



Paul M. Nielsen

July 5, 1930 - February 15, 2020

Paul Michael Nielsen was born and raised on a farm 89 years ago in Mapleton, Iowa. He was from a large family of eleven. Paul moved to Bellingham in 1951. It is here he met his wife Jeanne. Married for 65 years, they raised four children in Bellingham.

Paul loved people and people loved him. He was devoted to his family and many friends. He had a passion for motorcycles and was an active member of the Mt. Baker Motorcycle Club. He was a hero and inspiration to many. He raced until age 87 and was the 70+ Novice AHRMA NW Vintage Motocross Champion for numerous years. Motorcycle racing and the traveling and camaraderie it brought made him happy. Paul was a skilled electrician and mechanic. He was a retired electrician from Georgia Pacific and still met for lunch with the crew. He belonged to Bellingham Athletic Club and for several years he held the Masters Bench Press Senior record. Paul loved his Honda Elsinores, watching football, playing the Buffalo machine, Dairy Queen blizzards, listening to his favorite music, and making us laugh with his stories and "Paul-isms".

We take comfort in the fact that "WFO" left this world gripping a throttle. "He will get where he is going and there will be only happy tears" are lyrics from his favorite song.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Jeanne, daughters Julee (Joe) Pitalo & Paula (Chuck) Crawford, sons Vernon & John Nielsen, grandsons Travis Tullar & Cole Nielsen, granddaughter Olivia Nielsen, 2 great grandchildren, Colton & Jayden Tullar, one brother Mike Nielsen, two sisters Evelyn Cameron & Carol Nielsen, and many more loving relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

“Those whom we love & lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are.”

Paul will be laid to rest at Greenacres Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to PeaceHealth Saint Joseph Hospital, Bellingham Firefighters, Harborview Medical Center, & Whatcom Hospice House

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Jeanne and family, I'm really going to miss one of my favorite relatives. I have had the great fortune of had know Paul for the entire duration of my life.
I truly hope that as I always referred to the man while at the Hannegan M/C Club house as Brother Paul Rest In Peace.
Cousin – Brian J Morgan

Brian J Morgan - March 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Paula Crawford & family... so hard for us who are left behind. He was a great dad to his kids & now he is the angel that watches over his family ... hugs to you Paula ❤️

Ken & Marylu Christiansen - February 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Very sad to hear of Mr. Nielsen's passing. I worked with him at GP Tissue mill. He was a Awesome electrician for the tissue mill. He also had a Good Heart with me when we worked together. Our prayers go out to the Family. God Bless

Green and Alethea johnson - February 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM