



## Paul M. Hollingsworth

February 8, 1938 - July 4, 2015

Mr. Paul Mann Hollingsworth, 77, passed away on Saturday morning, July 4, 2015, at his residence in Lebanon, Indiana. He was born in Marion County, Indiana on February 8, 1938, the son of the late Robert T. and Lillian (Mann) Hollingsworth.

Raised in New Augusta, Indiana, Paul was a graduate of Pike Township High School.

Paul was first married to Beverly (Trester) in 1957 in Indianapolis. He then married Elizabeth "Libby" (Cook) Abner Hollingsworth on June 19, 1971 in New Augusta, Indiana. Libby passed away on May 14, 1997. On April 24, 1999, he was married to Carol Ann (Barker) Brammer Hollingsworth in Boone County; she survives.

For 12 years, he worked for Indiana Bell. In 1971, he moved to Lebanon where he started Hollingsworth Trucking & Excavating.

Paul was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a faithful member of Grace Church in Lebanon. He prayed daily for his family, his friends and his church. He loved gardening and sold corn at the roadside stand on the honor system and grew an abundance of pumpkins to give to all the church kids in the fall. Paul restored old cars in his free time and

loved racing anything, go-carts, motorcycles, sprints, midgets and enjoyed watching his grandchildren race and win. He had many friends to which he enjoyed loafing with at the Lost Frontier. He loved doing magic tricks and playing practical jokes on people. Above all, Paul loved God and his family.

Visitation will be held at Grace Church, 3001 Elm Swamp Road, in Lebanon, Indiana, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Funeral services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at the church in Lebanon with Pastor Ken Collins, officiating.

Interment will follow services at North Liberty Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana is handling the arrangements.

Survivors:

Wife: Carol A. Hollingsworth – Lebanon, Indiana

Ten Children:

Blake Hollingsworth and wife, Anne Marie – New Augusta, Indiana

Robin Nelson and husband, Jay – Pittsboro, Indiana

Randy Hollingsworth and wife, Linda – Speedway, Indiana

Travis Hollingsworth and wife, Gretchen – Lebanon, Indiana

Beverly Reagan and husband, Gary – Thorntown, Indiana

Karen Streetman – Thorntown, Indiana

Peggy Ashton and husband, Lee – Mooresville, Indiana

Mike Bailey and wife, Cindy – Fruitland Park, Florida

Julie McGrath and partner, Susan – Greenwood, Indiana

Sandy Kelly and husband, Mike – Brownsburg, Indiana

Twenty Grandchildren

Eleven Great Grandchildren

Deceased: In addition to his parents and his first and second wives, Paul was

preceded in death by a step-son, Alan Abner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Church or Great Lakes Hospice Program.

# Cemetery Details

## North Liberty Cemetery

5001 West 52nd Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46254

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace Church  
3001 Elm Swamp Road  
Lebanon, IN 46052

## Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Church  
3001 Elm Swamp Road  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul M. Hollingsworth*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Paul and Libby were friends of my parents, Kay and Judy Carson. My father worked at the Wilkins' shop next to Paul's childhood home in New Augusta, where they let us plant watermelon in their backyard garden. I remember TJ who was my younger brother's (Mark) age. I thought of Paul and Libby today and stumbled on this site. If I find the photo I remember of TJ, I will post it. Thanks for reading and sharing in this memory.*

*Kathleen (Carson) Shaw-Mertens*

**Kathleen Shaw** - May 13, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *The Pastor asked us yesterday how we would describe Paul. We had a lot of stories. The words that remind me most of Paul are: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self control. Above all, he loved his Lord, his family and his church. You are already sorely missed Paul.*

**Sandy Kelly** - July 08, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CW

“ Paul was a wonderful man that never gave up or gave in. He fought a hard battle and far out lived anyone in his condition He had a garden ever year and sold vegetables, not for the money, he did it so he had something to get up for! Rest in peace you deserve it. the angels needed another gardener in heaven. but the cows still need pumpkins lol



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**Connie walker** - July 07, 2015 at 07:07 PM



“ I worked with Paul at AT&T and attended a company school in Cleveland with him back in the 60s. Paul drove his Ford and according to the officials at the toll booth near Cleveland he averaged 86 MPH. Paul replied that he had to drive that fast to keep from getting run over. After a stern lecture they let us go on. I last saw Paul at a friends 80th birthday celebration in the fall of 2013. I t was good to rehash old times with him. Rest in Peace good friend.  
Don Hancock AT&T Retired.

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**Don Hancock** - July 07, 2015 at 04:04 PM

“ I first met Paul in the second grade at Pike Township, I think the year was 1944 or 45. We were classmates until I left Pike in 1956. I have fond memories of Paul from those early years and afterwards. One of those early memories was when I happened to be in New Augusta after riding my bike there for a malted milk at the local ice cream shop. On my way out of town, I encountered Paul, in a field, driving a John Deere tractor with the old "hit & miss" engine with the big flywheel.....putt... putt,....POW....putt.... putt,....POW! He was plowing a field somewhere on the edge of New Augusta and having a good time with that old tractor. We chatted for a while and then he went back to work, but for him that wasn't work, I know he loved those old machines.

Another time, many years later, probably around 1973-75, I attended a "demolition derby" at the Indiana State Fair and was very surprised to hear the announcer say, Paul Hollingsworth was driving in the final event. Although Paul wasn't the last man standing in that event, he was darn close and he did a fine job of destroying most of the competition! I actually felt sorry for some of those guys he rammed his car in to ! Paul was very good at just about anything he attempted.

At a class reunion, again, many years later, I bumped into Paul and asked him what he was doing these days? He said that he was clearing beaver dams for local farmers. I was wondering, how in the heck does one clear a beaver dam, with my limited knowledge about those things, I was thinking, probably with a rake and hoe or some other hand tool.

Paul was quick to explain that he used a 10 ft. length of schedule 40 plastic pipe to clear the dams. I'm thinking to myself, gee, I wouldn't think a piece of plastic pipe would give a person enough leverage to lift a beaver dam?

Again, he continued, oh, you just shove the pipe down to the base of the dam and throw in a couple of sticks of " dynamite" with a short fuse and soon....no more beaver dam !!!!

*Well, that was Paul, always there with a quick and simple solution .*

*I could never think of Pike Township or New Augusta,  
without thinking of Paul Hollingsworth.*

*Fair well my friend.*

*Bill McQuary*

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**William McQuary** - July 07, 2015 at 02:09 PM

RC

“ *He was a jokster--but all in fun. He'll have the angels laughing. My sympathy to all the family. You've lost a "good guy".*

*Dick Cly AT&T*



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**Richard Cly** - July 07, 2015 at 02:01 PM

CA

“ *Paul was a person everyone enjoyed being around. He was special to me as someone I looked up to with his ability to fix anything mechanical. Indy race days were the highlight of my summers when our family would travel to New Augusta for the annual visit and family softball game in Aunt Diddie's front yard. All great memories with a good man! I know he will be missed by family and friends. One never totally heals from the loss of a loved one, but learns to move forward with the wonderful memories of the past.*

*Race on my cousin and friend!*

*Conn*

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**Conn Abnee** - July 07, 2015 at 08:59 AM

 Rita  
Luper-  
Wilson

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Travis and the rest of the Hollingsworth family during this difficult time. Focus on the great memories you have and know that you'll see him again some day.

*David & Rita Wilson*

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**Rita Luper-Wilson** - July 07, 2015 at 07:45 AM

RC

“ Paul was always cracking jokes and having fun. He always saw the humor in no matter what happened. His lighthearted manner was a fooler . He was an excellent student of the Bible and tried to live what the Book taught. He brought light and brightened any day you were with him. God bless all of the family and friends. We have been part of the Great Journey with Paul. As a side note his Grandfather Mann died 7/4/1959.

*Blessings,  
cousin Russ Gilliom*

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**Russ Gilliom, cousin** - July 06, 2015 at 07:58 PM

HN

“ I remember going to Golden Corral in his red hot rod after a baseball tournament driving down 37 and he looks over at me and says "wanna drive" I said "YES!!" While driving he takes the steering wheel off and hands it to me. And I panicked, and when we got to the restaurant I gave it back to him and says " that's my security system." Great times love you grandpa.

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**Holden Nelson** - July 06, 2015 at 07:19 PM

KC

“ Our church family will miss Paul. He was a faithful man of God, who loved to read and share scripture. He was also a humble man who turned to God in prayer. It was our privilege to call him our brother. It was my privilege to know Paul and shepherd him for the last two years of his life.

*Pastor Ken Collins  
Grace Church of Lebanon*

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**Ken Collins** - July 06, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul M. Hollingsworth.



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July 06, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ Gloria Farrington lit a candle in memory of Paul M. Hollingsworth



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**Gloria Farrington** - July 06, 2015 at 01:05 PM



*May Paul's family have peace that he's with God.*

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**Gloria Farrington** - July 06, 2015 at 01:08 PM

AN

“ One of my favorite memories of Grandpa is when we took a spin in his old red car. He picked me up from Mom and Dad's and as we were heading down the drive he asked if I wanted to drive. I was ecstatic to drive that little car, but instead he popped the steering wheel off and said "here ya go..." He always did have some sort of trick up his sleeve.

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**Ashley Nelson** - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ Paul & I have been friends since the early 50"s. I went to his house to watch the Ed Sullivan show, until we finally got a TV. We worked together putting up hay, loading hampers of tomatoes on trucks & helping build a building for his Dad. We also did some "less than smart things" like attempting to roll over an old Nash in one of his fields & tossing tomatoes at cars on 71st St. at night. We double dated--He drove & I bought the gas. He will be missed. Roy Neiman

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**Roy Neiman** - July 06, 2015 at 11:46 AM

JG

“ Travis:  
We are so sorry for your loss, but Heaven has gained a great man.  
Will pray for you and your family.

*Tim & Jean Gatewood*

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**Jean Gatewood** - July 06, 2015 at 09:17 AM