



Paul T. Hannon

September 20, 1932 - October 7, 2022

Paul Thomas Hannon, 90, of Salisbury, NC formerly of Westvale, passed away peacefully following a short illness on Friday, October 7th. Born in Parsons, PA to Thomas and Barbara Hannon, he graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1950. He entered into service in the United States Navy during the Korean War and was stationed in Bainbridge, MD. He was immensely proud of his military service and wore his U.S. Navy Korean War hat everywhere he went. After his honorable discharge as Petty Officer Third Class, he learned the trade of electrician. Thanks to his brother-in-law, he found a job in Syracuse as a high voltage electrician for General Electric and moved there with his family in 1961. Outside of his day job, he took on a number of "moonlighting" electrical projects, both residential and commercial, for people who admired his skills and talents. He later went on to work at the new Federal Building in Syracuse and later at the Seneca Army Depot as an electrician until retiring in 1994.

Paul was an aviation buff from an early age, delighting in making model airplanes with dreams of becoming a pilot. He first learned to fly on the GI Bill at Cherry Ridge Airport in Honesdale, PA. He earned his private pilot's license and went on to fly for 42 years. His first plane was an Ercoupe that he kept at Marcellus Airport. He later flew a Cessna 150 club plane until he purchased his Piper Warrior. Central NY winters weren't conducive to flying so after retirement, he built a hangar home at the Gold Hill Airpark in North Carolina.

There, he met many pilot friends and flew until he was in his 80's. He couldn't help gazing up at the sky every time he heard a plane pass over and knew instinctively the make and model of every one.

In addition to airplanes, he loved old cars and renovated a 1955 Dodge Royal Lancer as well as a 1992 Mercury Cougar and enjoyed showing them at classic car shows.

He loved woodworking and puttering in "Pop Pop's Workshop". Incredibly intelligent, he enjoyed learning and reading, particularly about U.S. military history, and had an excellent memory for iconic battles. He was a member of AOPA, EAA and the Young Eagle's Program where he volunteered his time exposing young people to the wonder of flight. He was a long time member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Westvale and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury, NC.

Paul was an enthusiastic story-teller and relished in having the Irish "gift of gab." He delighted friends and family with his jokes and stories, especially over a good old fashioned breakfast and a cup of coffee. He truly loved eating at restaurants including Doug's Fish Fry, Heid's Hotdogs, Breakfastime and Johnny's Barbeque in Rockwell, NC where he got to know every single worker personally. He was a fan of classic movies, programs like "The Soprano's" and "Gunsmoke" and the Evening News with David Muir. He also enjoyed listening to music including Bossa Nova, Frank Sinatra and Jackie Gleason. He was a huge dog-lover and was especially fond of his Shetland Sheepdog, "Duffy".

He was pre-deceased by his loving wife of 23 years, Lucille (Cebrick) in 1983.

He is survived by his four children; Kevin (Christine) Hannon of Houston, TX, Camille Hannon of Baldwinsville, Lt. Colonel Greg (Nancy) Hannon, USAF Retired of Medford, NJ, and Sharon (Brian) Bush of Camillus; eleven

grandchildren Craig, Christopher and Kyle Hannon, Nicole (Michael Cannizzaro) Walker and Billy (Larissa) Walker, Ashley (Micah) Renaud, Jessica (Dan) Truran and John (AnneMarie) Hannon, and Jeffrey, Andrew and Amanda Bush; four great-grandchildren Ethan and Ellie Walker, Lorelai Renaud and Simon Hannon; sister Carol (Carmen) Romeo of Midlothian, VA and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many wonderful friends from New York, North Carolina and beyond.

The family would like to thank the staff of Johnny's Barbeque for their many years of companionship, the dear friends who looked after him in North Carolina and the nurses and staff of the KB unit at St. Camillus for their nurturing care.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 14th from 4 to 6:30 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 15th at 9:30 am at St. Charles of Borromeo Church, 417 S. Orchard Rd, Syracuse followed by a burial with military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery in Dewitt.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Helping Hounds Dog Rescue, 7268 Caswell Ave., N. Syracuse, NY, 13212 or online at <https://www.helpinghoundsdogrescue.org/donate>

The family also asks that you help preserve Paul's memory by appreciating the amazement and beauty of flight. And if you see someone wearing a Veterans' hat, lend them a hand if they need one and always thank them for their service.

"He did the best he could with what he had." PTH

Please sign the Guest Book or Share a Memory at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14.** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Mass

OCT **15.** 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Church
417 S. Orchard Rd
Syracuse , NY 13119
(315) 468-1803
stcharles.stanns@gmail.com
<https://stcharlesandstanns.org/>

Tribute Wall



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DL

“ We fondly remember Paul mostly from our time in Syracuse, New York. We both had Ercoupe air planes and flew together a number of times. He came to our daughters wedding in Ocean Springs, Mississippi several years after we moved South. David & Donna Lautenschlager

David R Lautenschlager - January 03, 2023 at 04:49 PM

MQ

“ So many memories my friend, over the years that we have traveled and hours we flew. As the pilots creed goes, we reached up and touched the face of God.
You will always be remembered and until we meet again Paul.
Mike and Martha Quigley

Mike Quigley - October 16, 2022 at 08:33 PM

JJ

“ Thinking of Paul today as we have our annual airshow at Asheboro.He always enjoyed them so much.

Jerry Jeffers - October 15, 2022 at 07:18 AM

GC

“ *Camille and Family - sending my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Dad. He sounded like a very special man who left a beautiful legacy. Keeping you all in my prayers. Gina Clifford*



Gina Clifford - October 14, 2022 at 09:17 PM

EC

“ *Paul was my neighbor and a real close friend . We thought of him as family . He would always call me when he needed things built , fix , maint around house or to just have Conversation. I will miss my good friend . I loved him he was a good man . My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Eric and Judy*

Eric cox - October 14, 2022 at 11:28 AM

BA

“ October 11, 2022

Dear Paul. I will miss you so very much. I love the way you care about my wealth being. My is broken. So glad you with your Family. Miss and always be in my heart forever. Love CeCe

Dear Paul, I will miss you so very much. My heart breaks for you and your family. I will never forget the care you always shown me and was so worried about me. You will always have a place in my heart. Love CeCe

Dear Paul, I will miss you very much. I just had in my head that someday you with back. You were our Best customer, love having talks with you, you always cared for my well being. Miss you and love you,

Your Friend Always, love CeCe

Colleen Woollett

babush - October 13, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MH

“ *I remember traveling and flying with Paul. We made a lot of nice memories. Sharon, Camille, Greg, and Kevin you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your father made many friend in NC. Prayers, Mattie Hill Pacilio*

Mattie Hill - October 13, 2022 at 07:01 PM

CI

“ My condolences to my four cousins, Kevin, Camille, Greg and Sharon and their families. I remember Uncle Paul visiting us in Pennsylvania as a child and the many wonderful memories we all had at the beach in New Jersey together. He always had something interesting to talk about and it was a pleasure to say he was my uncle. He will be missed by many. God Bless.

Cindy - October 12, 2022 at 07:37 PM

BA

“ Hi Sharon,

Kathy has shared the texts that you have exchanged and it is great to reminisce about our friend, Paul. I wanted to tell you about your dad from my point of view as well. We met some very wonderful people during our 17 years at Gold Hill Airpark but none so memorable as your dad. He was always jolly and sure to brighten the gloomiest of days so we always looked forward to spending time with him; usually over a meal at the Farmhouse of Johnnies where he knew all of the waitresses and they probably had to flip coins to see who would have the pleasure of serving our table. There was a wistful side of Paul as well, especially when he talked about his family in New York. He proudly told us all the latest and we knew that you all were close to his heart and he was always anxious for the next time he would see you all again.

Of course Paul and I had aviation in common. He loved his little Piper and it was a sad day when he saw it fly away to a new home. I remember our conversation following his last bi-annual check ride. He passed but was not pleased with his performance and wondered if his old body and mind were moving too slowly to continue flying. It was a hard decision and I was proud to know that he recognized his limitations and made a wise decision. After he quit flying he took even more interest in my flying and we spent many hours talking about airplanes, flying and just enjoying each other. I remember having such talks with my father who passed in 2013. Paul and I had that kind of relationship and I treasure the memory of those times.

You have been blessed with a father who loved his family and shared joy, empathy and love for everyone who knew him. I am lucky to have known him and will always remember his friendship and his love. Thank you for sharing him with us.

*With love,
Ron Schreck*

babush - October 11, 2022 at 11:47 PM

SW

“ My most sincere condolences to the family. I was the cashier at Johnny's Barbeque Restaurant in Rockwell, NC where Paul visited frequently for breakfast. Paul and I would chit chat on our walk from his car to his table or vice versa; we all loved him and took turns assisting him in and out of the restaurant. His love for aviation and his military service was apparent and his love of his family was profound. My favorite memory of Paul was when I asked him if he had ever thought of getting re-married so he wouldn't be lonely and he said "Sherry, you can't replace the love of your life". Through tears at the thought of a joyous reunion with your wife, may you both rest peacefully in eternity. - Sherry Wood

Sherry Wood - October 11, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul T. Hannon.



October 10, 2022 at 07:36 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - October 10, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DM

Kevin, Greg, Camille and Sharon,

Please accept our condolences on the loss of your Dad.

Doreen Milcarek and Ken Burke

Doreen Milcarek - October 16, 2022 at 12:24 PM