



Chester R. Pauley

August 30, 1923 - May 27, 2020

Arrangements Update

SHIRLEY: Chester R. Pauley, 96, of Shirley died Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at his home. His wife of 66 years, Mary Jane (Fitzgerald) Pauley, died April 14, 2020.

He leaves a son, Michael D. Pauley of Shirley; two daughters, Ann Marie Pauley and her husband, Dean Lacoff, of Clinton, Kathleen Gutkowski and her husband, William, of Lowell. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Pauley was born in Brockton, August 30, 1923 a son of George H. and Marguerite (Purcell) Pauley and has resided in Shirley for most of his life. He grew up in Shirley and was a graduate of Ayer High School. He was a talented baseball player, pitching left handed for numerous baseball clubs throughout the region, leading the way to a tryout with the Boston Red Sox.

During WW II Mr. Pauley served his country in the United States Navy aboard the USS Gherardi. He was a member of the Shirley American Legion and enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the at Westminster Country Club for many years. He also enjoyed travelling with his wife and family. He was a member of St. Anthony's Church as well as its Holy Name Society.

Mr. Pauley worked for the United States Post Office for over 30 years in the Shirley and Ayer offices. For several years he also owned and operated a taxi

service in the Fort Devens area.

He was the brother of the late Geraldine P. Hallett, Alice M. Hebert and Frances English all of Shirley.

A Funeral Mass for both Chet and Mary Jane will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, June 18, 2021 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com .

Cemetery Details

Village Cemetery

Harvard Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall

GE

“ My husband, Don Evans, always looked forward to the Memorial Day parade so that he could visit with Chet. I was going to call to let Chet know that Don passed away in December. My guess is the two of them are playing baseball in heaven. Prayers are with the family. Losing a loved one is so difficult.

Gail Evans - June 13, 2020 at 09:16 AM

NP

“ Nancy Pierce lit a candle in memory of Chester R. Pauley



Nancy Pierce - June 02, 2020 at 09:05 AM

NP

Blessings to all of you. Such a tough time, losing both of your parents so close together. But they do belong together! I hope that brings peace. Wonderful man, always kind and thoughtful.

Nancy Pierce - June 02, 2020 at 09:08 AM

RL

So sorry for your loss, Chet always had a smile and so friendly .

Richard Lambert - June 15, 2021 at 07:41 AM

BB

“ I remember Mr. Pauley with always a kind smile at the post office. My deepest sympathy to your family. Barbara Brockelman

Barbara Brockelman - May 29, 2020 at 05:47 PM

MG

“ A true gentleman and kind soul. God bless you all at this difficult time💜 Monique Quinn (Gionet)

Monique Quinn (Gionet) - May 29, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ What a hard time for your family. You have our sympathy.

Brownie and Meredith

Meredith Marcinkewicz - May 29, 2020 at 03:08 PM

DS

“ We are so sad to hear of your Dad's passing and we send our sincerest sympathies to all of you. Chet and Jane were special people, always with a smile and kind word. All those years working with my Dad, Joe and Pat at the Shirley PO will be remembered as a special time along with his dedication to the Legion and Memorial Day. May he rest in peace with his angel.

Debbie (Jurga) Seeley

Deborah Seeley - May 29, 2020 at 08:46 AM

PL

“ Sending love and comfort to the Pauley family. Your parents, both so dear, were a joy and treasure to the town of Shirley as well as me personally. What comfort there is in knowing they're together again. Wishing you peace and patience and strength through your grieving process. In great grief, know there has also been great love.

Paula Lambert - May 28, 2020 at 10:14 PM

NL

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. There are no words to express how sad it must be to lose both parents in such a short time. Your parents were such a big part of our small town and loved by all who knew them. Sending heartfelt thoughts your way.

Ted & Nancy Landry

Nancy Landry - May 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM

RG

“ Mike, Anne Marie and Kathleen, I'm so sorry to learn of your dad's passing, I know the heartache that you must be feeling losing both your parents so closely together. I believe that just as in life they are now, together basking in the Glory and Love of our God. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Rich Gendron - May 28, 2020 at 09:31 AM

SH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm sending heartfelt thoughts to you all.

Sandi Hyde

Sandi Hyde - May 27, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JG

“ Michael, Kathleen and Anne Marie - I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I always enjoyed the warmth of his welcome whenever I went to the post office as a kid with my mom or dad. Because he was behind the desk at such an important place, I used to ask my mom if he was the president ;) Much love to you all. I understand what it's like to lose both parents in such a short time. My heart is with you. John Gendron

John Gendron - May 27, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PL

How wonderful, John. I imagine Chet very tickled by this! xo

Paula Lambert - May 28, 2020 at 10:09 PM

FE

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was such a gentle soul.* ”

Frank and Jackie Esielionis - May 27, 2020 at 08:36 AM