



## Paul N. Dahl

June 11, 2018

Paul Noble Dahl, 86, of Hot Springs died peacefully in his home on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Paul was born July 9, 1931 in Cement, Oklahoma to the late John and Grace Lusk Dahl. He is survived by his two daughters, Debra Dahl of Hot Springs and Denise Seiz (Jon) of Louisville, KY. He is also survived by four grandchildren that adored their “Bumpa”: Kristin Nalley of Oxford, MS, Alyson Seiz Johnson (Trevor) of Cincinnati, OH, Kathryn Nalley of Philadelphia, PA and Austin Seiz of Louisville, KY. The newest light of his life was his great granddaughter, Tyler Grace “Tilly” Johnson. Paul was pre-deceased by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jo Gann Dahl, and his brothers, Odis Dahl and Bill Dahl.

Paul attended Oklahoma A & M (OSU) and graduated in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. Upon graduation he joined the U.S. Army and on his first leave he and Mary Jo married in Ninnekah, OK. Paul completed his service in the Army in 1955 and began his 40 year career in the forestry and timber industry with Dierks Forests, Inc. in Battiest, OK. He remained with the company upon its acquisition by Weyerhaeuser in 1969. His career spanned timberland and materials research and numerous plant management assignments in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. He retired from Weyerhaeuser in 1989 but continued to work as a consultant in forest products for another six years. He was an Arkansas State Registered Forester and was recognized over the years for his dedication and contribution to the

industry. In 1991 he was awarded the Outstanding Forester Award by the Oklahoma Society of American Forestry and the Heritage Forester Award from the Forest Heritage Center. In 2001, he was selected as a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters and in 2006 he was inducted to the Arkansas Foresters Hall of Fame.

Paul was a man of deep faith and tirelessly served his churches including Grand Avenue United Methodist Church and, later, First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs. He was a lifelong usher, served on numerous boards and committees, and taught youth Sunday School for over 15 years.

In 1995 he began to volunteer at The Caring Place of Hot Springs, a respite care program for the families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and dementia. His desire to serve turned into a passion that blessed clients of The Caring Place for over 20 years. Paul will always be remembered for his generosity and selflessness, faith, loyalty, storytelling and love of family and friends.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1100 Central Avenue, 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 15, David Wilson and David Mosley officiating. A reception will follow the service at the church Family Life Center. The family would like to offer their heartfelt appreciation to Hospice of Central Arkansas for its excellent care and a special thank you to neighbor and friend, John Minginas, for his unwavering support and care for Paul over the years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Caring Place of Hot Springs, 101 Quapaw Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ *Bold prayers for you all as you go on. Many good memories of " Paul Dahl" ( we always said both names) over the years as a customer and friend.*

wayne bennett - June 15, 2018 at 08:16 AM

WH

“ *Paul "my Cutie pie" I've enjoyed taking care of your home, making you meals, becoming your wardrobe specialist and you. You were such a joy to have in my life. I will always remember our talks on the porch or sitting in the recliners.....gabbing away like two school kids. I loved your story telling of family, army days, Weyerhauser, Mary Jo and the girls. You were extremely easy to talk to and totally a great listener.....especially when I lossed Joel. I admired you and salute you always "my super hero". I loved you like a father and will truly miss you. You are with the elite now.....Mary Jo....my daddy and Joel. Always in my heart and never forgotten. God bless you Debbie and Denise.....family and friends. Especially a great big thanks to Debbie for keeping me busy nearly 6 years and being a big sister to me. Love you.*

Wendy Hodges - June 14, 2018 at 01:08 PM

RW

“ *Roger and Rita Whitton purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Paul N. Dahl.*



Roger and Rita Whitton - June 14, 2018 at 07:48 AM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers are sent from the Bonnette family. My father Billy thought a lot of Paul. He was one of the Dierks foresters that inspired me to become one, too.  
Joe B

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**Joe Bonnette** - June 14, 2018 at 07:22 AM

WW

“ Paul always offered a handshake and a smile before anything else....these simple gestures were as guaranteed as Paul's word. I will miss this fine man but proud to say I learned a thing or two from him



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**William Willis** - June 13, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paul N. Dahl.



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June 13, 2018 at 04:48 PM

SW

“ Paul Dahl was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed by all those who knew him! I worked with him at Weyerhaeuser and he always called and said, "hey, kid!" No matter what my age, he always called me "kid." I always knew it was him! Paul was truly a great Christian man, good husband to Mary Jo, wonderful father and grandfather, and an awesome coworker. My prayers and sympathy go out to his family.

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**Shirley Willis** - June 13, 2018 at 04:08 PM

MV

“ I will always remember looking forward to Uncle Paul, Aunt Mary Jo and Debbie and Denise visiting. I remember loving to hear his stories and he had many! One story had me in it. When Uncle Paul was courting Aunt Mary Joe I was a small child. They would ask my mother to dress me up so they could take me on their date. I think they did this a few times. I also enjoy hearing his stories about growing up on the farm. And the stories about Marty that he and Uncle Bill met while attending OSU. They would bring Marty to the farm on holidays. My grandmother loved having Marty there.

Uncle Paul had a big heart. You can see it in his children. And in his devotion to The Caring Place.

I am sorry that I was not able to see you. I know that you are with Mary Jo and the rest of our family in heaven.

I send love and light to my cousins and their families at this time.

God bless.

Love, Mary Ann

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**Mary Ann Voreck** - June 13, 2018 at 03:58 PM

FW

“ As a Weyerhaeuser summer college forestry intern in 1971, Paul was one my bosses in Hot Springs. He was a really great guy and professional forester and I always looked forward to visiting with him at various annual forestry meetings around the state. At one point I think Deltic tried to recruit him (unsuccessfully) as our company president to replace retiring Jesse Ralston. I haven't seen him in recent years but was intrigued with the one legged folding "chair" that he used to take on field trips in latter years. He will be missed!!  
Frank Wright, Retired Deltic Forester

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**Frank Wright** - June 13, 2018 at 02:05 PM

GH

“ *A true Southern Gentleman who will be missed by all who had the honor and privilege of knowing him.* ”

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**Greg Hay** - June 13, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JS

*Gentleman + professional = Paul. He taught us how to practice forestry and, more importantly, how to be decent people. Thanks, Paul. John T. Shannon*

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**John T. Shannon** - June 14, 2018 at 01:52 PM