



## Paul M. Green

March 26, 1927 - September 24, 2023

Paul M. Green passed from this life on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at his home on Monkey Island at the age of 96.

Paul was born on March 26, 1927, in Adair, OK to James Garfield Fillmore and Mattie Jane (Davis) Green. He joined the U.S. Army where he proudly served his country for 34 years both in active and reserve duty and retired in March of 1987, with the rank of E8 Master Sergeant. After retiring, Paul worked for Doss Aviation working at Fort Sill, OK and then transferring to Fort Belvoir, Virginia during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm supporting the Airborne Electronics Research Detachment. Paul was instrumental in developing night vision technology.

In February of 1980, Paul married Ginger Edsall in Olathe, KS and the couple made their home in California.

The couple moved to the Grand Lake area from California in 1988. He soon joined the American Legion Post 178 where he served as past Commander and later became a member of the Grove Veterans Ritual Team, conducting over 100 funerals. He was surprised by Lee Cathey, the Commander at the time, with a van with his name on it showing he was a World War II Veteran. After retiring, Paul was never one to sit idle, so he began his own boat floater lift business and later went to work for Hydrohoist as their manager in Bernice, Oklahoma. After that, Paul was asked to be a caretaker on Monkey Island for four houses and 3 acres.

He enjoyed fishing and spent many hours doing so and enjoying the fruits of

his labor with many fish fries. Paul's many accomplishments include having his own body Shop, working as a farm hand, he was a welder and worked in the gold mines with his brother in Aiden Hills, California.

To know Paul, was to love Paul. Who could resist that ear-to-ear smile and the friendly hugs. He had the kindest soul and a generous nature, serving countless hours in the military, the American Legion and his community. Paul was a good man and a great friend. He was a leader and lead by example, always humble and kind. This world is a better place because Paul Green lived in it and he will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his infant twin sister, brothers Johnny and Fred Green, sisters Opal Green, Martha Stroud, Alice Goss and grandson, Blaine Green.

Left to cherish Paul's memory, his wife of 43 years Ginger, children: Glenn Green and wife Susie, Paula Green and partner, Lee Gibson, Mike Meyer and wife LeAnn Sallaz, Marian Johnson and husband Ian; granddaughters, Meghann Booker and husband James and Katelyn Johnson of Redding, England grandsons, Robert Walraven and wife Jessica, Bryce and his wife Alana Green, John Green, Ian Johnson and Jeffrey Quinhoes, great granddaughters, Ashley Barksdale and husband, Brandon and Matilda Green, great grandsons, Noah Quinhoes and Nate Booker and great great granddaughter, Aurora Barksdale.

Visitation for Paul will be from 5-7pm Friday, September 29, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service. Funeral services will be at 11am Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Lake Center Baptist Church with Pastor Kim Hays officiating. Burial will follow at Buzzard Cemetery in Grove, with Military Rites by the Grove Veterans Ritual Team.

Donations in Paul's honor may be made to the American Legion Post 178, or to the Grove Veterans Ritual Team.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Services.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lake Center Baptist Church  
Monkey Island, OK 74331

# Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul M. Green



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - October 02, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Paul M. Green

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Paul was a special guy that had a smile that would make your day brighter. The best fish fry chef!

Marsha Tackett - September 26, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ Community Crisis Center purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul M. Green.



Community Crisis Center - September 26, 2023 at 06:06 PM

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“ Paul was truly a good friend to both Jerry and me. I will always remember that he and Gordon Geren came to Little Rock to visit Jerry in the hospital when Jerry first started his treatment for Multiple Myeloma in 2009. It wouldn't surprise me if Paul presented over 800 flags to the next of kin during the Ritual Team's military rites burial services. Jerry was the Tent Commander for only 5 years, and his record of burials showed he had presented 308 flags to families. Paul took over for Jerry on July 1, 2009, and compassionately did this sacred duty until last year, over 13 years. If my memory serves me correctly, his last service was maybe Clarence Oestreich's service last October. I know he presented me with Jerry's flag after doing a beautiful job during his service. Paul was one of a kind and a great man! He and his smile are already missed. As I told Ginger, it is hard to imagine this world without Paul in it. Rest in peace, Paul.

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**Debbie Gordon** - September 26, 2023 at 02:51 PM

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“ Great man. Always ready to help on any military service. Personality that everyone enjoyed being around.

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**Lendell Bass** - September 25, 2023 at 06:14 PM