



## Paul Jackson Way Sr.

August 9, 1933 - December 9, 2021

Paul Jackson Way, Sr, 88, of Cary, formerly of Burlington, IL, passed away at Three Oaks Assisted Living and Memory Care in Cary with his family at his side on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021.

He was born Aug. 9, 1933, in Charleston, IL, the son of George and Mary (Crail) Way. He served in the US Air Force and then graduated from Eastern Illinois University on the GI Bill. He married Charlene Miller on Feb. 24, 1953 in Charleston, and they lived there before moving to Burlington, where they raised their family. Paul was a schoolteacher at Central School District #301, spending most of his years at Central High School, where he taught PE, Civics, Economics, History, and Driver's Ed and also coached baseball, basketball, football, and volleyball, before finishing his career teaching PE at the District #301 elementary schools. He was known for his distinctive whistle in the hallways, and he treasured his 33 years of teaching, eventually teaching the grandkids of some of his early students. He had told his kids that if God were to send him back to live life again, he'd only do it if he could be a teacher again. Paul loved traveling and camping across the USA with his family and spent many winters in Gulf Shores, AL with Charlene after retirement. An avid golfer, Paul golfed until the age of 86. He was a member of the Burlington United Methodist Church.

Paul is survived by his children, P. Jack (Valerie) Way, Jr. of Lake Mills, WI, Randall (Debbie) Way of Hampshire, Greg (Terresa) Way of Sycamore, Chris (Sue) Way of McHenry, and Angela (JJ Porterfield) Way of Chicago; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Charlene on Jan. 24, 2019; two brothers, Robert Way and James Way; and a sister, Catherine Hamilton.

The family would like to thank the staff at Three Oaks as well as Transitions Hospice for the exceptional, loving care they provided to Paul.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Burlington United Methodist Church (corner of Center and South Streets) in Burlington.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 28 from 4 to 8 PM at the church and will continue Saturday prior to services from 10 to 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Paul Jackson Way, Sr. Memorial, c/o PO Box 445, Hampshire, IL 60140.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
Center and South Street  
Burlington, IL 60109

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
Center and South Street  
Burlington, IL 60109

## Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
Center and South Street  
Burlington, IL 60109

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ We called him Paul in our family. What a great man! I still think of him very often. Many many great memories.

John Anderson - May 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul Jackson Way Sr..



January 27, 2022 at 09:06 PM

DM

“ We were friends with him & Char, for 50 years. Had some wonderful times with them over the years. We are so happy he is re-United with the love of his life, Char. He was a great friend. God Bless him. Blessings to the family.

dmbenson - January 27, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ Mr. Way was my kindergarten gym teacher. When I was scared to play one game he would run across the gym with me.

I also remember we would workout to Beach Boys music. When he played Surfin' USA he would tell us to strum ourselves like a guitar during the instrumental.

He was a great teacher.



Julie Buckner - January 21, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Jackson Way Sr..



January 07, 2022 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Grade school thru high school,  
rest in peace jack.  
Norm Mcnamer, Lafayette, CO

jim mcnamr - December 29, 2021 at 02:40 AM

JH

*Prayers for Jack and Charlene's life.*

Jim Hughes - December 29, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MN

“ Maxstadt Norma lit a candle in memory of Paul Jackson  
Way Sr.



Maxstadt Norma - December 23, 2021 at 04:28 PM

SS

“ Sandy Sieroslowski lit a candle in memory of Paul Jackson  
Way Sr.



Sandy Sieroslowski - December 23, 2021 at 08:37 AM

SS

*Our deepest sympathies on your loss. The Sieroslowskis*

Sandy Sieroslowski - December 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM