

Paul R. Ripley

July 31, 1935 - April 28, 2025

Paul R. Ripley, age 89, of Alta, Iowa died April 28, 2025 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. Visitation will be held Friday, May 2, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Paul was born July 31, 1935 to Paul and Velma (Hoyle) Ripley in Churdan, Iowa. He attended school in Alta, graduating in 1953.

On June 27, 1956 Paul was united in marriage to Margaret Woodard in Pocahontas, Iowa. To this union, three children were born: Micheal Paul, Daniel Jay, and Barbara Ann. Together, Paul and Margaret raised their family in Alta.

Paul worked many long hours doing road construction alongside Margaret for over twenty years. In his free time, Paul enjoyed racing hobby stock cars in Alta. He and Margaret loved dancing and were quite good at it. Paul was elated when they won a dance contest at Indian Village in Sac City, Iowa. In later years, Paul treasured time with his grandchildren. He especially looked forward to their Christmas break when the family could be together. Paul will

be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret Jane of Algona, Iowa; children: Micheal (Betty) Ripley of Royce City, Texas; Barb (Jeff) Smith of Humboldt, Iowa; brother: Bill Ripley; sister: Laurel Goettsch; nine grandchildren: LaToya Ripley; Jason (Kim) Smith; Ashley (Mike) Riddle; Amber Smith (Andres Vazquez); Matthew (Tonya) Ripley; Amanda Ripley (Ahmed Afef); Kylee Ripley (Brandon Way); Samuel Smith; Tyler Ripley; 20 great-grandchildren; nephew: Dale Woodard of Omaha, Nebraska; and many other nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents: Paul and Velma; son: Daniel Ripley; sister-in-law: Lori Ripley; sisters: Lynnette, Lois, and Carol; brothers: Ivan, Howard, and Arnold Ripley; and nephew: Arnold Ripley Jr.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul R. Ripley*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 01, 2025 at 06:01 PM

DV

Margaret , and the Ripley family . I'm truly sorry for your loss of this amazing man Paul. Fly High Paul you will be missed by many . Love you and I will always remember you with love in my heart and the biggest smile on my face 💕

Darlene Verret - May 02, 2025 at 11:34 AM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 02, 2025 at 12:03 PM

FF

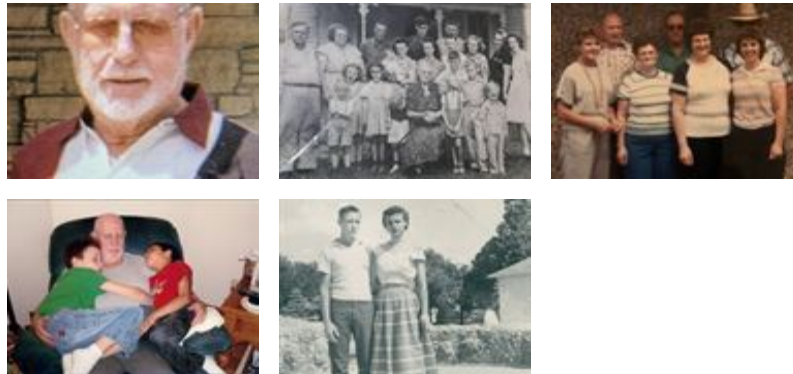
“ From The Wanek and Wickliff families purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



From The Wanek and Wickliff families - May 01, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 01, 2025 at 05:58 PM

LJ

“ Lyn and Doug Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



Lyn and Doug Johnson - May 01, 2025 at 08:47 AM

LJ

“ Lyn and Doug Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Ripley.

Lyn and Doug Johnson - May 01, 2025 at 08:47 AM



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



April 30, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Jessica W. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Paul R. Ripley.*



Jessica W. - April 30, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Steve & Kelly Hanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Ripley.*

Steve & Kelly Hanson - April 30, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Steve & Kelly Hanson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul R. Ripley.*



Steve & Kelly Hanson - April 30, 2025 at 03:23 PM

TC

“ Tom and Joyce Carlson purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



Tom and Joyce Carlson - April 30, 2025 at 11:42 AM

TC

“ Tom and Joyce Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Ripley.

Tom and Joyce Carlson - April 30, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Paul
Ripley



Joan Whitney - April 30, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TF

“ The Chase Family purchased the Emerald Garde
n Basket for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



The Chase Family - April 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

TF

“ The Chase Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Ripley.

The Chase Family - April 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

TV

“ Tony and Darlene Verret purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



Tony and Darlene Verret - April 29, 2025 at 08:13 PM

LO

“ Love Ken and Tammy Oliver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul R. Ripley.

Love Ken and Tammy Oliver - April 29, 2025 at 07:44 PM

LO

“ Love Ken and Tammy Oliver purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Paul R. Ripley.



Love Ken and Tammy Oliver - April 29, 2025 at 07:44 PM

MT

“ *My sympathies to you, Margaret and family.
You will be in my prayers. Margaret Tewes*



Margaret Tewes - April 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM