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Paul Bernard Hedenberg, 62, passed away at 12:15am on March 24, 2015 at Decatur Memorial Hospital surrounded by family, after a courageous yearlong battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 AM Friday, March 27, 2015 in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. Rick Weltin as Celebrant. Visitation will be 5-7 PM Thursday in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with a Vigil Prayer Service at 4:30 PM Thursday.

Paul was born on September 14, 1952 in Decatur, the oldest of three sons born to Frank Hedenberg and Marie Yuetten Hedenberg. He attended St. James elementary school and graduated from St. Teresa High School in 1970. He began working for Norfolk & Western after high school and retired as general foreman at Norfolk Southern in 2011. He cared deeply for the people he worked with and loved to mentor those who worked hard and were passionate about their jobs.

Paul married Patricia Joanne Ross on February 10, 1973 in Decatur and together they raised a family. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Patti Hedenberg, son Bryan Hedenberg of Decatur, Bridget Good and her husband Will of Decatur and Ben Hedenberg and his wife Leslie of Webster Groves, Missouri. Paul's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren, Grace, Luke, Drew and Katie Hedenberg, all of Webster Groves. He also leaves his brothers, Harold Hedenberg and his wife Shelley of Decatur, Tom Hedenberg and his wife Theresa of Tilton, 5 step-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins to mourn his passing. Paul was a very social person and he made many great friends along the way.

Paul was an accomplished hunter and fisherman throughout his life. He passed on his love and respect of nature to his children and grandchildren. Nothing made him happier than to be in the woods at the start of turkey or deer season. He was also a skilled and dedicated gardener who made some of the best salsa around. Paul loved



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his family and the Hedenberg house was always one filled with laughter, loud conversations and fun. He spent the last year of his life traveling with Patti, and spending time with the people who mattered most to him. He will be deeply missed. The family is establishing a trust in Paul's memory to contribute to his passion of nature conservation and youth hunting.

The family of Paul B. Hedenberg is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary, share memories, and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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NR

Nic Romano posted:

Paul was a special soul. I grew up with him at St. James and Teresa. I haven't seen him since 1970 but that's my fault. He's been a quiet inspiration ever since. My most vivid memory of Paul: Senior year. First game of our football season. First play. Paul comes back to the huddle with a cleat hole on his hand. I screamed at him to get off the field. Gaping hole. But Paul refused to leave the huddle! He played the whole game! Every minute! Paul, I'll miss you. Catch you later. My condolences to his wife and kids and grand kids.

March 28 at 4:37 PM

LP

Larry Pieper posted:

Paul brought so many happy moments in my youth with his sense of humor and cheerfulness. While I have not seen him for many years, I will never be able to forget him. I am praying for you in this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace and his memory sustain you and your family. Larry Pieper, Tucson, Arizona

March 26 at 8:46 AM

DE

Don Eller posted:

Wishing The Hedenberg family Love and to know that he is in a better place and not suffering the things of this world. I to like Larry Peck grew up with Paul at St. James grade school. God Bless You. Don Eller

March 26 at 8:03 AM

LP

Larry Peck posted:

On behalf of myself and the entire staff at Tica, Inc., we would like to send our condolences to Ben and the entire family for the passing of Paul. I myself spent eight years in the same class with him at St. James and remember him like it was yesterday. It has been a pleasure getting to know Ben through Trane. Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Sincerely, Larry Peck and all at Tica

March 25 at 2:28 PM



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GS

Greg Stariha posted:

Hello Patti and Family, Very sad to hear of Paul's passing away. He was a great person. What a nice guy. Take Care. Greg Stariha

March 25 at 2:07 PM

SR

Sue Rogers posted:

Ben, it sounds like your dad was a devoted husband and father, and had many good friends throughout his lifetime. Your friends at Trane will be praying for you and your family. Sue Rogers Heartland Trane DSO

March 25 at 12:15 PM

RT

Robin Teschner posted:

My sincere condolences for your loss. We worked together for many years at the Norfolk Southern RR. Robin Teschner

March 25 at 8:56 AM

MS

Mark Sceggel posted:

Ben-You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you move on through life without your dad. Mark and Phil Sceggel, Meister Heating

March 25 at 8:09 AM

GM

Gary R. Morgan posted:

I worked with Paul for many years at the R.R. Paul was a fine and caring person. I am sorry for your loss. Gary Morgan, retired, R.R.

March 25 at 3:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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