



Paul Edwin Bachelor

May 27, 1929 - June 4, 2015

Paul Edwin Bachelor passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at his home in Belvidere, IL surrounded by his wife and family. He was born in downstate Robinson, Illinois on May 27, 1929 and raised in Chicago. He married his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Lois Koplín, in Cicero on June 25, 1955. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Kirsten Bachelor (Dave Elliott) of Villa Park, sons Brad (Kim) of Lake Zurich and Phil (Carol) of Carol Stream, brothers Dave and Bruce, sister Marilyn, grandchildren Vincent, Steven, Lauren, Brooke, Colin and Amy, and 4 great-grandchildren. His parents, Charles Glen and Esther "Betty" (York) Bachelor, and a brother, Charles Bradley Bachelor predeceased him. In keeping with Paul's spirit of generosity and love of learning and science, he donated his physical body to science. A small private celebration of his life will be held in the coming days. He had a genuine interest in people, always introducing himself and asking others' names to start the conversation. Paul appropriately earned a "Bachelor's" degree in microbiology from the University of Illinois, and also attended the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. He became a detergent chemist, formulating soaps, shampoos, and laundry detergents for Dearborn Chemical, Swift and Company, and finally Jewel Food Stores, from which he retired in 1988. After retirement, he returned to school, and earned an Associate's degree in horticulture from the College of DuPage. Paul had many passions over the years. He loved music, both as a singer and as a listener. Into his 80's, he performed at local talent shows, as well as

retirement homes. He also loved theater, and was an actor, singer, and driving force of the Lombard Park Players in the 1970's. He ran track when he attended the University of Illinois' Navy Pier campus, and continued to run 5Ks into his 60s. Even in recent weeks when he was not able to walk, he insisted on having his running shoes, and left the house wearing them, prepared for his next adventure. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to compassionandchoices.org, or to: The Boone County Council on Aging; The Keen Age Center; 2141 Henry Luckow Lane Belvidere, IL 61008,

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ellie Pett lit a candle in memory of Paul Edwin Bachelor*



Ellie Pett - June 14, 2015 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Paul was a 'gentle man' in every sense of the word. We remember doing some work with him and Lois for a HiLo Campers Rally. We shared many smiles over the years and will remember him that way. Blessings and prayers to all who are grieving, Ernie and Ellie Pett.*

Ellie Pett - June 14, 2015 at 02:18 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bachelor some 20 years ago through my dear friend, (his daughter), Kirsten. From the beginning he exuded a spirit of warmth and always seemed to delight in authentic, human connection. Even though my moments with him over the years were few, and far between, those moments, undeniably, always consisted of three things....a bright smile, a loving hug, and some heart-felt conversation - this even through some of his final moments, which I had the honor of sharing.*

I feel blessed to have crossed paths with Paul, and so very grateful to call Lois, Kirsten, and the Bachelor family my beloved friends.

With tenderness, and a wish for peace.

Beth Ann Mackie

Beth Ann Mackie - June 09, 2015 at 02:39 PM