

# Paul Dean Ackerman

February 26, 1940 – September 24, 2024



Paul Dean Ackerman, 84, of Carmel, Indiana went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. He was born in Columbus, Ohio to Frank and Anna (Goss) Ackerman and was raised in Hollywood, Florida.

After graduating from South Broward High School in 1958, Paul joined the Air Force in 1958 and served his country proudly for twenty years, having performed two tours in Vietnam. He was a Civil Engineer and member of the Air Force Band and played the clarinet, bass clarinet, and saxophone. While stationed in Japan, he met Setsuko and they married in June of 1963 in Altus, Oklahoma, and raised three children. Paul and Setsuko were married fifty-three years, until her passing in December of 2015.

Paul retired in Amarillo, Texas from the Air Force, and then became an instructor at Texas State Technical Institute. He earned his Master's Degree from WTAMU. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church for over forty years where he served as a Deacon, teaching International Bible School, and performed in the choir. Paul was a devout Christian and loved the Lord, his family, and friends.

Paul was an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and grandchildren. He met his great-granddaughter just eight days before he passed. Paul loved to travel with friends and family, especially to Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, Las Vegas, and Hawaii. He will be deeply missed.

Left behind to cherish his memory are: his sons, Frank Ackerman and Mike (Patti) Ackerman; his daughter, Kim (Tim) Fingers; a sister, Sandra Cox (SBHS class of '58); eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn Ackerman, Jackson Ackerman, Nolan (Amanda) Fingers, Ryan Fingers, Jake Fingers, Alexis Ackerman, Madelyn Ackerman, and Michael Dean Ackerman; and a great-granddaughter, Helena Fingers.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Setsuko; his parents, Frank and Anna Ackerman; his brother, Charles Kent Ackerman; and two sisters, Jo Ann Wettengel and Patty Jean Peterson.

No services will take place locally. Paul will be laid to rest next to Setsuko at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Neptune Society is in charge of cremation arrangements.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared by visiting:

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