



In Memoriam
PAUL RUNYAN
PAST GRAND PATRON
1934 – 2024

Brother Paul Runyan was born on August 25, 1934, in Vancouver, WA. Our Heavenly Father summoned Paul to His presence on June 9, 2024.

Paul went to Camas High School where he met the love of his life, Barbara. They were married on September 20th, 1953, and celebrated 70 years of marriage. They had five children, losing their son Lanny after only a few months.

Brother Paul was raised a Master Mason on March 12, 1956. He received his Grand Master Award on September 3, 2004, his Fifty-Year Service Award on February 23, 2006, and the Hiram Award on October 15, 2010. He served as Worshipful Master five times, but most of his positions were serving as musician; twenty-four times.

Brother Paul was initiated into White Salmon Chapter #107 on March 28th, 1957. He also belonged to Lackamas Chapter #152, Evergreen Chapter #1 and Henry Wentworth Chapter #250. He served as Worthy Patron fifteen times from 1970 to 2015. He was also a Deputy Instructor in 1997. Paul was a member of the Aquarius Grand Family as our Grand Organist in the 1998-1999, “*Treasures of the Sea*” Grand Session. He played the piano and had a beautiful voice. He was a Life Member of White Salmon Chapter #107, which merged with Evergreen Chapter #1. Paul was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Patron in 2003-2004 by the side of Worthy Grand Matron, June Lee, in the Legacy Grand Family. The decorations in the West that year was a plane pulling a sign of their motto “Yesterday, Today and Forever More.”

Paul had many talents. He was an avid pilot. Paul actually built his own plane. He was a jeweler and ran his own business, Runyan Jewelers. He was a fisher man. He was a wonderful kind man who loved being with his family and friends, always a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. He is survived by his wife Barbara and their 4 daughters, Lori, Paula, Laisa and Debra as well as twelve grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, June 17th, 2024, at 11am at the Gateway Community Church in Washougal. He did not have an Eastern Star Service. Paul belonged to many different organizations so it would have been hard to choose.

Brother Paul, we will miss you.

That all may share in this tribute to his memory, we ask that this memorial be read at the first stated meeting after its receipt, and the Altar draped in his memory.

Judy Turchin
Worthy Grand Matron

Patricia DeMuth
Grand Secretary

Darel Maxfield, Sr
Acting Worthy Grand Patron