



## Paul Werner Raschke

January 10, 1939 - January 15, 2020

Paul Werner Raschke, 81, passed away suddenly at his home on January 15, 2020.

Paul was born on January 10, 1939, in Pocatello, Idaho to Paul William and Martha Draper Raschke. He was the oldest of seven children. He attended schools in Pocatello, Idaho and Moses Lake Washington, graduating from Moses Lake High School.

Upon graduation, Paul enlisted in the Air Force and honorably served until discharge. Paul performed Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. Then transferred to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Maria, CA where he served as an Air Policeman for 2 and ½ years. In February of 1960 he was transferred to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea and served there until June of 1961, at which time his service was extended due to the Berlin Wall and Cuban Missile Crisis. He finished his service at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Florida and was honorably discharged in June of 1962.

Paul married Linda Kunz in 1962 in Elko, Nevada. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. They were married until Linda's passing in December of 2016. Together they had four children, Maryellen, Scott, Jason, and Robert. Paul and Linda moved often in their early years, raising their family in Montana, Washington and eventually moving home to Pocatello. Upon returning to Pocatello, Paul went to work for Wayne's Food Town. Paul then went to work for several food brokerages over a forty year career, ending his career in that industry with Bromar Inc. During his career, Paul made numerous friends while calling on grocery stores throughout Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. It was a well-known fact that he kept the customers well stocked with Kool Aid or Gatorade, or other items he sold. Paul retired for six months, and then went back to work as a security officer working at the Heinz and Amy's Kitchen plants in Pocatello.

Paul married Deanna Williams October 27, 2018 in Pocatello, Idaho. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. They shared many great times together traveling, attending concerts and enjoying each other's company.

Paul always put his family first, dedicating his life to his children and grandchildren. He rarely missed an event; attending games, concerts, recitals or whatever the grandkids were doing. Simply stated he was their biggest fan!

He had an infectious smile, booming laugh and gave the best bear hugs. Whenever you would see Paul, a smile came on your face as you were greeted as a friend, hugged as family and told how much he loved you.

He loved to travel, always looking forward to a trip to Yellowstone National Park, cruising the seas, or just a car ride to get away. He was famous for his cookie baking and known as "Pauly Crocker". An avid Dodgers fan, Paul rarely missed a game or opportunity to share game highlights with his family and friends.

Paul was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a very strong faith. He served in a variety of capacities and would drop everything at a moment's notice to help others.

He is survived by his loving wife Deanna; children Maryellen (Erick), Pocatello, Scott (Candace), Inkom, Jason (Desani), Pocatello, and Robert (Melissa), Pocatello ; Margie (Elton) Barton, Mississippi; five siblings, 14 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Wilks Funeral Home 211 W. Chubbuck Road. A viewing will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday. Interment will follow services in Restlawn Memorial Gardens where military rites will be provided by the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "Tribute Wall" tab above.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Restlawn Memorial Gardens**  
2864 S. 5th Avenue  
Pocatello, ID, 83201

**JAN**  
**17**

**Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wilks Funeral Home  
211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

**JAN**  
**18**

**Viewing** 10:00AM - 10:45AM

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**Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Wilks Funeral Home  
211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

# Comments

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“ Deanna and family. I am so sorry for your loss. What an amazing man that made my dear friend so happy! May God bless your hearts during this time.



**Jodi Bates** - January 23 at 12:09 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was married to Paul's brother Luke before he passed away over 10 years ago. Each year we would make a trip to Idaho and Luke looked so forward to spending time with his big brother Paul. One year Paul had a new quad runner. Paul said, "Get on and hold on for dear life brother." Off they went around the block. Luke held on for dear life and he retold that story over and over. My prayers are with all of you in the days ahead. Much love, Christy

**Christy Raschke** - January 20 at 08:46 PM

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“ Dear Raschke Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Glad I got to meet Paul with Deanne and visit not so long ago.

I cherish that and am keeping you all in thought and prayer.

With sincere sympathy,

Jennifer Bowen



**Jennifer Bowen** - January 19 at 12:05 PM

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“ I worked with Paul in the food brokerage industry for many years. He was a wonderful man. Paul's laugh brought so much joy, always a smile on his face. I followed him to Preston in a snow storm, he was pushing snow with the bumper of his car, but we made it there. I was white knuckled when we arrived, He just laughed. What Fun!  
I will miss him. Helen Adair

Helen Adair - January 18 at 11:56 AM

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“ Deanna,  
I am sorry for your loss. I didn't know your husband but he had to be special to capture your heart. Treasure the time you had together. Memories will give you comfort.  
  
Respectfully,  
Janice Bloom

Janice Bloom - January 17 at 06:18 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for the passing of Mr. Raschke. I've had the pleasure of being his bank teller and now deanns for the past six and a half years. He had an infectious laugh and could always make me smile. From myself Amanda and I know the entire MACU team we a deeply sorry.

Amanda wasia - January 17 at 05:24 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



January 17 at 05:05 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



January 17 at 03:43 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. May your many memories comfort you and bring you peace at this time. With love to your family from Sheila, Trace, & Logan Guchess

**Sheila Guchess** - January 17 at 03:01 PM

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“ Sheila Guchess lit a candle in memory of Paul Werner Raschke



**Sheila Guchess** - January 17 at 02:51 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



January 17 at 12:09 PM

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“ I worked at amys kitchen as a temp and every time i saw him pass me in the hall he always had a smile and something conversational. A year later I worked security with him. Still had a smile then.



**Co worker** - January 17 at 04:40 AM

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“ Bill and Loretta Scouten purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



**Bill and Loretta Scouten** - January 16 at 10:33 PM

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“ Scott and Vicki Healy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



**Scott and Vicki Healy** - January 16 at 07:58 PM

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“ Dear Maryellen, Scott, Jason, and Rob:

We are so sorry we cannot be with you at this time. We will always be so glad we were able to be at your Mom's funeral in December 2016. All of you did such a wonderful job then and I'm sure this occasion will be a special one as well. My doctor has told me I just cannot make the trip; otherwise I would be there. We loved your Dad so much and will always remember his friendly manner and ready smile. He was truly a uniquely special person. One of the fondest memories of my life is the honor of playing the piano at Pau's baptism in 1962. I still think of it often even after all

these years. Please know that our best wishes and prayers are with you and your families now and always. Maryellen, Scott says keep your chin up--I love you.

All our love, Vicki and Scott Healy and Family

**Vicki Healy** - January 16 at 07:44 PM



“ Paul was my boss for many years as we both worked for Bromar. He was well respected and loved in the grocery industry. He never asked you to do anything that he wouldn't do himself. I always admired how much he loved and cared for your Mom. He was a true friend and great person to be associated with. May you always remember his easy smile and great sense of humor. RIP Barbara Millward

**Barbara Millward** - January 17 at 12:35 PM



“ Thanks for all the cookies, baseball banter and being an amazing person. Your family has helped me and loved me for so long and I'm grateful for the family you were such a great patriarch too.

**Brian** - January 16 at 07:00 PM



“ Dave and Erin, Jeannie and Robert and Lynne. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



**Dave and Erin, Jeannie and Robert and Lynne.** - January 16 at 03:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



January 16 at 03:56 PM



“ With love, Dan and Leah Sparks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



With love, Dan and Leah Sparks - January 16 at 12:54 PM

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“ What a sad day for Gail and I. Deanna you are in our prayers. We love you so much and we know you are heart broken. We love you and have always wanted you to be happy. We could see the happiness that Paul brought into your life. Again we love you so much little lady. Terry and Gail Felsman



Terry Felsman - January 16 at 12:01 PM

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“ Orlin Kent Moon lit a candle in memory of Paul Werner Raschke



Orlin Kent Moon - January 16 at 09:31 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Werner Raschke.



January 15 at 10:39 PM

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“ Paul has been at every major event in my life since I joined the family. He has been among the first to hold my children, dry my tears, and rejoice every victory. I will miss his tight hugs, full body laugh, and sincere love. I have no words that can ease your pain because he leaves such a hole in our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Janeil

**Janeil Kunz** - January 15 at 07:13 PM