



Paul E. Wabeke

August 18, 1920 - May 16, 2014

Paul E. Wabeke was set free from the struggles of his life and received into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 16, 2014.

Paul was born on August 18, 1920 in Holland, Michigan to Cornelius and Catherine (Veltman) Wabeke. He attended Holland schools and graduated from Holland High School. After living in Detroit for a brief time, he returned to Holland to raise his family. He became a building contractor and built many homes in the Holland Heights area. He left the contracting business and started a small business in Graafschap called Wabeke Woodcraft. The company manufactured a patented bulletin board that was sold in stores across America.

Paul spent the last 40 years of his life as a self-appointed "watchdog" over the activities of local government and was often present at City Council meetings. He made one unsuccessful run for the office of mayor. For many years Paul was well known locally for driving his Volkswagen Bus with the smiley face hubcaps. He was an avid cyclist, riding his bicycle well into his 93rd year.

Paul is survived by his:

Daughter

Cheryl Wabeke of Florida

Sons

Mark Wabeke and Kathy Stasko, of Florida

Ross and Sally Wabeke of Colorado

6 Grandchildren

2 Great Grandchildren

A funeral service will be held at 12:00pm Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St, Holland, with Rev. Ralph Houston officiating. Visitation will be one hour (11:00-noon) prior to the service. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at Wildwood Creek Manor and Heartland of Holland for the loving care they provided for Paul in his later years. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be given to Hospice of Holland or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul E. Wabeke*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Paul will always be remembered as a dear friend to my father. He was so kind and generous with his time. I don't even remember how they met each other, but, my father had MS and lived in a nursing home for many years. Paul picked my dad up in his VW van for church every Sunday and took him out for lunch. Paul transported him to many family events and stayed for the activities. He was always joyful and always had a smile on his face. That was a long time ago, as my father died 20 years ago, but we are still thankful that Paul was part of our lives.*

Georgia Lousma Shahbazi - Holland, MI - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul always had a smile on his face! My children used to call his van the "happy van". He was indeed a watchdog for city hall and other organizations in Holland. He was also a fixture at Meijers and other local fast food restaurants!
May you finally rest in His Loving Arms Paul!!*

Frank and Ann Wilson - Holland, MI - Friends of Paul - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM