



Paul J. Mayhak

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Fort Collins – Paul Justus Mayhak, 89, passed on peacefully with his daughters Jody and Kimberly at his bedside. He was born in Zion, Illinois on Dec 19, 1933. The son of Justus Mayhak and Pauline (Livinghouse) Cook. He grew up with his sisters Jolene and Patricia. Paul was predeceased by his Wife of 69 years Norma E. Mayhak who succumbed to complications of the Covid Virus on September 14, 2021.

Paul attended school in Illinois and graduated from Zion-Benton High School in Zion, Illinois. Paul was an avid hunter and made several hunting trips to Colorado with family in his High School years. Paul and Norma met in High School and as teenagers, he told Norma that when he graduated, he was going to move to Colorado so he could enjoy the Great Outdoors in the Rocky Mountains. Paul and Norma graduated in 1952 and that Summer they both jumped into a Model A Ford, and spent their Honeymoon driving to Fort Collins. They were married 69 years and after Norma's death in 2021 Paul was not the same man. He battled Covid in the hospital with Norma and when she fell to the disease Paul fought on and survived. Paul missed Norma deeply and depended on his immediate family for care and comfort as he remained in his home in Fort Collins.

Paul & Norma started their family with Paul painting houses and assisting his

Uncles with construction. Norma was in the home raising their three children, as his partner, and a homemaker. He taught his children integrity and hard work by his example. Paul spent many years painting, carpentering, and finishing drywall in homes throughout Fort Collins and the local area. Some may remember Paul in his Sky Blue, 1950 Willys Jeep Station Wagon with his logo on the side, "Paul's Drywall". An avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisherman, skier, camper, and metal detectorist. His activities came to an abrupt halt when he suffered a severely broken leg while skiing . He invested as an owner in Baskin Robbins Ice Cream on South College Avenue. This afforded Paul the full recovery of his leg and within a year or so, sold the Ice Cream store and returned to build Custom homes with his Stepfather Joe Cook. In over 35 years of building homes Joe and Paul never had a comeback or a customer complaint. They were never needed to come back and correct or fix anything in any of their newly completed homes. The job was done right the first time. When Joe passed on, Paul continued in construction, painting, roofing and interior finishings. Paul loved to hunt and was an expert marksman and was fond of Black powder rifles. He attended many Colorado Trappers Rendezvous winning competitions in shooting, fast reloading (an art in itself), as well as telling tall tales and winning the Liars Contest a few years in a row. He also loved to hunt with his metal detector. He searched for artifacts, old coins, jewelry, and junk. He was a founder and longtime member of a local prospector and metal detector club. He often won "Find of the Month " and once won "Find of the Year" with an antique trade token.

Paul was a man of faith and a believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. He became "Born Again "in the 70's during the Jesus Revolution. They started at St. John's Lutheran Church where he was a Deacon and where the family was raised in the church. He and Norma later moved on to First Christian/Christ Center Community Church where Paul was an Elder for over 40 years. Paul volunteered his skills to assist the church and it's members, especially widows, with painting, repairing, building anything

needed for the church. Paul was also an American Patriot. Proudly flying the Flag. Honoring our Veterans and upholding our Laws.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, 6 Uncles, 3 Aunts, wife Norma and son-in-law Clyde Dupper. Survived by Sisters Jolene Bice of Denver, Patricia Cook of Sun City Arizona, daughters Jody Dupper of Windsor, Kimberly Schwindt, and Husband Randy, of Fort Collins. Son, Timothy Mayhak, and Wife Marcelle of Kalispell Montana. Seven Grandchildren and eight Great-Grandchildren.

Services will be at Bohlender Funeral Home, Friday, May 26 at 11:00, a reception will immediately follow the service. Paul will be interred next to Norma at Grandview Cemetery at 2:30pm Friday.

In loue of flowers please make donations to Pathways Hospice.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Burial

MAY **26.** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *It is all Paul's fault that I (Sharon) can NEVER move out of our house.*

Back in the 80's, Paul was the main carpenter who finished our basement and created thee most beautiful rooms using weathered barn wood. He even built barn doors for me that sound exactly like the barn doors on my dad's farm.

So that is why I can never move. His talent was amazing.

Sharon and Jim Hartman



Sharon and Jim Hartman - May 26, 2023 at 07:26 PM

NT

“ I honestly don't remember when or how I met Paul. I only know that it was through church. While I handled the Drama Ministry at First Christian/Christ Center Community Church, Paul would come along side to help me. He was up in a "cherry picker" more times that I can remember. And his usual comment about that was "don't tell Norma about this". But he helped me create staging, hang lighting, suspend a scrim, and other chores that caused me to think of him as a true gift.

He also was a faithful attendee of the Encore!Encore! productions. Every time he saw my daughter, he would recall her routine as Chiquita Banana. He loved the shows and the people in them. I will always think of Paul as a man who walked out his faith. And I will always be grateful that he was a part of my life.

Nana Tonkin

Nana Tonkin - May 25, 2023 at 10:32 PM

DB

“ Paul and I served together as Elders at First Christian until 1987 when Betty and I changed our fellowship. I always appreciated Paul's intensity and sincerity. We always enjoyed 'bumping into' Paul and Norma every now and then, and Paul usually had something to say about "Who's on first?".

I regret that Betty and I will be out-of-state on the 26, so unable to share in the tribute to the LORD and to Paul. We grieve, but most certainly not as those who have no Hope. Blessings especially to Jody, Kim and Tim . . . and to those seven Grands and eight G-Grands. You walk in a legacy rich with faith, integrity, hard work and honesty.

Dave and Betty Brown - May 22, 2023 at 07:38 PM

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I knew Paul and Norma as my late husband, Bruce Douglas, graduated with them from Zion-Benton High School. Bruce came to CSU and renewed his friendship with him along with Joe and Pauline Cook and went hunting with them when he could. When we wanted to build a new home in 1974 we knew we wanted Joe and Paul to build our home. I learned more about building a home from Joe and used that information when we built another home in 2003. Paul continued to repaint that original home until he retired. It was a fun to watch him move around the room on his painter stilts. Both Bruce and I considered Paul and Norma good friends and we'd run into them every once in a while. Happy Memories of Paul and wish for a great reunion with all his family as he joins them in heaven.

Bobbie Douglas

Bobbie Douglas - May 24, 2023 at 01:02 PM