



## Paul Van Evercooren

March 17, 1935 - February 18, 2022

### PAUL VAN EVERCOOREN

Paul Joseph Van Evercooren, age 86, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, passed away Friday, February 18, 2022 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri. He was born March 17, 1935 in Hollywood, California, a son of Robert Augusta and Mary Estelle (Whalen) Van Evercooren.

On January 18, 1959 in Aurora, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Leola Madden. Together they shared sixty years of marriage before her passing on December 2, 2019.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Moore.

Survivors include his children, Donna Van Evercooren (Pamela Edmonds) of Aurora, Illinois and Michael Van Evercooren (Janet) of Sunrise Beach, Missouri and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Paul served his country proudly in the United States Navy Reserves for many years. He was a foreman for Caterpillar, Inc. in Aurora, Illinois, retiring after thirty-five years of service. In his retirement, he worked for the Illinois Tollway Commission. He and Marge moved to the Lake of the Ozarks where he enjoyed being a rancher.

He was a very active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he currently served as Lay Minister Director among other duties. He was a third-degree Knight with the Mary, Mother of the Church, Knights of Columbus Council #10381. He was a member of the Zack Wheat American Legion Post #624 in Sunrise Beach and a former member of Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie. Paul served on the board of directors for Co-Mo Electric Cooperative and was active in the Republican party.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 25, 2022, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with Father John Schmitz celebrating. The family will receive friends from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. with a rosary prayed at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Graveside services with military honors and interment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Laurie.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mary, Mother of the Church, Knights of Columbus Council.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 25. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Condolences to you Paul from your California cousin Diana Porter. I never knew you, but, knew your Aunt Marian and her side of the family well. Rest in Peace!!!*

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**Gary Maize** - February 25, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DW

“ *So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Denny and Cory Wiggins** - February 24, 2022 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ *I remember Paul and his sister Mary Ellen growing up in St Joseph's parish in Palmyra and was happy to reconnect with him a number of years ago at a McCooey High School reunion. He and his family were always so gracious. Nice memories. Rest In Peace from a fellow Shamrock.*

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**Ann Wellman Murphy** - February 23, 2022 at 03:00 PM

BA

“ *Love you Mr. Van Evercooren  
Barbara*

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**Barbara** - February 23, 2022 at 07:49 AM

JF

“ Sincere sympathy to Donna and Mike. Paul was my dad for a year as an exchange student in 1976/77 - a wonderful, challenging, inspiring year thanks to the generosity of Paul, Marge, Donna and Mike. Thank you for welcoming me into your home and for sharing your lives with a stranger from Australia. Rest peacefully... ‘and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest’. With love and sadness, Joy Forbes



Joy Forbes - February 21, 2022 at 06:28 PM

GP

“ Paul and I were both foreman at Cat on the wheel line in building B.. It was crazy! We were building a complete tractor every 20 minutes. When we got into an argument almost daily he would give me a quarter and say 'call some one that gives a sh\*\*. Every one liked Paul. He looked so young we accused him of lying about his age. A bunch of us went to his house I think it was in Mary wood and moved a big evergreen tree. Good guy good memories.

Glen Pfeiffer

Glen Pfeiffer - February 21, 2022 at 10:24 AM



I also worked on that Wheel line with Paul and Glenn. Crazy is right. Tom Alward kept all of us from taking it all too seriously. Quinn would make them run regardless of how we built them. Paul could dance, we had all the Assembly guys over one year and Paul was the best, at least as measured in enthusiasm. Lets be honest, white men can't dance. But Paul gave it his all. We can relish the memories. I know I do. Thanks, peter

Peter Van Kampen - February 21, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JV

*A caring parishioner at St. Patrick's he was director of the ushers at the 10:00 Mass. He greeted everyone with a smile. He and Marge gave wonderful outings to the parishioners at their lovely ranch. He will be missed by so many that had the pleasure of knowing him.*

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**Jim & Glenda Veulemans** - February 21, 2022 at 02:10 PM

DB

*“ Paul was an avid horseshoe pitcher for 18 years and enjoyed playing the game of cornhole for the past 6 years. He was a good friend to many people and will be missed greatly.*

*Donna Bastel*

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**Donna Bastel** - February 21, 2022 at 10:10 AM

TG

*“ Paul was a hard working friend. He always had a smile on his face. He never seemed to age while looking much younger than his years. He ushered at the 9AM Mass for as long as I remember. Rest in peace!*

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**Tom Gibbons** - February 21, 2022 at 10:09 AM