



Paul Ernest Stocker

March 10, 1926 - August 26, 2013

Paul Ernest Stocker, age, 87 of Albia, died Monday, August 26, 2013, at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Paul was born March 10, 1926 to Clarence Moses and Mildred (Grooms) Stocker on the family farm southeast of Albia. He graduated from Albia High School in 1943. Paul married Betty Rose Caudill on December 8, 1946. To this union, five children were born, Cathie, Michael, Rebecca, Mark, and Lesa.

Paul drove a truck for Russell Hindman and then became a welder for John Deere Ottumwa Works, retiring in 1979 after 30 years. He also farmed all of his life.

Paul was very active in the First Christian Church where he was a member and board chair. He was also a 50 year Master Mason, charter member of the FFA, chairman of the Monroe County Democrats, Selection Cemetery sexton, Monroe Township Trustee, and was in the Monroe County Ag Hall of Fame.

Paul is survived by five children, Dr. Cathie T. Siders and Dr. Carol Aschenbrener of Washington, D.C., Michael P. (Ann) Stocker of Albia, Rebecca L. (David) Hetrick of Garden City, KS, Mark A. (Janice) Stocker of Des Moines, Lesa A. (Scott) Kaldenberg of Eden Prairie, MN. He is also survived by five grandchildren; Aaron (Kim) Siders of Atlanta, GA, Matt

(Kathy) Stocker of Albia, Alex (Mallory) Stocker of Albia, Tyler and Sarah Stocker of Des Moines; seven great grandchildren, Case, Cali, Cole, William, Charity, Maria, and Kathleen; a brother, Dr. Dean Stocker and a sister, Marjorie Spain both of Albia; four sisters-in-law, Elvina Stocker of Davenport, Ethel (Joe) Lahart of Georgetown; Alberta Friday and Catherine Caudill both of Albia; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Betty; his parents; and three brothers, C.J., Floyd, and Darrell Stocker.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at First Christian Church in Albia, with Rev. Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Selection Cemetery in Monroe County.

Visitation will begin at noon, Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Paul's family present throughout the day and evening. Masonic Rites will be 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, held by Astor Lodge 505 of Albia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to First Christian Church, Monroe Care Center, or Masonic Lodge 505 of Albia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Ernest Stocker*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *Many of my earliest childhood memories are tied to the fun times Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty made possible for me and my 4 siblings. Loading 1 or 2 of us in their car when they came to town so we could enjoy an overnight at "the farm", riding around on tractors, eating homemade cinnamon rolls and goodies, chasing the chickens (oops!) and sharing laughs and practical jokes. Such good and generous people. And 25 years later.....extending that same generosity to my own children! You will be missed, Uncle Paul.*

Janet Spain Horn and Raymond Horn - Castle Pines, CO - niece - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ At Dave and Becky"s wedding he loaned us a car to drive while there. Of course that had to have been the coldest time ever. The locks froze on the car so here comes Paul with a hair dryer to thaw the locks. When ever we went through there he always treated us like family. He would take us out to lunch. Told many stories. Sorry Becky they were most of you. It has been my pleasure to know Paul . We exchanged Christmas cards over the years and both Paul and Betty were eager to hear the kids were doing and amazed at how tall Kevin was getting.

Our sympathies go out to the entire Stocker family. He will be greatly missed.

Jim and Sharon Hetrick

Sharon Hetrick - Holdrege, NE - friend - August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ July 4th always found the Caudill families and all our cousins spending the day at Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty's (Caudill-Stocker) farm. I remember baseball games in the pasture, hayrack rides, watermelon chilled in a tub of ice water, sitting under the shade trees since this was before most of us had air conditioned homes, and of course, delicious foods prepared by all the moms. We were so lucky to have these close times with our aunts, uncles and cousins. Six years ago, Mike and Ann Stocker hosted the first Caudill family reunion in many years. Now cousins Mike Stocker, Dean Caudill, Chuck Tyrrel and Janie Heriford--host the reunion every summer. This past July, Uncle Paul attended the 2013 reunion. I hope Uncle Paul is smiling down from Heaven remembering all these good times with family.

Susan E Caudill McDonnell - Charles City,, IA - niece - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deepest Sympathies to all of the family. Paul was a very kind man. I am sure he will be missed by many !!!*
Brad and Terri Sinclair

Terri Sinclair - Moravia, IA - friend of Lesa - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to everyone on the loss of Paul Stocker. He was a wonderful man and always showed me the greatest kindness. May he rest in peace.*

Guy Cabell - Bettendorf, IA - Friend - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have many great memories of time spent out at the farm with Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty. It was a busy place, warm and welcoming. It was fun when all of us "kids" got together and you just never knew what was going to happen.*

Blessings and love to all of the family. Paul will be missed!

Diane Meyer - Ames, IA - niece - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM