



Paul Samuel Heil

December 27, 2020

Paul Samuel Heil, 73, passed away at his residence on Sunday, December 27, 2020, following a heart attack. Born in Reading, PA, he was the son of the late Rev. David Paul and Virginia M. Gaul Heil. He was married to Shelia Kay Troyer Heil for 38 years.

Paul graduated from McCaskey High School in 1965 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Elizabethtown College in 1969. During his college years, Paul created a college radio network serving a dozen college radio stations in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He worked as an award-winning news director at WGAL Radio from 1969-1977 and WGAL TV from 1977-1979.

Paul, the founder of The Gospel Greats syndicated radio program, has been a fixture in Southern Gospel Music since 1980. It was the first Southern Gospel radio program accepted by the Armed Forces Radio network. He was a founder and nine-term President of the Southern Gospel Music Guild, served on the Southern Gospel Music Association Advisory Board and was a member of the Pennsylvania Southern Gospel Music Association. Paul started Springside Marketing, a Southern Gospel mail-order company that he managed for 34 years. At Rohrerstown Mennonite Church, he was in leadership and a lay preacher. He is a member of the Lancaster Church of the Nazarene where he preached four weeks ago. He enjoyed home renovation

projects and walked regularly with his wife.

During the program's 40 years, Paul was recognized as the best-known radio voice in Southern Gospel music and was awarded every radio broadcasting award possible in the genre. Paul's awards for this work include The Singing News Fan Awards from 1987 to 2005, the Marvin Norcross Award for lifetime accomplishment in 1991, the SGMG's "Hearts Aflame" award in 1997 and "The Paul Heil Award" was established in 2000. Paul was inducted into the Pennsylvania Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2003. For his lifetime work, he received the "James D. Vaughan Impact Award" in 2004 from the SGMA. SGN Scoops Magazine presented their highest honor to Paul in 2007 for outstanding contributions and impact in the world of Southern Gospel Music. The Southern Gospel Music Guild presented Paul with their "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2009. In 2014, Paul was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife Shelia and his two sons: Jason D. Heil and Andrew T. Heil (Meredith Talbert), both of Lancaster, his brother, John T. Heil (Sue Fry), Strasburg, and a niece and nephew. Paul was a loving grandfather to his two grandchildren, Tahlia and Rhys Heil.

A public viewing will take place at Lancaster Church of the Nazarene, 2150 New Holland Pike, Lancaster on Friday, January 1st, 2021 from 2-4 PM. A funeral service for Paul will be private for invited guests only. It will be livestreamed, at <https://www.facebook.com/lancasternaz/> for all to view on Saturday, January 2nd, 2021 at 10:30 AM. Interment will take place at Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame and Museum, PO Box 6729, Sevierville, TN 37864-6729.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lancaster Church of the Nazarene
2150 New Holland Pike
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Samuel Heil*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I feel bad--I am just learning of Mr. Heil's passing here in the summer of 2021!*

Before my schedule changed, I often listened to Mr. Heil's show on Greencastle, Pennsylvania's WRGG-LP. Recent radio spots got me curious--not hearing Mr. Heil's voice.

But having suffered losses myself, I know that at about six months, there can be a return of the sadness.

May his family, friends, and coworkers be comforted by their memories--and the knowledge of the good work he did while on this earth.

Brian Simmons - July 26, 2021 at 01:05 AM



“ *I grew up with Paul at St. Paul's E.C. church in York,PA. H is father David was our pastor. I remember Paul was a very creative and inventive guy. I remember being in his home and him showing me a news paper he was printing and a crystal radio set with which he was broadcasting in the neighborhood. I enjoyed The Gospel Greats each Saturday on WBYN Boyertown and also seeing Paul introduce gospel groups at the Baptist Church in Lancacter, last seeing him at the Collingsworth concert in the Fall. I will miss him.*

William Ryan - February 01, 2021 at 02:36 PM

RK

“ My condolences go out to the family, I was greatly shocked when I heard that Paul had passed away. His Gospel Great program was the highlight of my Saturday morning. The sound of Paul's voice & the songs he played were like a breath of fresh air, they helped to take away the struggles of the week. They gave me something to look forward to throughout the week especially when feeling depressed.

Thank you for not taking his program off the air right away. He will be greatly missed.

Ruth Kline - January 30, 2021 at 08:25 AM

SC

“ I never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Heil, but his voice has long felt like that of a friend, thanks to so many years of hearing his wonderful program and great talents on the radio. His dedication to the greatest music in the world was always evident, as was his appreciation of those who had made the music what it was down through the years. As someone who loves the history of Southern Gospel music, I can say that I learned much and was inspired to learn even more by this wonderful man. Paul Heil was a Gospel Great in his own right -- the best that Southern Gospel radio has ever known. My sincerest condolences are with Mrs. Heil and all of his family and loved ones.

Scott - January 25, 2021 at 07:23 PM

RD

“ I was the winner of the 2017 Great Annual Giveaway which included the Singing at Sea cruise provided by Templeton Tours. During this cruise, taken Valentines week in February 2018, I had the privilege to have an interview and breakfast with Paul Heil and his wonderful wife Sheila. What a charming couple! Paul was amazing in remembering gospel group details and dates, and truly used his Godly talents and voice for the Lord. He will greatly be missed. Our loss is heaven's gain. My heart and deepest sympathy goes out to Sheila and their family. Bro. Paul is enjoying the glories of heaven, but it's the ones left behind that have to deal with the difficulties of this world still. May the Lord of all creation wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you during this time.
Love in Christ, Ruby Darlene DeWitt

Ruby Darlene DeWitt - January 10, 2021 at 09:00 PM

RD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ruby Darlene DeWitt - January 10, 2021 at 08:48 PM

TI

“ Although not having met personally, I considered Paul a friend in Christ. He was a big part of every Saturday for me for close to 30 years through The Gospel Greats. May God bless all of his loved ones and ministries.

Tim - January 05, 2021 at 06:08 PM

HH

“ So sad to hear of the home going of Brother Paul, he was a great inspiration to many around the world. I loved his broadcast, and especially his Newsletters. He will be missed. Our prayers are with Sister Sheila and the family in their time of sorrow. May we all meet again where the flowers never fade.

H Hanks - January 05, 2021 at 09:09 AM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss. May GOD's peace comfort you in your time of need. Paul will be missed. The radio program means a lot to many listeners as well as the weekly newsletter. With the help of others I pray that the program will continue in some form to continue to bless GOD, artists and listeners. The program has helped me grow in my walk with GOD. Paul's legacy has left a special imprint affecting many people. GOD bless you and your family!

Scott Kreider - January 03, 2021 at 02:51 PM

NG

“ Condolences to Shelia and family, Paul will be greatly missed, I loved hearing him on The Gospel Greats and reading his weekly newsletter, Paul ran the good race and finished well. God bless and comfort Shelia and family.

Nancy Gibbs - January 03, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ My husband contacted Paul to do a listener favorite for July 16, 2011 show - there was a song My heart found a home to use to ask me the question? - of course I said yes - In fall of 2013 my husband was given tickets to 3 nights of NQC @ Louisville Ky - I remember him saying I would like maybe meet Paul & Sheila Heil - The first person my husband talks to about seeing Paul & Shelia - says no they can't see u - Another friend tells Jamie he will see what he can do My husband , our son who was not very old & I were sitting in the concert - during the concert my husband gets a text - My husband says let's go - we had to walk across the other side of the concert all - very quickly - Our friend had arrange for us to meet Paul & Shelia - we have a photo - Still today when my husband tells the story of meeting Paul & shows the pic - his face just glows - I thank God my husband was able to meet Paul - for Paul & Shelia taking a moment in between interviews for us that night ! Paul is now walking the streets of gold - that's a Gospel Great !

jacque Miller - January 02, 2021 at 08:34 PM

LS

“ My condolences go to Sheila and all Paul's family. His program has been the highlight of my Saturday morning here in Collingwood. With love, Laurie Scott.

Laurie Scott - January 02, 2021 at 03:57 PM

AR

“ We enjoyed Paul's Gospel Greats Program for many years! our sympathy to the family.

Abram & Ruth Rittenhouse - January 02, 2021 at 03:43 PM

DK

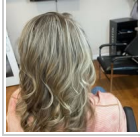
“ Dearest Sheila and family,
Our memories of Paul come through serving with Garden Spot Promotions and IMC. One of our dearest memories was on a Christian Heritage Bus trip sponsored by IMC. Paul and Sheila were in the seats right behind us and we were able to have great conversation and fellowship with them. One funny thing that happened while we were traveling, the driver put a copy of Gospel Greats on. It was a funny experience to here Paul say, "This is Paul Heil and this is the Gospel Greats" when he was sitting right behind us. Kim said to Paul "I recognize that voice "and he just smiled! Surely Paul had a voice that was recognizable to anyone that loves Gospel music. He had a way of making everyone that he met feel comfortable and that they mattered.
Sheila, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He served our Lord well and we know that he is now in the presence of Jesus.
May the Lord's peace and comfort sustain you through this time.
Pastor Dan and Kim Blank

Dan and Kimberly - January 02, 2021 at 12:59 PM

CM

“ Paul Heil was a truly wonderful man who lived his faith, was true to his mission, and loved his wife and family. The ultimate perfectionist, I had the privilege of working with Paul in the 1970s at WGAL Radio and later in the early 1980s as Director of Sales & Marketing at Heil Enterprises. I learned so much from Paul and have fond memories of a trip we made to Washington DC to tour the NBC Radio studios where Paul introduced me to a food delicacy, White Castle Burgers. There are few people with whom you cross paths within your lifetime that leave a strong impression. For me, Paul is one of those people and I am a better person for having known him. I will miss my friend, Paul Heil, as will so many others. The world of Southern Gospel Music will never be quite the same without Paul. My thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with Sheila and the family. May God comfort and bless all of you.
Charlie Morris
Lancaster PA

Charlie Morris - January 02, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Paul's passing recently. It jarred my spirit as he was so young and surely does not look anywhere near 73. But praise God he has made it Home. I looked forward to hearing his broadcasts and sharing the music he played on the radio, he had such a warm and easy listening voice. I really enjoyed reading his Gospel Greats Newsletter as well. That was packed with wonderful articles and insights! He was terrific at what he did and he has left a wonderful legacy to his family and especially his wife Sheila. I will forever be grateful for all the times I got to listen to him and be encouraged by his inspirational insights. My sympathies go out to Sheila and the family, knowing that the Lord will carry you through this difficult time. God richly bless and keep you all strong in the faith! Brenda Kecskes, Milton, ON Canada



Brenda Kecskes - January 02, 2021 at 01:12 AM

EK

“ To the family of Paul Heil: You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of Paul. May the Lord bring you peace and comfort during this difficult Time. A Manheim listener to the Gospel Greats Earl Kreider

Earl Kreider - January 01, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JB

“ Our little story about Paul Heil (from our Facebook post). We will miss him so very much...

As close as I can figure, it was in the late 1980s, maybe 1990, not long after we moved to the home we live in now. It was a few weeks until Christmas. Our daughter, Coral, was about 10 years old then with cerebral palsy and significant cognitive delays and physical difficulties. Knowing that she loved Paul Heil and his radio program very much, I sent him an email asking if we might be able to get a picture of him to give her for Christmas. (This was long before the days of easy copy, paste and print off the internet.) We didn't hear back from him, and that was okay because I knew he must be very busy with many people contacting him about all kinds of things.

On Dec 24, our doorbell rang, and I was surprised to get an overnight envelope. Thirty years ago, this was not something people did every day! I tore it open, and there it was! A signed picture of Paul Heil for Coral with the apology that the request had gotten lost on Paul's desk, so at the last minute they overnighted the picture, hoping it would make it to us in time! And that's just an extra reason why we love Paul Heil, not just for his wonderful Southern Gospel radio program but also because he showed such kindness to us and to a little girl who loved him.

We framed the precious photo, and all these many years later it stands on a small bookshelf in the hall outside the bathroom door. Often when I push her wheelchair down the hall to her room, Coral leans toward the picture and gazes at it lovingly and says, "There's Paul Heil, right there!" So I take the picture down and she kisses it. ❤️❤️ And I'm pretty sure we're going to keep right on doing that!



Jeanette Blue - January 01, 2021 at 01:15 AM

SH

This is so precious. Thanks for sharing.

Shelia Heil - January 03, 2021 at 05:18 PM

CA

Just in tears! So precious!

Carol-Ann Allen - January 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CB

“ *Sheila our hearts go out to you in your loss. Both you and Paul have meant so much to us for the decades we have listened and read your messages in the newsletter. Paul shared a story of mine in one of those letters and communications with both of you have felt like sharing with long-time friends!*

With you, we anticipate hearing that booming "radio voice" that was so much a part of our lives again in the home where no parting ever comes. May God bring comfort to you and all the family.

Charles Baker - December 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM

BE

“ *Sure will miss hearing a great Godly man play great gospel music. I have listened for years. So enjoyable. Becky Ellis Walnut Grove MS*

Becky Ellis - December 31, 2020 at 03:55 PM

RR

“ I am in Mississippi and a friend of Paul Heil throughout the years. Thanks for his contacting me to do, as well as others to do, Announcements for Chosen and Special Gospel Songs a couple of times each year. My age of 73 notwithstanding, his compliments will always be remembered on this side of eternity. God bless Paul's family and friends and may Charles Johnson and the Revivers song 'I can't even walk without You holding my hand, Lord.' ever be our hope as well.

Robert Rawson - December 31, 2020 at 03:30 PM

CC

“ Carolyn Cross purchased the Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors for the family of Paul Samuel Heil.



Carolyn Cross - December 31, 2020 at 02:01 PM

CT

“ This is a shock and it saddens my heart. I never had the privilege of meeting Paul in person but loved hearing hearing him on radio on the Southern Greats program. His voice was so soothing. I believe it showed what a kind, considerate and Christian man he was. He will be greatly missed. My prayers to his family and friends. May you rest in peace Paul. Your race is won.

*Connie Taylor
Hamilton, NC*

Connie Taylor - December 31, 2020 at 11:19 AM

PF

I, too, never met Paul in person, but he had such a warm personality on his program, that I feel I knew him personally. Definitely would have loved to met him. Praying God's blessing for his family during this time. May all know the confidence that Paul is where he has longed to be. His music directed us to long for Heaven. Now he is experiencing all of the joy that Heaven holds. May this bring peace to your family.

Pat Fanning - December 31, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RR

“*Dear Sheila and the Heil family, Let me first Express my sincere condolences for the passing of Mr.Paul Heil. A loving husband,father, and Grandfather. Truly he was a very Special man to me too. It was always fun when I sent Paul e-mails. Paul even played a song by Special Request. May God Bless you in your time of need, With Agape Love,Roland Riley*

Roland Riley - December 31, 2020 at 09:36 AM

SS

“*I am glad I could hear The Gospel Greats every weekend. Paul will surely be missed by many. It is good to know he is with "perfect love".*

Stella Snyder

Stella Snyder - December 31, 2020 at 08:40 AM

PR

“ Dear Shelia, I am so sad to hear of Paul's sudden passing, but rejoice with you that he is finally HOME! I'm quite sure that my parents were among the many who greeted Paul when he entered heaven. My parents always loved parties and balloons and making people smile. They loved gospel music...and they also loved clean jokes and puns, just as you both do. I have been reading your/his Gospel Greats Newsletter for years and often share some of the "funnies" and puns with friends and family. Your articles are always inspiring and on point. Thank you for sharing your lives with us through your messages. Please know I will be lifting you in prayer during these days and weeks and months as the Lord carries.

A faithful reader,
Pam Reagan

Pamela Reagan - December 30, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JL

“ I listened to The Gospel Greats every week and read his weekly message in my email. What a wonderful example of a Christian life! He loved Southern Gospel music and helped share it throughout the world. Thank God for men like him
!

Judi Lentz - December 30, 2020 at 10:17 PM

KM

“ Dear Shelia, Your husband Paul was a great inspiration to me for many years. He was an encourager and a wonderful Christian! We will all miss him so very much! Now he gets to see Jesus face to face, as he has talked about for so long. The Gospel Greats were always so uplifting, and you both worked so hard to make it perfect. Great job! I was never able to meet him for myself, but I know he is enjoying heaven in all of its glory. Some day we will see him up there and that will be a wonderful time of rejoicing. I am so sorry to hear that he went so suddenly, but it is great to know that he was ready whenever God would call him home. If you need to talk, or write, please do. I understand how painful it is to lose a spouse because I have lost two. They are in heaven with Paul. God knows your sorrow. He cares deeply for you. I am praying for you and your family. Your friend, Kathy Mueller

Kathleen Mueller - December 30, 2020 at 10:01 PM

CM

“ I spent 10 years as a country/gospel music announcer at my hometown radio station, and had the pleasure to speak to Paul on numerous occasions over the phone. I was even a four time guest DJ on the Gospel Greats. Paul was a true gem in the world of media and gospel music. He will be missed, but I know he's now rejoicing with the Father.

CJ Milford - December 30, 2020 at 09:59 PM

KB

“ Dear Mrs. Heil and family. So happy that I discovered Paul's amazing Gospel Greats program a few years ago. My family and I look forward to hearing Paul voice, insight and encouraging words every week. My wife and kids and I are saddened to hear of his passing. Our condolences to you and all your family at this time. You'll definitely be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank the Lord for his salvation, and God Bless you all.

kris banga - December 30, 2020 at 06:53 PM

GH

“ Dear Shelia and Family, So sorry to hear of Paul's passing -- he has done so much for God's kingdom through his music ministry. When we used to have the fan awards at Dollywood, I would always sit beside the announcers' booth so I could talk with him and Phil Brower, the other announcer. I even have my picture taken with them at least once.
May God be with all of your family and friends now and in the days to come.

Glenda Hoyle - December 30, 2020 at 05:11 PM

MS

“ I have been receiving his weekly email for several years now and wondered why I got an extra one. It was obvious through his words his grasp on God's will for his life and I truly appreciate his point of view and messages these last few years. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of our Creator. God bless his family and friends.

Mike StClaie - December 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CV

“ Paul was instrumental in guiding me back to the Lord. In his email to me, he spoke of choosing to believe in God or not. He said I had to make a choice one way or the other. I chose to believe in God. Thank you Paul. Rest in the arms of Jesus. My deepest condolences to the family. God give you comfort and peace.
Carol Verge

Carol Verge - December 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SS

“ Sending hugs and ongoing prayers for the family



Sharon A Sweatt - December 30, 2020 at 03:14 PM

DB

I am so sorry for your loss. I have listened to The Gospel Greats program since it was started. I always enjoyed the music and interviews. Praying for your family.

Donna Brookmyer - December 31, 2020 at 03:50 AM

BK

“ I will miss Paul's Epistle each week as I would read and many times print it out for reference when needed. He was the most uplifting voice in radio period! So thankful and blessed to have been in the southern gospel music business during the Gospel Great years! May God's peace that passes all understanding inhabit the hearts of his loved ones!!

Bob Knutter - December 30, 2020 at 02:36 PM

IS

“ Dear Sheila I am sorry sad to hearing of Paul's passing but know he is in a better place.

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Our Strength comes from the Lord may He comfort you and give you peace.

Gospel Great listening fan from Canada

Irene Shandroski He will be missed.

irene Shandroski - December 30, 2020 at 02:34 PM

MA

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We listened every Sunday morning here in WI. May GOD comfort you at this time and in the future. Rock and Marie Chamberlain*

Marie - December 30, 2020 at 02:28 PM

AL

“ *We remember meeting Paul and Sheila as we were waiting in line for lunch aboard the Singing at Sea cruise. My bold husband asked Paul if they would like for us to have lunch together and Paul graciously agreed. We had a wonderful time visiting with the Heils, as they were so warm and friendly. Sheila, you are in our prayers.*

Art and Gloria Lusk

Art and Gloria Lusk - December 30, 2020 at 02:18 PM

RF

“ *JUST THANKS for a life well lived in service to God and others.*

Ruth Filer - December 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM

BM

“ Even though I never met Mr Paul personally, I felt as though we were friends. I tuned in by radio every Sunday morning for many years . He was a well spoken man . We will miss his voice . I do hope someone will continue his show . We need more Paul Heils in this world . We love true traditional Southern Gospel Music . please don't change his show . With deepest Sympathy .

Brenda Miller - December 30, 2020 at 02:03 PM

LM

“ What wonderful man who was such a servant of the Lord. He will be greatly missed. May God comfort your family as you draw upon His marvelous grace.

Linda Mohl - December 30, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JL

“ Sheila, You and Paul have been an important part of my walk with our Lord for so many years (decades). I will miss his voice and the newsletters so very much. I feel like I have lost a good friend and my heart is aching. My prayers are with you and your family.
Jeannie Lindsay, Selwyn, Ontario, Canada

Jeannie Lindsay - December 30, 2020 at 01:36 PM

DO

“ I have never met Paul but have listened to his program for decades and feel like he is a friend just as a result of his Gospel Greats ministry. Praying for the family and hope to me Paul in heaven.

D. L. Overdorff

D. L. Overdorff - December 30, 2020 at 01:27 PM

RW

“ we love and pray for you and your family, Shelia. Our hearts are broken. No family reunion will ever be the same without Paul. We can rest assured that Jesus welcomed him with open arms. Roger and Rhoda

rhoda williams - December 30, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ Enjoyed the Gospel Greats and the writings of Brother Paul for many many years. Always encouraging one of the best dialogue on Sothern Gospel music in our times.

Jimmy And Vickie Sanders - December 30, 2020 at 12:36 PM

WB

“ I ran KBVV radio in Enid, OK for 18 years and had many contacts with Paul. We carried The Gospel Greats for the majority of that time. Paul set the standard for quality and meaningful dialogue with his program. He interviewed me on a number of occasions on air. We will miss his insight and promotion of Southern Gospel music. Wesley Byrd

wesley byrd - December 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

DA

“ Danny lit a candle in memory of Paul Samuel Heil



Danny - December 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

IK

“ I have always read his article. he has mad my days lighter by being in this world. But i know he is shouting on the street of glory. He will be missed by all. Our love and support to his family Sincerly .Jean and Pete Knight



Ima J Knight - December 30, 2020 at 12:06 PM

MS

“ For years I spent Sunday afternoons riding my bicycle while listening to The Gospel Greats with Paul Heil. Paul will be missed by countless folks like me who grew thru the radio program and the news letters. I guess God wanted to start a Gospel music program and wanted it hosted by the best. Well done, good and faithful servant! Welcome Home.

Marc Stoufer - December 30, 2020 at 11:56 AM

AH

“ Lord Jesus, may your light shine on the Paul's family and your supernatural peace and joy infuse them during this time of homecoming celebration.

Allen Hammar - December 30, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CM

“ My wife & I are so sorrowful to hear of Paul's passing. May the Lord be very near to everyone that mourns.

Clayton McGee - December 30, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DS

“ We always enjoyed listening to "The Gospel Greats" radio program. Since our radio station changed its affiliation, it was no longer available in our area but do enjoy your newsletter. We appreciate what he did throughout his life. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. His voice will be missed.

Don and Bev Schroeder - December 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM

JB

“ I always enjoyed the radio program and the news letter. Paul will be missed. May God bless you with wonderful memories of him. Jack Barron, Noblesville, Indiana

Jack Barron - December 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM

PW

“ Sheila, Thank you for sharing him with us..... the Southern Gospel Artists are forever grateful for his ministry. Prayers to you and the family. He will be sorely missed but sweetly remembered.

*Patti Miller
The Miller Family
Redeemed 4
Gateway Trio*

Patricia Whitley - December 30, 2020 at 02:25 AM

DW

“ I can't begin to tell how much the Heils have meant to us. Long before we had charting songs or magazine covers they always made us feel like we mattered. I really believe it's because we did matter to them. We and the entire Gospel music world will miss Bro. Paul but we know we will see him again soon. The world is a much better place because Paul Heil was here.

Don Williamson
The Williamsons

Donnie Williamson - December 29, 2020 at 11:05 PM

RO

“ I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT PAUL. OUR HEARTS ARE SADDEN WITH HIS LOST. MY WIFE AND I HAVE LISTEN TO GOSPEL GREATS FOR YEARS. WE WELL HAVE SOME GREAT MEMORIES OF HIS PROGRAM ON ENLIGHTEN. OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. HE WELL BE MISSED. THANK YOU PAUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.

RONALD OBERG - December 29, 2020 at 09:57 PM

GY

“ I have found over the years there is difficulty in finding a way to comfort those left behind after a death. However what I have discovered is that expressing heart felt concern for the family and letting them know what a blessing their loved one was to so many. So it was with Paul. What a blessing he was! To the family I say thanks for sharing him with us and God bless.

George York

George York - December 29, 2020 at 08:56 PM

MF

“ We've been great fans of The Gospel Greats for many years & always enjoyed it as we got ready for church on Sunday mornings. Sending prayers for his family.

Mary & Thurman Floyd - December 29, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to John and Susan. Prayers to your family during this difficult time. With Much love and virtual hugs from Mitch, Gina, George, Mark and Tracy Dissinger

Gina Black-Dissinger - December 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Paul and Shelia have always been such a blessing! I only knew him professionally but what a great man! We will miss him. Shelia, we are praying for you and your family. May you be surrounded by the sweet presence, peace, and grace of the Holy Spirit.

Shannon Smith - December 29, 2020 at 08:24 PM

KS

“ We were shocked today to hear of his passing. Our sympathy and prayers are with Shelia and the Family

Kevin Studebaker - December 29, 2020 at 06:25 PM

KS

“ I have listened to Paul and the Gospel Greats Since sometime in the early 80"s I believe but I do not remember the year. That unmistakable voice will surely be missed. I also have thoroughly enjoyed Paul's weekly writings in the news letter every Tuesday a.m. for several years and I will miss it.

Kevin Studebaker - December 29, 2020 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ I grew up listening to *The Gospel Greats* every Sunday. I'll never forget how it felt the first time being interviewed by Paul and then later getting to know him and Sheila. There has never been a more professional, or kinder man in the world. We have lost a friend, and gospel music has lost a giant.

David Staton - December 29, 2020 at 04:50 PM

GB

“ Our hearts are shattered. Love, Thoughts and Prayers to Sheila and family at this time of great loss.

Gary / Penny Babcock - December 29, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Paul Samuel Heil.



December 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM

BB

“ I'm so sad to learn of Paul's passing! Seems like I've known him forever, since we grew up together in the church his father pastored. Paul was a talented, special man with a beautiful voice and disposition.

I'm sure you are numb from this sudden unexpected loss. May God bestow the gift of peace that only He can give to His children. My sincere sympathy to you, and the entire family.

Love

Bev Bowers

Bev Bowers - December 29, 2020 at 12:15 PM

TB

“ Dear Shelia, Alecia and I are praying for God to comfort you and your family. It was an honor to serve with him in the SGMA. He was truly the "voice of Southern Gospel music."

Alecia's mother treasures the picture of her and Paul made at Dollywood. Only the Lord knows the lives he touched, and the reward he will receive.

Travis and Alecia Bridgeman

Travis Bridgeman - December 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MB

I was so shocked and sad to hear that Paul Heil had passed. He always made The Gospel Greats interesting and I didn't want to leave the radio scared I would miss something. Sheila I am so sorry Praying for you and your family. Wish I could say something to help but I will never forget y'all

Mary Ball - December 30, 2020 at 01:09 PM

JE

“ Dear Shellia and family. What a shock to hear of Paul's unexpected death. My heart hurts for you and I pray that you will experience the peace and comfort of God in a new way. Paul ran his race well, and leaves a wonderful legacy. May you be blessed and comforted with many good memories of Paul's life, knowing that he influenced many people for good. I often said that adding the "Gospel Greats" to our program schedule at WDAC was one of the best things I ever did. You have my deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

*John Eby
WDAC program Director (retired)*

JOHN EBY - December 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Paul graduated from JP McCaskey High School in 1965 with our class, sorry for your loss. Here is his photo from our 1965 ECHO yearbook.



Rich Foltz - December 29, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Shelia and family ... We are so sorry to learn of Paul's passing, but we know that he is now in his eternal home with his Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ ... may that knowledge bring comfort and peace to all of you in the days to come. With love, Don and Cindy Grimm

Cindy Grimm - December 29, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Paul was an awesome mentor. I learned so much as a young announcer and newsperson at WGAL-AM/FM. He was always up and incredibly knowledgeable about the industry and the local news scene. And that voice was something I will always remember. Prayers to the family, please know that Paul touched so many in broadcasting in Central PA and way beyond.
Terry C. Kile

Terry Kile - December 29, 2020 at 09:36 AM

OB

“ As a fan of Gospel Greats for 20 plus years. I grew up hearing Paul's voice every weekend. Thankfully I had the opportunity to meet the Heils on Singing At Sea. I so appreciate their love and dedication to Southern Gospel music! Paul will be missed! Praying for Sheila and all the family!!!

Odie Boggs - December 29, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MP

“ What a voice. What a life. What a man. O, what a savior he lived for. Glad to broadcast the Gospel Greats and was proud to have interviewed him on my podcast. Our heart breaks for you, Sheila, but may the peace that passes understanding comfort you.

Miles Pike

Miles Pike - December 29, 2020 at 08:25 AM

TB

“ We're so sorry to hear of Paul's homegoing. We offer our sympathy to his family at this loss. May it bring comfort to know Paul is now living in eternal glory with God. Sincerely, Dennis & Tina (Dimitris) Bicksler

Tina Bicksler - December 29, 2020 at 08:02 AM

SH

Were so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Sheila: We are praying for you to feel Gods comfort.

We are faithful listeners to the Gospel Greats!

Lots of love and prayers,

Tom and Shirley Herr and family

Shirley Herr - December 29, 2020 at 10:41 AM

AW

“ *The Gospel Greats in my book was the best thing to ever happen to southern gospel music and Paul was the best host God could find .
Rest in His sweet peace .
You will be missed .*



Arvin Wynn - December 29, 2020 at 05:35 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Samuel Heil.*



December 28, 2020 at 11:48 PM

CD

“ *Prayers for Shelia and the Heil family. Paul was such an inspiration and example to many. He will be missed. Chris and Leslie Daniel KAWX Radio Mena, AR*

Chris Daniel - December 28, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Samuel Heil.*



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SF

“ Thanks to Paul for helping Gospel artists be heard and interviewed.

Stephen Flourney - December 28, 2020 at 08:23 PM

MW

“ It was always a wonderful blessing to listen to Paul on "The Gospel Greats". For me the blessing was in the way Paul respected and cared for the artist. You couldn't help but feel his love for them. He wanted to do everything he possibly could to help SG artist in whatever way they needed. But above All else he wanted to help them share the love of Jesus and he did that very well. I'm sure he heard those sweet words " Well Done Good And Faithful servant"



Michael Willis - December 28, 2020 at 07:16 PM

CP

“ Paul was a professional.... all the way. His show (The Gospel Greats) was a bright spot for Southern Gospel radio. So many gospel and secular stations sounded their best when TGG was on the air. From one old radio guy.. to another.. Paul Heil.. you leave some pretty big shoes to fill.. you will be missed very much!
Chuck Peters

Chuck Peters - December 28, 2020 at 07:01 PM

MT

“ We had the great privilege of listening to him on Gospel Greats every Saturday evening. He would give us the information about our Southern Gospel Singers and entertain us with their music and important happenings in their ministry. He will be deeply missed. Praying for his beautiful wife and family. Heaven is getting sweeter everyday. God bless them.

Mary Thomas - December 28, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MO

“ With his booming powerful voice he commanded the attention of all who heard him.
His ability to captivate the listener is a special skill few enjoy.
Only God knows how many were saved, touched, uplifted, encouraged and inspired by this man.
His kind, gentle spirit made him loved by all who knew him.
I hate to see him leave here, but I rejoice in his arrival in Heaven!
We loved him and cherished his friendship.
What a wonderful man!
Heaven is getting sweeter every day!

MO - December 28, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Samuel Heil.



December 28, 2020 at 06:33 PM

SD

“ Sad on one hand to lose a great Christian man, but rejoicing that he has now taken up residence in Heaven. Please rest in God's arms for your comfort during this time and know that we are praying for the family during your loss and the days to come. God Bless each of you and we thank God for giving us Paul and his ability to share the Gospel of Jesus to the world thru Music!

Simon DeSoto - December 28, 2020 at 05:55 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry for you loss! Always looked forward to his program. The lives that the program touched will only be seen in glory! May the Lord give you the peace that only He can give. Marilyn Griffin.

Marilyn Griffin - December 28, 2020 at 05:28 PM

MF

“ Sending our love and deepest sympathy to the family at this time of loss. An industry professional and friend, Paul will be sorely missed. May God comfort you as only He can.

Mark and Jerri Ferguson

"Sunday in the South"

92.5 WESC/iHeartRadio

Mark and Jerri Ferguson - December 28, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JS

“ Jo Seal lit a candle in memory of Paul Samuel Heil



Jo Seal - December 28, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JS

Radio will never be the same without hearing Paul's voice announcing Gospels Greatest Hits. My husband and I have been listening to his program for over 20 years and appreciate not only the job he did, but for the man he truly was. May His legacy be carried on. Prayers for all the family.

Jo Seal - December 28, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JR

Sending love, prayers and deepest sympathies to all of you. I am so thankful to have gotten to know you all through working at Gospel Greats and Springside Market. Gospel music just won't be the same. God bless you all. John and Becky Rush

John & Becky Rush - December 28, 2020 at 06:25 PM



Paul was such a dear friend to The Steeles. He was a friend to anyone he met. Sheila we love and stand with you during this horrible time.

Jeff Steele - December 29, 2020 at 03:15 PM

EA

I LISTENED TO THE GOSPEL GREATS FOR QUITE A WHILE.GO TO A GRIEF SHARE GROUP. I DID WHEN MY DAD AND MOM PASSED AWAY.THE BROADCASTS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE.HE WAS A DIFFERENCE MAKER,CHANGE AGENT ,AND A GIANT FOR JESUS.IT WILL NOT BE THE SAME W/O OUT HIM.GO TO prayer@secc.org.MANY WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.SO WILL I.GOD BLESS!!

EARL - December 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KF

I enjoyed listening to Paul on the Gospel Greats Program every weekend.He was a wonderful gentleman and i am going to miss hearing him.Sheila and family my thoughts and prayers are wth you.God Bless You!

Kevin Fields - December 30, 2020 at 01:51 AM

TT

Southern Gospel music has certainly lost one of it's staunchest supporters. Paul & Shelia became fixtures on the Singing at Sea cruise. Always prepared and the consummate professional, he was a pleasure to work with. We will miss his presence on the cruise and his friendly manner.

Templeton Tours - December 30, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JS

More years ago than I care to remember , I discovered the Gospel The quality, the professionalism and sincerity amazed and blessed me. I realize that for Paul it was more than a vocation. It was his ministry. Like so many others, I hope somehow the ministry can continue. Most of all, I pray for the Lord to comfort the family.

JEFF SMITH - December 30, 2020 at 08:11 PM