



Paul C. Jacob

October 19, 1957 - January 9, 2025

Paul C. Jacob, 67, of Manito was called home into the arms of his Savior on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Pekin Hospital after a courageous and determined battle with cancer. He was born in Manito, Illinois to Milton and Lillian (née Stadsholt) Jacob on October 19, 1957, a birthday he was proud to share with his eldest grandson, Peter.

Paul married the love of his life, Nancy Fern Bullock, on May 1, 1982, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manito. They were completely inseparable for over 42 years. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's, where he was a lifetime member and served over the years in many capacities, including as an acolyte, usher, Sunday School pianist, and Secretary on the Church Council. He also volunteered with Nancy at the local food bank, Emmanuel's Warehouse.

Paul graduated from Forman High School in 1975 and managed local shoe stores for several years before attending college to study information technology and beginning a job as a computer programmer at Caterpillar. He proudly spent more than three decades at Caterpillar, retiring as a senior systems analyst and an invaluable expert on the company's mainframe. He made many cherished friends during his time there.

Paul was a caring and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a loyal son, brother, and friend. The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius counseled: Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be one." Informed by his devout Christian faith, Paul lived these words every day of his

life. He treated everyone he met with the same kindness and compassion no matter who they were or from where they came. He was selfless almost to a fault, always placing the needs of others ahead of his own. Paul set an extraordinary example for how to live one's faith and to practice sacrificial love day by day. He instilled his values in his three sons, and he blessed his two grandsons with his devotion and love every moment he had with them. He loved to bake and cook and was incredibly thoughtful, always scouting out recipes that his grandsons in particular would enjoy. He also loved to read with his grandsons, who called him "Papa" and always looked forward to his visits. In every way, he was what the Scriptures refer to as a "good and faithful servant."

Paul is survived by his wife, Nancy Jacob of Manito; sons, Christopher (Sara) Jacob of Wheaton, Aaron Jacob of Manito, and Jeremy Jacob of Mexico, Missouri; grandsons, Peter Jacob and Noah Jacob of Wheaton; sister Rhoda (Duane) Kolbus of Normal; brother Luke (Ginger) Jacob of Manito; and nephews, Seth (Lexi) Jacob of Peyton, Colorado, Joshua (Caitlin) Kolbus of Lexington, Kentucky, and Caleb (Emily) Jacob of Marseilles. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manito, with another visitation one hour prior to the service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Rev. Matthew Berndt will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Following the burial, a luncheon will be held for family and friends in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manito.

Memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com. Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6157
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Visitation

JAN 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
21819 NCR 3300E
Manito, IL

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
21819 NCR 3300E
Manito, IL

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Paul was a kind and gentle man - a close neighbor in the country growing up. He showed us how to live a life having the blessing and presence of God.

Lawrence E Graff - February 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

MB

“ I was a classmate of Paul and Nancy and was one of Paul's computer programming instructors at ICC. I remember being so happy for him getting hired on at Caterpillar. He was a wonderful man and I'm sure will be missed by many.



Michael Burks - January 15, 2025 at 03:43 PM

KK

“ My condolences go out to Paul's family. I worked with him on the mainframe at Caterpillar building AD in East Peoria. He would always help out when needed even though he was very busy most days. I was very pleased to see he enjoyed some time in retirement.

Keith Kohler

Keith Kohler - January 15, 2025 at 03:39 PM

GP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Paul. He was one of my favorite co-workers at Caterpillar in E. Peoria. He and I worked together on financial systems and he was always a joy to work with. So dedicated, helpful, talented, and kind. I would like to offer my sincerest sympathies to his family. Gail Polonus

Gail Polonus - January 15, 2025 at 12:45 PM

KP

“ Kathleen Passmore purchased the Strength & So
lace Spray for the family of Paul C. Jacob.



Kathleen Passmore - January 14, 2025 at 07:48 PM

CW

“ Sending you my comforting thoughts and prayers for you and your
family. Connie Talbott Warner.

Connie Warner - January 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
Paul C. Jacob.



January 14, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MH

“ Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul
Jacob



Mary Hundt - January 14, 2025 at 09:23 AM

SS

“ Steve and Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Paul Jacob



Steve and Kim Singley - January 13, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Paul Jacob



Cheryl Cockerham - January 13, 2025 at 08:11 PM