



## William Bow Paul Jr.

October 10, 1925 - January 6, 2015

William B. (Bill) Paul passed away on January 6th of this week. He was 89 years old.

The funeral service will be conducted at the Scot Ward Funeral Home in Conyers, Georgia, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 12th. Following the funeral, he will be interred in Green Meadow Memorial Gardens in Conyers. The Rev. Powell Woods, Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Solon, Ohio, will preside.

There will be no formal viewing, but the family will be receiving at the funeral home beginning at 9:30 on Monday. If you are moved to send flowers, please consider donating in Bill Paul's name to the Wounded Warrior Project at [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org) instead.

Bill was born on a cotton farm near Leesburg, Georgia, the youngest of the five children of Mattie Bowen Paul and William B. Paul, Sr. After the boll weevil devastated the vast cotton fields across the Deep South, the family relocated to Atlanta when Bill was one year old. He attended Fulton County public schools, graduating from Fulton High in May, 1942 at age sixteen. During World War II, he volunteered, at age seventeen, for service in the Army Air Corps and was an Aviation Cadet, just finishing his training to be a bombardier and preparing to go to the Pacific in the nose of a B-25 in the final assault on the Japanese home islands, when the war was ended by President Truman's decision to utilize the atomic bomb to shorten the war.

After his two years of service during the war, Bill was admitted to the Emory

University School of Law and graduated with his LLB (Bachelor of Laws) degree in December, 1948.

In 1950, he was a practicing lawyer in Atlanta, as well as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserves when he was recalled to active duty in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Shortly after commencing that tour of duty, Bill requested and was granted a transfer to duty as an OSI Special Agent in the Air Force's then newly-formed Office of Special Investigations.

Although Bill felt honored to again serve his country in time of war, he always said that the highlights of his second twenty-one months of active military service were two very personal ones: 1) he had the great good fortune to meet a beautiful young Air Force Nurse named Janice Lee Osborne, and 2) on March 9, 1952, they were wed in a tiny U.S. Air Force chapel on the Air Force base at Alexandria, Louisiana. From that place their life together continued unbroken for almost 63 years until death did them part.

In the early autumn of 1952, Jan and Bill returned to Atlanta where he resumed and continued his law practice until 1995. Among his professional achievements, he took special pride in these: 1) prior to his choosing to go inactive he was one of only two management lawyers based in Georgia who were listed in the first six editions of the prestigious book *The Best Lawyers in America*, and 2) in 1984 he founded a separate company, The Center for Positive Management Leadership, Inc. (CPML). Bill was President of CPML for 14 years, during which time he and his colleagues trained literally thousands of individuals from companies all across America and parts of Canada to be more humane and compassionate managers and supervisors in dealing with their employees.

At age 75, Bill wrote and published *The Road He Chose*, a historical novel with a military setting during World War II. He dedicated the book primarily to his revered father and mother and to his five boyhood friends who never came home from that war.

During 2003 and 2004, Bill served as a volunteer and the major force in creating An Oral History Project/World War II Era sponsored by the Emory

University School of Law. The project includes 25 recorded interviews with Emory alumni who were also veterans of WWII about their experiences during the war. Bill was the interviewer in 24 of the video-taped interviews, with his own story being the 25th in the series. These interviews are housed in the archives of Emory Law School for use by historians and other interested parties.

Notwithstanding his other interests in his life, the first priority in Bill Paul's life was always his family. Though he always maintained that "duty" is the noblest word in our language, his fierce devotion to his family showed that "love" was a close second.

Bill is survived by his wife, Janice Osborne Paul, as well as his son, Dr. William Alan Paul, and two daughters, Shannon Paul Lince and Jennifer Paul Harrison. He is survived also by six grandchildren: Suzanne Marie Lince, William Andrew Paul, Lauren Paul Dean, Rebecca Anne Paul, Janet Margaret Lince, and Jacob William Harrison.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 Legion Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Paul's passing. He was truly one of the best people and one of the kindest and most decent attorneys I've had the pleasure of knowing. He'll be missed. My sincere condolences to his family.

*Tamara (Holly) Smolyansky*

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**Tamara Smolyansky** - January 22, 2015 at 01:32 PM

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!

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**cheyenne** - January 16, 2015 at 08:33 AM

LV

“ Lynda Vidot lit a candle in memory of William Bow Paul Jr.



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**Lynda Vidot** - January 12, 2015 at 03:23 PM

LV

*Jae Paul, Even though I've never met your Dad, I remember him with a smile from all the wonderful stories you shared over the years. From my family to yours, we are praying for you all. I hope your beautiful memories bring you comfort as you celebrate his life. Love, hugs and kisses*  
*Lynda*

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**Lynda Vidot** - January 12, 2015 at 05:07 PM

BA

“ Bill hired me in 1979 as a young lawyer at Elarbee Clark and Paul. He was a great mentor, a wonderful lawyer, and a dear friend. When our twins were born, he was the first person to visit my wife and me at the hospital to see them, even before our respective parents. I will always treasure the time I spent with Bill. My sincere condolences to the family.

*Bennet Alsher*

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**Bennet Alsher** - January 12, 2015 at 03:18 PM

LB

“ I worked with Bill since the late 70's and will always remember him with a sweet smile and a warm heart. My condolences to the family. May his memory serve as a blessing you.

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**Lois Bebergal** - January 12, 2015 at 01:45 PM

HM

“ Bill was truly one of the "good guys". He advised me on labor matters at Zep Manufacturing for many years. He was fair, caring, wise and a friend. His many contributions made our world better. He will be missed but his impact and good deeds live on.

*Harry Maziar*

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**Harry Maziar** - January 12, 2015 at 09:32 AM

KD

“ I worked with Bill while I was the HR leader at ADTRAN in Huntsville, AL in the late 80's. He was key to taking our leadership team to the next level (we used CPML) as well as being a great advisor to me. My friendships that still continue today at Ford and Harrison began while I was a client with Clark, Paul, Hoover and Mallard.

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**Karin Davies** - January 12, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Bow Paul Jr..



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January 12, 2015 at 06:46 AM

KA

“ *Jan, Al and family,*

*Mother, Daddy and I are sitting here remembering all of the good times on Dorsey Avenue. We are so sorry for the loss of a wonderful friend.*

*We have you all in our prayers,*

*Kathy, Bob and Jewell Andrews*

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**Kathy** - January 11, 2015 at 02:21 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - January 11, 2015 at 12:09 PM

SJ

“ *Dear Jan,*

*I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Sending you our love and prayers.*

*Selena Jones (Daughter to Dennis and Kathy Jones)*

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**Selena Jones** - January 11, 2015 at 08:53 AM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear, Al. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*David and Pam McLain*

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**David McLain, M.D.** - January 10, 2015 at 10:57 AM

JP

“ *Prayers and love to all. <3 Julie, Marty, Jackson, and Clara*

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**Julie Paxton** - January 10, 2015 at 06:21 AM

Laurie  
de Sa

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**Laurie de Sa** - January 09, 2015 at 04:20 PM

QD

*On behalf of the Fulton High School Class of 1953, I wish to express our deepest sympathy. Several of us have read his book and were looking forward to purchasing and reading his next book, which we understood he was writing. He will be greatly missed. May the knowledge that others share your loss be a solace to each of you. May God bless you.*

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**Quinith Hulseley Drake** - February 03, 2015 at 04:17 PM