



Paul Raper

December 12, 1940 - May 1, 2025

Paul Raper, 84, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born December 12, 1940, in Grant County, Indiana the son of Lloyd and Mildred (Swartz) Raper. In May of 1962, he married Eleanor Gaffney. He worked at Kankakee Ropers for many years and retired from Natural Light in Tyler, Texas. Paul enjoyed bowling, woodworking, tinkering in the garage, and fishing. He was also an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Paul is survived by three daughters, Cindy Ali of Fort Worth, Texas, Melanie (Vern) Denton of West Frankfort, and Tammy Lafond of Bourbonnais; daughter-in-law, Tina Raper-Black of Bourbonnais; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; as well as special nephew and niece, Roger (Shelly) Fox and Robin (Marlan) Kirch.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eleanor Raper; sons, Gary, Rick, and Randy Raper; parents; and siblings, Wayne Raper and Clara Goodrich.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 4 p.m. until the service at 7 p.m. at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee. Burial will be at noon on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mound Grove Cemetery
1000 N. Greenwood Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Jennifer Eskew lit a candle in memory of Paul Raper*



Jennifer Eskew - May 16, 2025 at 09:56 PM

PB

“ *Dear Raper's
So sorry to hear of your father's passing. My parents and brother
and I would come to visit you in Momence. It has been many years.*

Pam Mellinger Bloomquist

Pam Mellinger Bloomquist - May 06, 2025 at 06:02 PM

CA

*Pam it's been years but I remember all of you. Uncle Roy and Aunt Mary, you and your brother we would all visit each other. We would hide from Uncle Roy as he always said he would cut our ears off!! Lol!
So nice hearing from you.*

Cindy Ali (Raper)

Cindy Ali - May 07, 2025 at 07:15 AM

PB

I am so happy you replied. Yes he would tell all of us he would cut off our ears. I am on Facebook if you would like to message me. Hope all of you are doing well.

Pam

Pamela Bloomquist - May 07, 2025 at 10:43 AM

PB

I am in Tennessee or I sure would have come to the service. I help my niece Tina take care of Jackie her Mom.

Pamela Bloomquist - May 07, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Raper.*



May 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Raper.

May 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Raper.*



May 04, 2025 at 07:27 PM



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Raper.*



May 04, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Raper.*



May 04, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Love you, Robin & Marlan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul Raper.*



Love you, Robin & Marlan - May 04, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Raper.*



May 04, 2025 at 03:10 PM