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Paul was born December 14, 1930, in Grand Island, Nebraska and peacefully passed away on August 15, 2021, in Longview, TX. We were blessed with 90 and a half years of his great love for people and life. He grew up in Kearney, Nebraska and met his wife of 68 years, Alene, at a café in Lincoln while attending the University of Nebraska. Eight days after they married, Paul left for the Army during the Korean war. While he was stationed in Germany, Alene joined him during the last year of his service. With Alene's family being German, this is when Paul fell in love with the people and the country of Germany.

Upon returning from his Army service, he completed his master's degree in music at the University of Nebraska (where he proudly led the Big Red Marching Band as the drum major) and taught band and choir in Newman Grove, Nebraska. Here they started their family with the births of Carmela and Mike. In 1963, they moved to Longmont, CO where Paul continued teaching and then began a career in financial planning.

In 1974, Paul moved his family to Garland, TX to become a business owner and opened a Taylor Rental Center. He was a successful owner and employed his kids and many of their friends during his time owning the store. In 2000, Paul and Alene moved to their present home in Longview, TX to "never retire" as he worked for Carmela and Mark as the "Grandpa" of their businesses.

So much can be said about Paul. A few highlights would be the 108 countries he traveled to and the love of people and friends he made along the way. This includes the Kreft family in Germany with the youngest being named Paula after him. He never met a stranger, just ask the employees at Sam's club. He and Alene also showed their love for the Lord and others by taking in at least a dozen people to live with them throughout the years. These included: kids of friends, friends of their kids, friends of their grandkids, young people needing a break and a young family from



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Hong Kong who have been their friends for 40 years.

Paul was Grandpa to his grandkids, Grandpa to his great grandkids, Grandpa to his neighbor's kids, Grandpa to the workers at the office, Grandpa at AMBUCS, Grandpa to so many. He was a member at New Beginnings Baptist Church where he loved to sing in the choir and the congregation. He loved his life group and served by building ramps for the needy and feeding the men at the House of Disciples. Paul was extremely active as he was a Master Mason with the Masonic Lodge, past president of his Lions club, a part of the local American Legion, past president of Ambucs Too, Shriner's drum corp., and church choir director at his former churches. Paul loved people well!

He is survived by his wife Alene of 68 years, daughter Carmela Davis and husband Mark Adkisson, son Mike Davis and wife Michelle, grandchildren: Kyle Adkisson, Brooke Davis, Stephan Tarpley and wife Abigail, Kent Adkisson, Adrian Tarpley, Tyler Davis and wife Mary Page, Mary Margaret Jones and husband Jon, Trevon Goodman and girlfriend Madison Perrett, and Kenton Goodman. Great grandchildren: Ava and Avery Adkisson, Piper and Myla Adkisson, Hayes and Wren Davis. So many other family members as well as friends.

Visitation for Paul will be held Tuesday the 17th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and a memorial service Wednesday the 18th at 10:00 a.m. both at the Rader Funeral Home in Longview. A second service and burial will take place in Dubois, Nebraska later in the week. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Longview Ambucs Too, PO Box 331, Longview, TX 75606.



Events

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Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 17, 2021
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



Chapel Service - Longview

- Wednesday**, August 18, 2021
- 10:00 AM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
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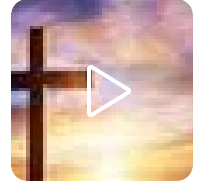
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 18 at 4:15 AM



Kathy Walls posted:

My name is Kathy (Pospisil). I graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1962. Mr Davis was a fantastic music/ band instructor. He had patience with a farm girl not knowing anything about band or chorus. When I got to college I played in the band thanks to Mr Davis. I wish I had known he lived down here in Texas. I've lived in Plano Texas for 27 years. Well, Mr Davis you are home playing instruments and singing with angels. Bless all of you and your families.

September 8 at 4:07 PM



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MK

Mike For Joe Kreft posted:

Dear Alene, Carmela, Mike and families, we lost the oldest best friend of our family: Paul. Our parents Hanni (93) and Guenther (+) met Alene and Paul in the late 50th. They were looking for Alene's Grandpa in a little village in Germany. Finally they found him. But of course this old guy didn't speak English. So the teacher (Guenther) translated their conversations. That was the beginning of a special friendship between our families. Yes, it started more than 60 years ago. First, just letters were sent. Every Christmas we got a parcel with gifts for us kids. Later the internet helped to communicate. Paul and Alene came many many times to Germany and meeting the Krefts was always on the schedule. Paul loved Germany. The country, the people, the way of living and the food. We ate so many „Schnitzel“ together. Years ago they celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents with us, and we sang a song together. Unforgettable was also the last meeting between Paul and Guenther on Guenther's 90th birthday. Paul held a speech and we all knew that it was the last time these two old friends would see each other. Paul held the speech in English and no translation was necessary. Tears over tears. Our visits in Texas were amazing. Paul showed us so many things and let us take part in their way of living. Once we sent our kids by themselves over the big ocean to spend weeks with Alene and Paul. We never had any doubt that Alene and Paul would take care of them being so far away from home for the first time. Our kids loved them of course. They called them American Grandpa and Grandma. Being with Paul and Alene meant having a good time. Hours for hours we played hand & foot or just talked and talked. Sitting on the porch with a coffee and a tea. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and we made so many jokes. His smile and laughter was special and we were always amazed by his kindness, he was so giving. The way he talked with the kids.....there are so many memories we could continue to share. He is absolutely unforgettable and will have a place in our hearts forever. I can still hear him saying „Guten Morgen, mein Herr“ when he was entering the kitchen in our house in the morning. Now we have to realize that Paul is no longer with us. There is a big loss. We believe that he is now in a place with Guenther and these guys will have good talks and fun up there. No more pain and fear. Alene and Paul: thank you for being our friends! Let us continue the tradition that Paul had started: our house will always be open for the Davis families. Love from Joachim („Joe“), Elisabeth, Julia, Susanne and Stefan and....little PAULA

August 16 at 6:59 AM

DN

Dei Newberry posted:

What a beautiful service. We met Paul at Calvary Baptist in Garland, and soon after, he moved away, but we know what a loving and kind man he was. My Dad was in the Army and served in Germany when I was like 4th grade, so we have a special connection to Germany too. We will think of you often, and never eat another Tootsie Roll Pop without thinking of the final salute to this great man. Much love, Kim & Dei Newberry

August 19 at 7:43 AM



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Vicki Roush lit a candle in honor of Paul.

Alene an family ❤️ we send our prayers and love to each of you. Paul has a special place in our hearts. He was special to us an had a voice of a angel. Now he's singing with them. May God be with you an give you peace and comfort.
Vicki an Randy Roush

August 17 at 5:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davis family.

August 17 at 5:45 AM



Don & Janelle Cook posted:

Paul and Alene were such good friends to Don and me. You could not out give him. He was selfless in his caring for others. When we retired, Paul made sure we had something to do by getting us involved in working for companies he was employed by. He was the hardest worker I have ever known, with Alene right by his side. A story that has stuck in my mind about Paul is about the time he came to Dallas from Longview for day surgery on his foot fully intending to drive himself home afterward. When hospital personnel would no allow it, he called a friend to come get him and drive him to his car, and he drove home. We will miss him greatly. Love to Alene and the family. Don and Janelle

August 16 at 7:10 PM



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Patrick & Bertha posted:

Our kids call Paul and Alene their American grandparents. Without them, we would not have come to the States and got settled well. Paul welcomed Patrick into his house when he spent his college years in this foreign land by himself. He was there for us when we came for our honey moon, and drove Patrick all over Dallas for his job interviews. He was there taking us again into his house when we first moved to US with our 1st child. He was there often taking care of dinners for the family while the mom sweated through her MBA at SMU. He was there seeing her graduation and eventually finding a new job in the new world. He was there for us in the ICU when our 2nd child was born with a fatal heart illness. He was there for us with the realtor when we bought our first house and had no clue what to do. He was there for us when Bertha had a difficult 3rd pregnancy. He was there for our kids when they grew up, and actually went to our kids' "Take your grandparents to school day". Countless moments. He will there be there for us, forever in our hearts.

August 16 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Davis family.



August 16 at 4:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis family.



August 16 at 3:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis family.



August 16 at 12:04 PM



Rachel Connors posted:

What I loved about Paul was his sense of humor, his jokes and I loved to hear his stories. I really loved working with him. My condolences and prayers to the family at this time. Rachel Connors

August 16 at 11:40 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Davis family.



August 16 at 11:28 AM



Richard Clearfield posted:

Paul was one of the most unforgettable people I've ever know. Loyal, giving, trustworthy, Tireless, and faithful. I am sure Jesus greeted Paul with these words "well done, good and faithful servant." Paul was a servant in the most loving way.

August 16 at 9:29 AM



Debbie Scott lit a candle in honor of Paul.



August 16 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Davis family.



August 16 at 8:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Davis family.



August 16 at 6:59 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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