



Paul Joseph Purtell

June 29, 1924 - October 16, 2016

Paul Joseph Purtell, age 92 of Manassas, VA died at his residence on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Paul was a World War II veteran and retired from the United States Marine Corp; the owner/proprietor of Manassas Pizza from 1965-1981 and retired rural route carrier USPS in Manassas. He was a charter member of American Legion Post 10, a charter member of the Freedom Museum, Inc. and a member of the AOH Father Edwin Kelley Division, Manassas.

He was preceded in death by a son Patrick and a daughter in law Sharon Purtell.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Margaret of the home address sister Anne Purtell McCarthy of Johnson City NY; daughters Christine Purtell of Locust Grove, VA, Jane Sanders (George) of Manassas, VA, and Mary Elliott of Manassas, VA; sons Samuel Purtell (Jennifer) of Manassas, VA, Michael Purtell (Linda) of Partlow, VA and James Purtell (Kathleen) of Centreville, VA; grandchildren Michael Sanders (Ann), Paul J. Elliott, Kimberly Sanders, Matthew Elliott (Heather), Danielle Purtell Sims (Todd), Catherine Purtell, Courtney Purtell, Jamieson Purtell, Nicole Purtell, Joseph Phipps, Patricia Allen, Brittany Beach and Amanda Beach; great grandchildren Dylan Evans-Elliott, Hannah Elliott, Patrick Purtell, Jonathan Sanders, Emma Hargis and

Hazel Zint.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 3-7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 10:00 AM with interment at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to The Freedom Museum, Inc. 10600 Harry Parish Blvd. #4, Manassas, VA 20110 in memory of Paul Purtell (Lest we forget).

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ I feel very blessed to have had him in my life for so many years. He was very proud of my son Brendon, for becoming a Marine.

Carrol Lynn Cutler

carrol lynn cutler - October 22, 2016 at 09:31 AM

RT

“ Richard D Tambourine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.



Richard D Tambourine - October 21, 2016 at 06:17 PM

PU

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Purtell - October 21, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.*



October 20, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ *Paul's quiet manner and willingness to pitch in to get a job done, set the example for others to follow in his many community activities. Paul made a positive difference to the Veterans of this community and will be missed. May God bless him and his family. You are in my prayers.*
Jerry Martin

Jerry Martin - October 20, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.*



October 20, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.*



October 20, 2016 at 11:26 AM

MM

“ Michelle & John Morgal purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.



Michelle & John Morgal - October 20, 2016 at 03:14 AM

JF

“ Uncle PJ will be missed for his ability to tell a story like few others, his sense of humor, and his warm heart. R. I. P.

John Feeneh - October 20, 2016 at 12:52 AM

DF

“ Mr. Purtell is a Manassas legend. His kids were all respectful and polite. His pizza shop will always be the best ever. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

David Falkenstein - October 19, 2016 at 07:55 PM

LE

“ Love, The Estabrooke's purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.



Love, The Estabrooke's - October 19, 2016 at 04:57 PM

WW

“ I have known Paul for over 50 years. I first met him at the Manassas Pizza and then worked with him at the US Post Office for a number of years. He was a very good friend. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.



Wally Walls - October 19, 2016 at 12:41 PM

SC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your Father's passing. My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Santiago Carreras - October 19, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.



October 19, 2016 at 10:17 AM

MR

*“ Condolences to the Purtell family.
Marjean and John Rice*

Marjean and John Rice - October 19, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.* ”



October 18, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Purtell.* ”



October 18, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ *Brenda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Paul Joseph Purtell* ”



Brenda Holmes - October 18, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *A truly fine man and great example of the Greatest Generation.* ”

Ray and Lisa Colgan - October 17, 2016 at 06:37 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Russell Colgan lit a candle in memory of Paul Joseph Purtell*



Lisa Russell Colgan - October 17, 2016 at 06:36 PM

NL

“ *Aunt Margaret, Christine, Mary, Jane, and all-my children and I are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. I have many fond memories and am sure Grandma Purtell and all the siblings were happy to see him. May you all find comfort in your memories and each other. Much love-Nikki Lamb and Amanda, Jeanette, Molly and Michael*

Nicole Lamb - October 17, 2016 at 05:49 PM

KO

“ *To Mrs. Purtell, and Family I am very sorry for your loss Mr. and Mrs Purtell were good friends with my parents Frank and Eileen O'Donnell. I will always remember him, and the times you came to their house and I enjoyed the times I would see him out and get to talk with him. he will be greatly missed by all. He was a great man who honored his Brothers and Sisters in arms and I thank him for his service to our country and those around him I hope the memories you have of him will bring you some joy and the God will give you his peace at this sad time.*

Kevin and Alice O'Donnell

Kevin and Alice O'Donnell - October 17, 2016 at 05:22 PM

JB

Dear Margaret, I am deeply saddened today because I lost a a dear friend and Buddy. Paul and I worked together on building Post 10 from meeting in each other's homes into the beautiful addition to the community it is today. We worked with Chuck to establish the Freedom Museum. We respected each other like brothers. Though I moved to Idaho, Paul and I talked to each other at least once a month. Mary and I often spoke of you and Paul. I'm gonna miss him. He was a good man, a good Marine and a good friend. So glad he was a part of my life. John and Mary Burns,.

John and Mary Burns - October 18, 2016 at 04:54 PM



Kimberly Sanders

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Sanders - October 17, 2016 at 05:21 PM

CM

Uncle Paul and Aunt Margaret have always been so nice to myself and family with a little joke, a fun story or a pleasant smile. I was always so impressed with the Virginia folks and the legacy they created with their kids, grand kids and great grand kids. I know Uncle PJ had a unique bond with many many folks. We were alway so proud of him and his military career. We will always remenber Uncle Paul and Aunt Margaret with pride and admiration! Love, Chris McCarthy, Jen, Hannah, Tessa.

Chris McCarthy - October 18, 2016 at 08:06 PM