



Walter Ernest Paris

February 22, 1932 - June 23, 2025

Walter Ernest Paris, age 93, of Moravia, IA, passed away on Monday, June 23, 2025, at his home.

Walter was born on February 22, 1932, at home on the farm near Moravia, IA, to Claude and Lenora (Morrison) Paris. He grew up attending school and graduated from the Moravia High School with the Class of 1949. Walter served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. On June 16, 1956, he was united in marriage to Fern Engle at the Miller Church near Moravia. Walter and Fern shared 69 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Walter worked at Morrells until he retired in 1972 when the plant was closing. He was also a lifelong farmer, raising sheep, hogs and cattle, as well as row cropping.

Walter was a lifelong member of the American Legion in Albia and later in Unionville. He was also a member of the NFO (National Farmers Organization). He enjoyed life to the absolute fullest. He was an avid race fan, who owned and drove stock cars and sprint cars over the years and later raced in vintage races. He also loved to help his son and grandson with their race cars. Walter went to many NASCAR races including in North Carolina, Las Vegas, Talladega, and Bristol, Tennessee. He enjoyed riding motorcycles,

especially his Indian, and riding snowmobiles with the Rathbun Snow Riders. Walter enjoyed country music, with his favorite artists being Merle Haggard, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Marty Robbins. He loved his dogs, Momo and Bobo. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends, especially having cool ones around the campfire. Above all else, Walter cherished all the time spent with his family.

Walter is survived by his wife, Fern; his children, Lynn (Tammy) Paris, Alan (Lisa) Paris, Marlena (Dave) Huffman, Karlena Foster, Malinda (Andy) Money, and John (Becky) Engle; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Connie Judge; and a brother, Wayne (Linda) Paris. Walter is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Lenora Paris; 2 sisters, Arlene and Peggy; a brother, Gene; a son-in-law, Harold Foster; his beloved dog, Bobo; and many friends.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Light of Life Church in Moravia, IA, with Walter's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, at the Light of Life Church in Moravia, IA, with Pastor Les Featheringill officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Unionville Post #407 will follow services at the Unionville Cemetery in Unionville, IA. A luncheon will be held at the Light of Life Church following the burial.

A memorial has been established to American Legion in Unionville, IA.

Cemetery Details

Unionville Cemetery

Unionville, IA 52594

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Light of Life Church
411 N William St.
Moravia, IA 52571

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Light of Life Church
411 N William St.
Moravia, IA 52571

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Kelley's and Grahams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Ernest Paris.

Kelley's and Grahams - June 26, 2025 at 09:32 AM

KG

“ Kelley's and Grahams purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Walter Ernest Paris.



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LC

“ I spent a lot of time at my aunt and uncle's house (Max & Betty Whicker) when I was small. Walter and Fern would drop by often and what fun visits they were. He will be missed by so many. My deepest condolences and prayers to Fern and the family.

Lisa Corbett - June 25, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JP

“ OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FERN AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY! Walter was a Man's Man and a Military Veteran! I was lucky growing up! In my teen years I was able to hang around Delbert Engle's garage, Delbert was Walt's brother-in-law. They were true Motor Heads, Stock cars, sprint cars, Indian and HD Motorcycles. Walter's first stockcar was a 34 Ford Coupe #24 racing at the infamous Cincinnati Racetrack. Thanks for all of the great memories Walter and MAY YOU REST IN PEACE!!!

JERRY POWER - June 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM

AW

Wayne and Linda, so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.

Andrea Woodard - June 25, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Ernest Paris.

June 25, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Paris.



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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Paris.



June 24, 2025 at 07:52 PM

EL

“ Echo lighting planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Ernest Paris.

Echo lighting - June 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Echo lighting purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Walter Ernest Paris.*



Echo lighting - June 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Paris.*



June 24, 2025 at 06:27 PM