



## Paul Miller Wighaman

August 19, 2016

Paul Miller Wighaman passed away peacefully on August 19, 2016, at Calvary Fellowship Homes.

Paul was born on March 23, 1926, the 2nd son of Robert and Bertha Wighaman in South Fork, PA. He had 3 brothers and 1 sister. After graduating from Clearfield, H.S., in 1944, he joined the US Army Air Corps and was trained as a turret gunner on a B-29. At war's end, Paul attended Penn State University.

In 1949, he married Jean Shirey. They moved to Albuquerque, NM where Paul taught at Menaul School for Spanish American students under the Presbyterian Mission Board. He graduated from the University of New Mexico, designed campus buildings and an area church. He and his wife, Jean, had their first son, Jeffrey Paul and their daughter, Beth. Their 3rd child, John Robert was born in PA.

On their return in 1956 to PA, Paul, an Eagle Scout served as District Scout Executive in the Bucktail Council. From 1957 to 1965, he taught Industrial Arts and served as president of the CVEA at Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA followed by a year at California State College, California, PA.

In 1966, Paul joined the PA Department of Education as Industrial Arts supervisor in Harrisburg, PA. Always active in the professional organizations AIAA and IAAP, he served as its state president in 1979. Paul earned his M.Ed. from Penn State University and also served on the National Education Council on Energy and Power at MIT.

In 1976, he became professor of Power Technology at Millersville University until his retirement in 1986.

Paul served as church elder and deacon and was an active member at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA.

Paul and his wife, Jean, were devotedly married for (67) years. He is survived by his wife, Jean, three children, Jeffrey P. Wighaman, New Mexico, Elizabeth W. Valle, and John Robert, husband of Joy Wighaman, both of Lancaster; brothers, J. Carl, husband of Mary Wighaman and William E., husband of Ruth Ann Wighaman, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margie and a brother, Robert.

Relatives and friends are invited to Paul's Memorial Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601, on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. with The Rev. Dr. John Light officiating. Private interment will take place at a later date. The family will receive friends at the Church on Thursday from 12:00 Noon until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Calvary Fellowship Homes, attn: Benevolent Fund, 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2151 Oregon Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601

## Memorial Service

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Miller Wighaman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Doug And Carla Schmuckle sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Miller Wighaman*



**Doug and Carla Schmuckle** - August 25, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *We are long time friends of Jean and Paul from Westminster Church and Doug is part of the "train gang". Every year the train guys and their wives would go out to dinner and fellowship. Paul would always create a train related gift for each one of the "guys" to commemorate the occasion. He would also go around the table and take a photograph of each couple and mail that photo to the couple. There were seven to nine of us couples and we just had our 17th annual dinner in May. It was a very kind, thoughtful, and generous thing to do and he was happy to do it. That was Paul. We will miss him. Our deepest sympathy to Jean and the Wighaman family.  
Love and prayers,  
Doug and Carla Schmuckle*

**Doug and Carla Schmuckle** - August 25, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ *John sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Dot & don gochnauer*

**don gochnauer** - August 23, 2016 at 05:38 AM

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“ *To the Wighaman Family - Paul was a good man with a tender heart and I'm sure he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time as I send you my deepest sympathies on your loss.*

*May God be with you.*

*Lisa Gochnauer*

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**Lisa Gochnauer** - August 22, 2016 at 08:13 AM