



Paul David Mork

March 10, 1933 - April 16, 2020

Born March 10, 1933 in Hendricks, Minnesota, to Pastor P. Lauritz and Alpha Skogerboe Mork. He spent the first five years of his schooling in a one room rural school in Brookings County, South Dakota. When the family moved to Radcliffe, Iowa, Paul attended school there until graduating from high school in 1950. He attended Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, for two years and then Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, where he received his B.A. degree, Magna Cum Laude, in 1954. After attending summer school at the University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, he entered theological studies at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. As a student, he was president of the junior class and student body president his senior year.

On September 29, 1957, he married Delores Mae Wilberg, whom he had met as a student at Waldorf College. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. Paul is survived by his wife of 62 ½ years, and two sons, Timothy and Stephen, of Glendale, Az. He was preceded in death by his son Daniel in 1995 and by his parents, P.L. and Alpha Mork.

Upon graduation from Luther Seminary, he served as Associate Pastor of

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City, Iowa. From 1961-1968 Paul was senior pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Glendale, California. 1969-70 he was minister of preaching and teaching at Immanuel Lutheran in Forest City, Iowa, and in 1971 became the 10th President of Waldorf College, Forest City, IA, serving for two terms. From 1979-83 he worked in the insurance industry while serving part time at Calvary and Grant Lutheran Churches at Crystal Lake and rural Wooden, IA. 1983-93 senior pastor of St. John Lutheran Church of Charles City, IA. In 1993, he moved to Burnsville, MN and worked for Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Co. and later MCC Behavioral Care Inc. Moving to the Phoenix, AZ, area in 1997, he worked for Norwest banks and in 1998 at Community Church of Joy, Glendale, AZ as director of their senior ministry, the Fiesta Club, and later also as director of the church's pastoral care arm, the Oasis ministry.

Involved in the life of his community, he served as drive chairman for United Way and two years as President of the United Way drive. Member of Rotary for many years and a past president of the Charles City Rotary Club.

Often selected for leadership roles, he was twice president of his college class, captain of the basketball and baseball teams. Honored by Phi Theta Kappa in 1975 with the National Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Waldorf College Alumni Distinguished Service Award. In 1974 he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Milton College. In 2002, was inducted into the Waldorf College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife Delores, son Tim, son Steve and wife Judy, grandchildren Amanda and Gabriel Mork and great-granddaughter Aurora, all of Glendale, AZ .Siblings Marcus Mork, Marilyn Day, Cynthia Poole, Margaret Blume and Rachel Haverlah.

Paul enjoyed the ministry of preaching and teaching. He loved sports and music, playing golf and being with his family, singing in the church choir, and the many activities with the Fiesta Club of Community Church of Joy. Ever grateful for the grace of Christ and the forgiveness of sins, he felt God had blessed him in marvelous ways, not least by the love, support, and faithful partnership of his wife, Delores.

Private graveside services were held at Dawn Valley Memorial Park in Bloomington, MN.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember has cousins (I was two years younger than Paul) having some great times together on the Mork farm in Winger, MN. Our grandfather homesteaded the farm. They were immigrants from Norway. We had such great times. We especially wanted to get out of the house When Paul’s dad and my dad discussed (argued) about almost any topic or issue of the day including cars. This taught me the value of family and the extended family. If I started reminiscing I would not remember to stop. Paul was an inspiration to me even as a small child. Take care Deloris, God loves you and so do we. Bob & Sharon Mork.

Bob and Sharon Mork - April 26, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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I have very fond memories of my Uncle Paul. I really looked up to him for many reasons...man of faith, good husband/father/uncle etc., but really appreciated his care for others and his sense of humor. It was great to see him and my dad tease each other and joke around, and appreciated his help in giving my dad a hard time. Always loved it when the families got together and of course wished that it happened more often. It was sad to hear of his passing, but am thankful to know that suffering has passed and that as a man of faith he is home with his Lord and Savior. Oh how I'm sure Heaven is rejoicing. We can be sad because we miss him, but joyful that he lived in faith and finished the race. Aunt Dee, we love you and your family!

Nathan Mork - May 07, 2020 at 11:13 AM

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Our families we friends in the early 70s & he baptized me in Glendale Ca. in 63.
God Bless!

Paul Satrom - September 10, 2020 at 02:23 PM