



Paul William Nickel, Jr.

March 8, 1941 - December 15, 2020

BEDFORD--With profound sadness we announce the passing of Paul William Nickel, Jr. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the age of 79 from Covid-19.

Born in Rochester, New York, Paul grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Laneri Catholic High School in 1959, and Texas Christian University in 1963 with a degree in Chemistry. Upon graduation he worked as a chemist at Velsicol Chemical, where he was one of the first to witness the effects of smoking on human lungs. He then worked as a chemist and food scientist for Swift and Company, followed by serving as the Quality Control Supervisor for Lennox Industries. Paul's next job took him to Heidelberg Printing, where he again served as the Quality Control Manager for the Heidelberg Druckmaschinen printing press manufactured in Germany. This position allowed him to make several trips to Europe and experience German food firsthand and take a ride on the Autobahn. He retired from US Personnel where he served as an OSHA inspector and Safety Supervisor. His work ethic was legendary. He was a well-respected manager and mentor throughout his career.

Paul was intelligent, funny, quick-witted and loved to tease his friends and family. He was strong and tireless when working on a project at work or in the yard, but he was also gentle and comforting with a soft spot for children and animals. He loved to read anything he could get his hands on, and he seemed to know so much about any topic you could think of, from history to electrical work. He loved to spend time outside, playing with his grandchildren, working on projects in the garage, or fishing with his family (especially with his late brother-in-law, Bill Phipps). Paul's focus was always on his wife and family, and he spent hours bragging on all of them and their many accomplishments. He never missed a game or performance as they grew up, and cheered them on through graduations and weddings. Paul's love of people was evident through his volunteer activities at St. Luke United Methodist church in Haltom City where he and Suzanne are members. He directed the Weekend Backpacker program for local elementary children who were most in need of food when they were away from school. He touched the lives of so many, and he was faithful to God, his family, and his friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Paul William Nickel, Sr. and Dorothy Syms Nickel; son, Paul William Nickel, III; daughter, Jennifer Ann Nickel; and brothers, Roger

Nickel and Dudley Nickel.

Beloved husband of Suzanne DeKonty Nickel, Paul is also survived by his son, James Joseph Nickel and wife Denise; daughter, Wendy McGahey and husband, Kevin; sister, Wanda Phipps; grandchildren, Benjamin Nickel and wife Zoey, Ryan McGahey and wife, Katy Beth, Brandon McGahey, Shannon McGahey, and Amanda Nickel; great-grandchildren, Zoella and Callista Nickel; nephews and nieces, William R. Phipps III and family, Wanda Gallegos and family, Linda Donaldson and family, Lisa Sorem and family, Laura Ramirez and family, Buddy Nickel and family, and Janine Nickel and family.

A private service will be held at Mount Olivet for immediate family only in order to follow social distancing guidelines. Please join us for a Celebration of Life at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in January. Details will be forthcoming.

Comments



“ Expression of sympathy for your family loss.
Our father of tender mercies has himself experience the loss of a love one. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - December 26, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul William Nickel, Jr..



December 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Paul William Nickel, Jr..



December 21, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Paul was a God's joy and a delight to be around. He was caring, kind, funny, loving to others, and adored his beautiful wife and family. I am saddened by his loss; and my deepest prayers are extended to his loved ones today and in all days to come. I love you all.

Jan McNeill - December 21, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul William Nickel, Jr..



December 21, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ I am saddened by the death of my friend Paul! I am not only a friend -but- a fellow TCU horned frog!! We loved to talk TCU and I will miss him dearly! Prayers go to Suzanne and the family!! Love you guys

Susan Hittle - December 21, 2020 at 01:09 PM