest in peace.*  
*Sherry (Giardina) Rashenskas*



**Sherry Rashenskas** - August 25, 2021 at 11:35 AM

KI

“ *My Uncle Paul will be truly missed...he was always there for me and didn't mind shedding a tear or two when needed..I have a lot of fond memories of him...taking me arrow head hunting...fishing and more..I know he is now with my mom and other uncle's probably drinking a cold one ...my he rest in peace ..love you Uncle .. Always your favorite niece..*  
*Kim*

**Kim** - August 23, 2021 at 08:03 PM