

Paul M Bridges

October 2, 1946 - January 29, 2021

Mr. Paul M. Bridges, a loving friend to all of Hohenwald, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021, at the Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia at the age of 74.

Paul was born on October 2, 1946, to Joe and Gracie (Jackson) Bridges, in Trenton, TN. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, of which he was a proud veteran. Eventually, he moved to Hohenwald and lived here until his passing. He met and married his best friend, Janice (Murphy) Bridges, and they lived a long and wonderful life together.

Paul worked as an office technician for the telephone company for many, many years. However, he is best known for his other title of Airport Manager at the airport here in Hohenwald. If he wasn't at home, he was at the airport. He lived to fly, and he was dedicated to his position there for over forty years. He taught countless people to fly and enjoy the view over his tenure. He started at the airport when the office was a little taxicab stand with no bathroom and stuck with it until they finally built the larger building and offices. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol during his career as well. He loved his airport family like they were his own.

Along with his wife, Janice Bridges, of Hohenwald, he is survived by his son, Brent Bridges, of Hohenwald, TN, and one brother, Stanley (Ruby) Bridges of

Mt. Pleasant, TN. Also, he leaves behind a huge aviation family.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers Clyde, Robert, and Alec Bridges, and one sister Betty Jo Bridges.

Visitation with the family will be held on Monday, February 1, 2021, from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM in the McDonald Funeral Home Chapel. A short memorial service will follow. Burial services will be conducted at a later date.

In consideration of the health and well-being of others, we ask that if you are able and feel comfortable to please wear a mask.

"Your wings already exist, all you have to do is fly."

-Unknown

Cemetery Details

Lewis County Memorial Gardens

1014 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul M Bridges



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - October 25, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CR

“ Candice Runions lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges



Candice Runions - February 02, 2021 at 02:09 AM

SS

“ Sandi Sharp lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges



Sandi Sharp - February 01, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DU

“ I started knowing Paul when I began taking flying lessons at the Centerville airport. He and I were lucky enough to get our training by the same person, Stu Smith. I will miss Paul very much.

Donnie Underwood - February 01, 2021 at 06:50 AM

TJ

“ So sorry to hear this sad news!! Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family! Paul was a really good man. Hohenwald was blessed to have him & Janice live here.



Thelma & Clovis Johns - February 01, 2021 at 01:48 AM

JB

“ JOYCE BARNES lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges



JOYCE BARNES - January 31, 2021 at 07:21 PM

LF

“ I grew up knowing Paul and his brother Abe when they lived on Garrison road close to the old grass landing strip (BAKER FIELD). I was younger than Paul and Abe and looked up to them and liked to hang around with them. Abe was a scientist in the making, HE had a lab in an out building behind their house and he would show me his experiments and I would marvel at them. This picture of Paul reminded me of his father, HE too! had a white beard. Paul was blessed with industry and intelligence and he loved to fly. I hope the airport will be renamed in his honor, which he truly deserves.
God Bless his family,
Sincerely,
LARRY FERGUSON

LARRY FERGUSON - January 31, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JW

“ Paul was like a brother to me. I have so many memories of Paul while we were growing up especially at our Grandparents house. We were very close during our high school years and could be his brother Alec's worst nightmare. Paul will be missed by so many, but our memories of him will live on. Rest in peace dear cousin...I will cherish my memories and know that you are no longer in pain. Loved you even though I didn't talk to you as much as I should. Thoughts and prayers to Janice and Brent during this difficult time. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you as only he can.



Janet Williams - January 30, 2021 at 10:53 PM

TB

“ The best brother in law ever. He has always been in my life. Please keep us in your prayers.



Tammy Baker - January 30, 2021 at 10:13 PM

CT

“ So sorry to hear about Paul. Worked with him for many years and depended on his expertise several times.
Colette Thompson

Colette Thompson - January 30, 2021 at 07:56 PM

DM

“ *David McDonald lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges*




David McDonald - January 30, 2021 at 04:26 PM

AD

“ *Arelus & Ernestine Dye lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges*



Arelus & Ernestine Dye - January 30, 2021 at 04:23 PM

 Sara Rippeto

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Paul. My whole life I have heard stories about him and my dad, Terry Middleton. They have been friends since middle school, graduated together, joined the army together, also worked in Nashville at the phone company together. My dad always said what a great man and friend he was. He's always shared stories about their adventures of their youth and the changes through life. You're family is in our thoughts in prayers.*

Sara Rippeto - January 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM

BG

“ *Uncle Paul was always the greatest to all of us nieces and nephews. He always made us laugh and shared fun with us growing up. He gave me and Pam our first driving lesson when we were around 12 yrs old. That was a big thing to us at that age and I’ll never forget him for it along with lots of other kind jesters from him. You will be greatly missed but in our hearts forever. Love you sweet Uncle. Brenda Bridges Gaddes*

Brenda Bridges Gaddes - January 30, 2021 at 03:40 PM

PC

My uncle Paul is my favorite uncle. He always spoiled us when he could. He will be greatly missed.

Pamela Bridges Collins - January 30, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MJ

There are so many stories I could tell. Paul was always there for family and friends. I truly believe there was nothing he couldn’t do. He taught me to fly and never charged a dime. He even helped a friend of mine who he had never met finish his pilot license. He let me drive his yellow and black Dodge Challenger to high school once. Big man on campus that day. He loved to take daddy flying. He always said that a plane didn’t take off from Baker Field without daddy in the back seat. Daddy even loved to just do a little “hangar flying” when it was cloudy. And the day Paul came to Hohenwald elementary school in his army uniform to have lunch with me when I was in the first grade. Like I said, so many stories. I love Paul and will miss him. Right rudder, Paul. Right rudder. Mike Bridges

Michael Joe - January 31, 2021 at 05:37 PM

SM

“ *Sis Mcdonald lit a candle in memory of Paul M Bridges*



sis mcdonald - January 30, 2021 at 03:34 PM