



Paul Armas Abrahamson

July 26, 1950 - May 2, 2009

Paul Armas Abrahamson

58, of Memphis, died Saturday afternoon May 2, 2009, at home following a courageous battle against cancer.

He was born July 26, 1950, in Manistique the son of the late Armas and Evelyn (Cumper) Abrahamson.

His marriage to Linda Kortas was August 11, 1973, in Utica.

Paul served his country with the United States Army during Vietnam with the 212th MP Company (Sentry Dog) from September 1969 to April of 1971.

He was employed by Ford Motor Company, Mound Road Axle plant, for several years, until the effects of agent orange forced him into medical disability in 1987.

Paul was a master gardener and his greatest passion was planting things and watching them grow. He was a member of "Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc." (KMB) which is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers to combat litter and promote beautification of Michigan and was former president of the Beautification Council of South Eastern Michigan (BCSEM). He was a longtime volunteer at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Clinton Township, Martha T. Berry Medical Center resident's garden caretaker and dedicated A.A. member.

Surviving in addition to his wife Linda of 36 years are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Dr. Anne Marie M.D. of Grosse Ile and Neil of

Mt. Clemens; grandchildren, Nicholas and Ava Marie; brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Pat of MA and sister and brother-in-law, Karen and John Rademacher and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

His family honors the memory of Paul and invites you to visit and share Friday, May 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at First Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, with 9:30 a.m. visiting. Rev. Robert Gardner, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Grand Marais.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

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“ I am writing to let Paul's family know what a truly blessed person he was, I met him when he come to Henry Ford(St Josephs) as a volunteer for patients with addictions, he made a difference on the psychiatric units, I know that, as I would have the nicest conversations with him,being a worker on the floors myself. He gave me strenght, (my daughter is a recovering alcoholic)and he never knew that.God Bless your family, and may God give you all peace in knowing he is sitting at Gods side! Take Care Leslie E.##imported-begin##Leslie E.##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 12:02 PM



“ Dear Linda and Family,
We are sorry to hear of Pauls passing. Please accept our condolences.
Sincerely,
Wayne,Virginia and family##imported-begin##Wayne and Virginia Nesbit##imported-end##

May 10, 2009 at 12:58 PM



“ Pauls character will be remembered by many, his actions were an attraction for those struggling with addictions and life.God chose Paul to be the one He was going to work thru to bring me out of my dark pit of alcoholism.He had a way of loving me when I didnt love myself, he brought me thru alot of rough spots early in my recovery.For some reason I could never say no to him.I am forever greatful that God put this mighty man in my life. I Love You Paul and I wont forget the many lessons you taught me.##imported-begin##Tim McNulty##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 10:34 PM



“ Paul was an example of a true volunteer. His heart was always in the right place and his actions followed. Paul worked at the coffee bar at Henry ford Macomb Hospital for years, getting up very early to open so staff, visitors and patients could enjoy their coffee. We loved it when Paul brought his beautiful flowers in to coffee bar. His volunteer work with AA was also remarkabke. He was a beautiful man and will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Debi Schroeder##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ Our sympathies go out to you, Linda, Nicholas, Neil and the rest of your family. Gary & Betty Nesbit##imported-begin##Gary Nesbit##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 02:23 AM



“ I'll always remember Paul's smiling face and flowers at the 12 and 12 table at the saturday morning "stepping stones" meeting, he will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Mark Morris##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Paul's passing. We were not aware of Paul's illness & it's severity. Since we missed the last year's reunion, we have not been in touch. Paul will be greatly missed at the reunions & any family gatherings as he was always a delight to be around. Sad that we lived so far apart & never saw much of each other, but did enjoy the times we had. Our sympathy goes out to Linda & the family.##imported-begin##Nancy Cumper Ruggles##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 02:57 PM

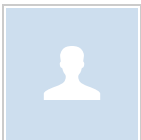


“ The world shines just a little less now.
What an incredible man! My thoughts and prayers are with you Linda, and your family.

He touched me as he did so many others - with grace.

My prayers are with those who love him.##imported-begin##Catherine D##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ Uncle Paul was a vibrant, fun, loving man. We will all miss his humor, the way he would light up a room and his beautiful flowers that we always looked forward to seeing when we would visit.

I am happy he has found peace and is rid of pain.

With Love Always, Nissa##imported-begin##Nissa Rademacher##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ I first met Paul at the Martha T. Berry facility when I joined the other volunteers there led by Paul. Paul worked tirelessly to make the courtyard a place of respite for the residents. He delighted in sharing his dahlias and the tomatoes that he grew there. Paul was a veritable font of knowledge about the gardens. Besides the many hours he gave at the facility, he put in many hours on his own arranging for the many things needed there. Paul guided us in his quiet, sincere way. Paul will be missed terribly by many people, myself included. I am glad to have had Paul as a friend.##imported-begin##Ralph Ash##imported-end##

May 04, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ I am very sad to hear of the passing of Paul Abrahamson. Since taking the Macomb MSUE Master Gardener Program in 1999 Paul has been a star example of giving of oneself for the good of others. When we first met, he was an avid volunteer at a local hospital and in his “leisure time” he became an avid Master Gardener Volunteer and gardener extraordinaire. I had the pleasure of seeing the yard at his historical Mt. Clemens Home where he introduced me to the joy of dahlias. He took great pride in walking into the office with some of the most amazing, huge and colorful dahlias and immediately became the “dahlia man”. After lots of exclamation over the flowers, he would show off pictures of his family and beloved grandchildren.

Paul was not afraid of commitment. He dedicated the past 8-9 years to creating gardens and sharing his passion for growing things with residents at the Martha T. Berry Macomb County Medical Facility. Even after moving to Memphis with his wife Linda in search of greener pastures (creating a huge pond, planting trees and greatly increasing his dahlia collection) Paul would drive each week to Martha T. to coordinate the extremely successful gardening project there. He certainly had a soft spot for people in need. He was also very dedicated to and respected by the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan and Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. Paul’s gentle guidance and demeanor will be greatly missed by many who called him their friend.

On behalf of the Macomb MSU Extension and the Macomb MSUE Master Gardeners I wish to express our deepest sympathy to Paul’s friends and family.

Sincerely,

Sandra Richards##imported-begin##Sandra Richards##imported-end##

May 04, 2009 at 04:58 PM