



Paul Lester Smeal

June 11, 1932 - August 24, 2021

Paul Lester Smeal, age 89, of Blacksburg died, Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at Lewis Gale Hospital-Montgomery. He was born in Clearfield, PA. on June 11, 1932. He is survived by wife, Gladys Smeal, daughters, Gwen Woods, Tracy McLean, son, Lester Alan Smeal. Graveside service will be conducted Friday, August 27, 2021 at 11:00 am in the Westview Cemetery. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westview Cemetery
723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Gladys, Gwen, Tracy, and Lester,
I remember Paul from Luther Memorial, and especially from the Recreation Center where he was active as an advisor and was instrumental in getting the weight room and other equipment installed. He was so interested in keeping everyone fit! He was also always interested in keeping up with everyone he knew.
My deepest condolences to all of you.
With sympathy,
Jan Spahr

Jan Spahr - September 11, 2021 at 05:18 PM

LC

“ Lynn Snider Cooper lit a candle in memory of
Paul Lester Smeal



Lynn Snider Cooper - August 29, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LC

I remember Mr. and Mrs. Smeal were active members of my church, Luther Memorial in Blacksburg, VA. He was a professor at Va Tech. I happily babysat a number of times for them. It was always a joy to be with their loving children, as they were so well behaved. Mr. and Mrs. Smeal were such a nice Christian who taught their children well. I am sure he will be missed by folks in the church as well as by many others in Blacksburg. I will always remember them both fondly as a very nice family that I loved to babysit for. He was such a kind quiet southern gentleman.

Lynn Snider Cooper - August 29, 2021 at 11:51 AM

SW

“ Thank you Gladys, Gwen, Tracy, and Lester for sharing your husband/dad with all of the many Boy Scouts that he lead as a Scoutmaster of Troop 44. Paul spent countless hours, days and weeks taking us on overnight camping trips, to camporees, the National Boy Scout Jamboree, summer camp at Camp Powhatan and so many hiking trips (including annual week-long 50 mile hiking trips on the Appalachian Trail and to the Boy Scout ranch Philmont in New Mexico.

Your father in many ways made me the man I am today. I will always cherish the memories that he made for us in scouting, and his encouragement and support throughout our lives from our teenage years through adulthood. May God bless and keep him, and you as well.

-Scott Worner-

Scott Worner - August 27, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ To Gladys and family,
I was very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I have many fond memories of Paul and Gladys as we traveled together on many bus tours. Paul was always quick to smile, to laugh and to share a story. I'm grateful for the times we shared and I shall continue to remember the laughter and good times we shared.
I trust that your memories will bring you peace and comfort in the coming days.
Terry Altizer

Terry Altizer - August 27, 2021 at 05:20 PM

CS

“ Paul was one of my favorite library patrons. He always had a smile and a story to tell while we looked for some books for him to read. He loved Va Tech, Penn State, his town and everything to do with living here. He was very well informed on the news of the day. I so enjoyed talking with him and I learned something new all the time. He had a very good sense of humor. Paul also cared deeply about his friends and kept up with them. He was very active in the parks and rec scene -- with trips and classes -- for both Blacksburg and Montgomery County. I will miss seeing him at the Blacksburg library. It was such a pleasure to serve him and to say he was my friend. Gladys, Lester, Gwen and Tracy, my condolences to you. Paul, you will be missed!

Cathi Smith - August 27, 2021 at 07:44 AM

SM

“ Paul Smeal was a wonderful person. Very caring and so attentive to his community. I am glad I was able to know him, he always made me smile, and he always talked to me about the "big" Newport Fair. I will miss his visits here to our office. To Paul's family, my condolences you all. With sympathy, Selena McCoy

Selena McCoy - August 26, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JL

“ Paul was one of the most generous and caring individuals I have ever been fortunate to call my friend. He was always so interested in his community, the people, and development of Blacksburg; that we affectionately referred to him as "Mayor of Blacksburg". He was always ready to volunteer for all kinds of projects. I certainly appreciated his help at the Community Center and all of the participants in our fitness programs knew Paul and appreciated keeping them informed of current events. I will always treasure the time I was able to share with my friend, Paul.

To Gladys and the Family, I send my sincere thoughts and prayers .
May God bless you and help you.

Sincerely,
Jack Leahy

Jack Leahy - August 25, 2021 at 07:01 PM