



Paul Harrison Root

March 31, 1933 - August 1, 2025

Paul Harrison Root went home on Friday, August 1st, 2025. He was born on March 31st, 1933, at the family farm in Kendall, Michigan. He married Mary Elizabeth Evans on August 1st, 1953. Together, they raised two children, Tina (Mark) Root and Ronald (Susan) Root. Paul honorably served his country as a member of the U. S. Army. Paul was a devoted follower of Christ, serving on church boards at Bethel Baptist, Cooper Baptist, and Merson Church. He had a generous and grateful spirit and often found himself mentoring others. He shared his love and wisdom freely with everyone he met. His smile was infectious, and he loved humor, especially puns. He always had a new joke to share and took great joy in making others smile. He was a music lover who played the saxophone and trombone and often sang in barbershop quartets. In later years, he and Mary spent Sunday afternoons at local nursing homes singing hymns together while she played the piano.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, his parents, Harry and Amy Root, and his brother Milon and wife Norma. Also preceding him were Mary's parents, Nicholas and Cora Evans, and in-laws, Tom and Pat Taylor, Audrey Evans, and Floyd Evans.

He is survived by his children, three granddaughters: Jessica (Ryan) Coleman, Jocelyn (Paul) Bunce, and Claire (Derek) Root-Benson along with four great-grandchildren (Alexandra, Matthew, Rory, and Cora). Also surviving

are in-laws David Evans, Jim Evans, Mary Ann Evans and Linda Evans and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to his “Angels” at Stanford Lodge and Wings of Hope Hospice. We are so grateful for their devoted care and Dad truly loved each person who cared for him.

Memorials may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice and/or Merson Church.

The family will meet friends on Wednesday, August 13th from 10 am until a celebration of Paul’s life at 11:00 a.m. at Merson Church. Interment will follow in Covey Hill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Covey Hill Cemetery

33556 28th Ave.
Gobles, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave.
Gobles, MI

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Harrison Root.*



August 10, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Harrison Root.

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