



Paul Vernon Howard Sr.

October 25, 1925 - October 12, 2013

Paul V. Howard, Sr. (Ret. Army Cpt.)

Paul Vernon Howard, Sr., 87, passed away at his home on October 12, 2013 surrounded by family and close friends. He was born in Kansas City, KS on October 25, 1925 to Ethel Barksdale Howard and DeWitt Talmadge Howard. Paul attended school in Kansas City, KS, graduating from Sumner High School in 1942. Afterwards, he enrolled at the College of Engineering at Ohio State University in the Accelerated Wartime Program. Two years later, he was drafted into The United States Army and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers' 1328th Engineer Construction Battalion as a Structural Steel Draftsman. During the World War II European Campaign, he served as a Route Reconnaissance Patrol Leader for Elements of the Continental Advance Engineers. He also served in the Korean War but had earned rank by the start of the Vietnam War and did not deploy. Paul eventually returned to Kansas City where he continued his studies in civil engineering at Kansas State University and enlisted as a reserve officer who would eventually retire with rank of Captain. A bachelor who had proudly served his county and traveled the world, Paul felt it was time to seek the love of his life. As owner of the popular 70's era Hideaway Club in Kansas City, KS, he met Mary DeLaCruz, who eventually became his best friend, wife and mother to his children. As Paul settled down to become a family man, he began his career with the City of Kansas City, Kansas (Unified Government of Wyandotte County). After nearly 40 years of service to Wyandotte County citizens, Paul

retired May 22, 2013 due to a medical condition that caused his health to decline. He was known as a hard, dedicated worker who remained committed to keeping busy with his motto being "I'll rest when I die." He was not only a father to his children, but to other children in his community who came from broken, displaced homes with hopes of giving them a chance. Paul was a living example who could dispel the myth of "only the good die young" and was labeled by many as "the perfect man." Paul was preceded in death by both parents DeWitt and Ethel Howard, sisters Madeline Kaine-Howard and Eileen Howard, brothers Theodore B. Howard and DeWitt T. Howard, Jr. As the last survivor of his generation, Paul leaves a legacy to be fulfilled by the younger Howard men. Survivors include his loving wife, Mary DeLaCruz-Howard of the home, sons Paul V. Howard, Jr. and Benny Martinez (Phong), daughters Tina L. Howard and Angela Blosser (Jeff), grandsons Rico Howard and Ryan Hurst, granddaughters Alexis Peraza, Jenna Blosser, Kylie and Cassandra Kilmer, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins along with a sister-in-law, Lottie Howard of Chicago. Visitation: Monday, October 21st, 5-7 p.m., Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, KCK. Service: Tuesday, October 22nd, 11 a.m. at Greater Pentecostal Temple, 864 Splitlog, KCK. The family acknowledges St. Luke's Hospice, KU Medical Center and extends a heartfelt thanks to Paul's home health aide and long-time family friend Angelina Gonzales, who provided outstanding care to her beloved "Uncle Paul". In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Luke's Hospice or the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City. Arr., Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, KCK. Interment: Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Cremation. Please visit paul's memorial website at www.maplehillfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Greater Pentecostal Temple
864 Splitlog Ave
Kansas City, KS 66101

Military Honors Service

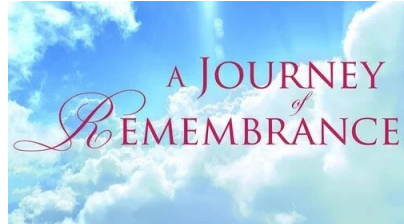
OCT **22**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Vernon Howard Sr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul Vernon Howard Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Paul Vernon Howard Sr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

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“ I will always remember my Uncle Paul.. It appeared always to me that my Mother's side of the family i.e., her people seem to be so generous and kind..Uncle Paul was no exception.. I love for him to throw the baseball up in the sky,,, That would fascinate me until the day I signed professionally out of Cal Berkeley to play in the Los Angeles Dodger's organization.. Uncle Paul too was a baller; He played in the Negro League the Kansas City Giants while Jackie Robinson was playing with the Kansas City Monarchs...

When he sent me that black catcher's glove when I was six years old, I put down the boxing gloves that Dad put on my hands and picked up that baseball glove and never looked back until I received my call to ball for our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.. I'm Uncle Paul's nephew Norman, the son of his beloved sister, my Mother Eileen Louise Howard Brown.. We'll keep in touch because of Jesus Christ.. He tells us that there is but One Mediator between God and Man and that's Jesus Christ {I Timothy 2:5}... Uncle Paul was such an inspiration and a quiet motivator..
Raye , my deceased wife as of July 19, 2013 really loved you also, Uncle Paul.
.Now, you will continue to soldier and ball for Jesus... Hallelujah !!!
Thank You
for everything Uncle Paul. Now go and have some fun & joy with Jesus and that cloud of Witnesses {Hebvrew12:1} that is already enjoying Eternal Life in their new and real home.....Heaven i.e., The World to Come...

Love you Uncle Paul,

Nephew Norman {Peace with Jesus John 14 :26,27}.....

Norman S. Brown {Nephew} - November 05, 2013 at 10:04 PM

BM

“ *I am grateful for the life of Captain (Ret.) Howard. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.*

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - October 18, 2013 at 07:53 PM

FC

“ *I always enjoyed his telling of stories. Especially the one on how he got his Indian Name of "12 Crows".*

Frank Chelesnik - October 18, 2013 at 02:50 PM

MW

“ *What an AWESOME Man! Gone but never forgotten.*



Michael White - October 18, 2013 at 02:44 PM