



Paul L Olsen

September 28, 1943 - September 16, 2025

In Loving Memory of Paul L. Olsen

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Paul L. Olsen entered his heavenly home on September 16, 2025, just shy of his 82nd birthday. He was born in Bellingham, Washington on September 28, 1943.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alexa Owens and Paul A. Olsen, his son Paul L. Olsen Jr., his sister Janice Smith, and niece Mindy Feathers.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Kathie (Burton) Olsen; his daughters Rachel (Matt) Moothart and Andrea (Jarek) Paszkowski; son John A. Olsen; grandchildren Liam, Erin, Josh, and Amber; bonus grandchildren Bella, Evan, Eric, and Karlee; and great-grandson Noah. He is also survived by his sister Charlene Casanova, brother John Chartier, and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

In his younger years, Paul lived an adventurous and hardworking life. He commercial fished in Alaska, served his country honorably in the Vietnam War with the 173rd Airborne, and worked as a commercial logger. He later retired after 32 dedicated years with Intalco Aluminum Company. Paul loved to fish,

hunt, target shoot and restore old vehicles.

Paul was a proud lifetime member of the Mt. Baker Motorcycle Club and the Northwest Chapter of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 7, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Bellingham Chapter of Disabled American Veterans, the Custer Gun Club, and most recently, the Bellingham Trap & Shoot Club. He faithfully attended his Monday DAV group meetings, where he built many close and lasting friendships.

Paul gave his life to Jesus fifteen years ago and was baptized by Curtis Atnoesen, friend and former Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church.

He was a master storyteller and a legendary jokester always ready with a teasing remark or witty comeback. Whether he was joking with family, friends, waitstaff, nurses, or hospital doctors, Paul never missed a chance to bring a smile. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and often did.

During his illness, Paul was lovingly cared for at home by his devoted family, Hospice, and Right at Home caregivers. He found comfort and spiritual companionship through visits from Pastor Kip McCormick of New Life Fellowship Church, whom he deeply respected as both a pastor and fellow veteran.

A service with military honors will be held in October at Greenacres Memorial Park, officiated by Pastor Kip McCormick.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Paul's memory be made to:

New Life Fellowship Church

810 E. Pole Rd, Lynden, WA 98264

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Paul is my dad's best friend!! I have known Paul all my life and what a great man Paul is! So sorry to hear of his passing. Paul and my dad are best friends forever!



Richard Phare - October 15, 2025 at 09:32 PM

SG

“ I've known Paul for about 14 years. Just met him at my store and I instantly liked him. I think the feeling was mutual. Paul was funny always had a smile. I believe that it's the measure of a man when you can look at their photograph like I did in the picture above of Paul and you can hear his laugh. I'm very saddened by the loss of this great guy. Kathie is a wonderful woman and I' am so sorry for your loss Kathie. God bless your family.

Steve Gray - October 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ In loving memory of my father-inlaw. He always had a very warm friendly smile, welcoming everyone to visit. He shared the same birthday month as Paul Jr. We have many fond memories of fishing in Bellingham. He loved fishing and hunting and always enjoyed sharing his catch with others. Many nice meals with family at his house and Kathie is a great cook. Our prayers for the family. Love Carol Olsen and family.

Carol Olsen - October 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Paul and i met 18years ago at the Bellingham Vet Center I liked going to the gun range with paul. he sighted in my new gun for me he was a great guy when ever i saw paul he had a witty statement for me and was pretty funny i will miss seeing him at the vet center All my prayers for the family

Ricky Muder - October 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We are so sorry that you have suffered the loss of Paul. He was a wonderful man and our friend for many years. We are already missing him and his beautiful smile. Love and prayers for all his family. RAY AND Mary Kruzich

Ray kruzich - October 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I am so sorry that you have lost this great man.

Elaine Wood - September 28, 2025 at 12:00 AM