

Paul Francis Vaughn, age 91, departed this life on January 8, 2010 at Buena Vista Manor in Storm Lake after a lingering illness.

Paul graduated May 20, 1937 from Storm Lake High School. After graduating, Paul went to Montana to try out the cowboy lifestyle. After returning to Storm Lake, he tried his hand at working in the movie theater and then managing. Paul enjoyed reel to reel movies and music; he worked at radio stations including Fort Dodge.

Paul joined the Storm Lake Fire Department, the job he loved for the next 23 years. He especially remembered the fire of "Old Main" on the campus of Buena Vista College. Also, the big fire that destroyed Vilas Company, where he and fellow firemen got blown across the railroad track.

Later he worked as a custodian at North School and the Junior High in Storm Lake. Paul was interested in maintaining quality in his job and took numerous continuing education courses.

Traveling 48 states and taking photos and developing photos were very enjoyable for Paul.

He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fireman Association, Iowa Association of Custodians, Democratic State Central Committee, American Legion, and also a Moose member for over 60 years, and the Moose Legion.

Paul was born to James and Anna (Sliefert) Vaughn on December 17, 1918. He was the youngest of three. Paul was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Gladys Preston and Lucille Haarup; and his nephew, David Preston. Paul is survived by Phyllis Oleary and many cousins, special friends Trudie and Ken Nord and many others.



Remembering A Special Life



Paul F. Vaughn

1918 — 2010

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save a life,
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert,
And hear the weakest shout,
Quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling,
To give the best in me,
To guard my friend and neighbor,
And protect his property.
And if according to Your will
I must answer death's call,
Bless with Your protecting hand,
My family one and all.

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of sharing at the Moose Lodge immediately following the burial.

— Paul's Family

In Loving Memory

Paul F. Vaughn

December 17, 1918 — January 8, 2010

FUNERAL MASS

Monday, January 11, 2010

at 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Bruce Lawler

ORGANIST

Dolores Cullen

SOLOIST

Joan Beebe, "Amazing Grace"

MUSIC

St. Mary's Caritas Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Storm Lake Fire Department

INTERMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Storm Lake, Iowa



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