



Paul R. Pearce

March 3, 1920 - December 5, 2014

Paul Rex Pearce, 94 longtime resident of Okay, Oklahoma, passed away Friday, December 5, 2014, in Muskogee after a brief illness. He was born March 3, 1920, in Alsuma, Oklahoma (part of Tulsa county) to William Worth and Della Mae Pearce. At an early age his family moved to Baxter Springs, Kansas, where he grew up and attended school. Paul's son recalls his father's stories of his childhood in Baxter Springs and how his father learned to swim in the Spring River. He graduated from high school with the class of 1938 and started his first job with the Kansas State Telephone Company. While working for the telephone company, Paul also got another job working for the local barbeque and hamburger stand after hours. He knew working these two jobs together, he would be able to afford a car and he bought a 1928 Ford Model A. Not a lot of time passed, and Paul went to work in the Lead and Zink mines.

On January 18, 1941, Paul married the love of his life, Freda Fern Webb of Quapaw, Oklahoma, in Joplin, Missouri. They celebrated 51 years of marriage before Freda's passing in 1992.

During Paul and Freda's marriage, they lived in Inglewood, California, and Kansas City, Missouri, where Paul worked for North American Aviation and helped to build the B-25 Bomber. He worked in this plant when he was drafted in to the U. S. Navy. He served his country during World War II in the Pacific on the USS Proteus, a submarine tender as a machinist. His family also recalls he was at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guam and in the occupation of Japan.

His ship was responsible for taking over the submarine base in Tokyo Harbor. After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, Paul worked for several good companies including, Eagle Picher, Washington National Insurance, U.S. Post Office, Corning Glass Works, and Callery Chemical. He retired from Celanese Chemical in Bay City, Texas after several years of service.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Freda; his parents; his daughter-in-law, Sue; all of his first cousins and many other family members and friends.

Paul is survived by his son, Larry R. Pearce and his wife, Connie of Okay, Oklahoma; his granddaughter, Dawn Fleetwood and her husband, LeRoy of Okay, Oklahoma; his grandson, William Pearce and his wife, Kimberly of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; his six great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 518 Houston Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma, with Reverend Thomas W. Corrigan II officiating. Interment will follow in Greenhill Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
518 Houston
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul R. Pearce*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Larry and Connie, I just found out about Uncle Paul. I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man, so thoughtful. He always kept in touch with the Webb family after Aunt Freda passed away and was so close to them. Mama and Daddy though the world of him. I know they are all reunited now just like they used to be. Love you guys! Debbie (Webb) Lounis*

Debbie Webb Lounis - December 09, 2014 at 07:49 PM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Uncle Paul's passing. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.*

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