



Paul Henry DeYoung

September 6, 1949 - November 27, 2024

Paul Henry DeYoung, age 75 of Lake Village, Indiana passed away unexpectedly on November 27, 2024. Paul was steady, quiet and like most Dutchmen, stubborn. Which makes it all the more surprising to those that he loved that he is absent from this world. He has always been there to help his children fix the shingles on a roof, to remove a pesky groundhog for his neighbors, to drop off some tomatoes and sweet corn to friends, or to show his grandchildren how to drive a tractor. Paul was there.

He was born in Rensselaer, Indiana to Cecil and Alice (née Klemp) DeYoung on September 6, 1949 and grew up in DeMotte. He graduated from DeMotte High School in 1967. After high school he worked as a carpenter for Dick Peterson and Gene DeYoung working in brick and block and building houses. After working as a carpenter, Paul started farming full time.

He married Teresa (née Williams) on March 8, 1969 in DeMotte. Rumor has it there is a photo of the two on an 650 Triumph motorcycle, Paul once tore through town on. But, he crashed it and swore never to ride a motorcycle again. Paul and Teresa bought a house and farm outside of Lake Village where they lived and bickered incessantly with love and care for over 56 years.

They raised four boys, Paul (Mandy) DeYoung, of Fort Myers Florida, Randy (Stephanie) DeYoung of Middletown, Indiana, Ron (Julie) DeYoung of Morocco, Indiana, and Josh (Sara) DeYoung of Lake Village, Indiana. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Nathan, Breanna (Brandon), Otto, Evelyn, and Emmett, and one great-grandson, Gabriel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Calvin DeYoung. He is survived by his sister Lorretta Hamstra, wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. His grandchildren were the joy of his life. He loved to take them fishing and trapping, and on tractor rides, ranger rides and wagon rides. Paul enjoyed gardening, always planting more than he and Teresa, his children, grandchildren and the neighbors could pick or eat. He was especially particular and proud of his sweet corn. The family would squabble about when the corn had kernels big enough to eat or if it was too tough. He guarded his sweet corn patch fiercely from any raccoon or other creature that might try to sneak an ear. His fuel and his vice was warm Mt. Dew. Paul also never met a shovel handle or a five gallon bucket he could refuse.

An avid trapper and hunter, he was a member of the Indiana and National Trapper Associations.

He enjoyed trapping, hunting and skinning all sorts of critters and sharing his wisdom with his children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Up until the day he died he did what he loved, which was farming and spending time with his family. He was a man of few words and kept a close council but if you were in his tight knit group, you were never cold. Paul's generosity and kindness kept you warm.

Cremation rites are being provided by Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte.

The Celebration of Life for Paul Henry DeYoung will be Saturday, January 18 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Lake Township Community Center 9828 N 300 W, Lake Village. The family invites those who want to share stories and memories of Paul. Light refreshments will be served.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ my sister and i are so sorry about the passing of Paul when ever he seen us at a sale he would always share a friendly conversation just such a great guy and friend

louie meltzer - January 03, 2025 at 08:03 AM

RG

“ Paul was one of our best friends and will be missed forever. He was always there for us with his humor and hands to help. We have many memories sitting in his and Teresa’s kitchen telling stories, catching up on friends and neighbors and just laughing at the silly things we did. I remember years ago when I was managing the elevator when Paul would come in he always brought Josh in with him. He loved his boys and family and we will all miss him but he will always be in our heart.

Rich and Ann Guanella - December 11, 2024 at 04:03 PM

ML

“ Martha Mauck Langley lit a candle in memory of Paul Henry DeYoung



Martha Mauck Langley - December 04, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AN

“ Hank was the example of a quiet but solid man, a fantastic example of what a young person should aspire to become. In my youth he was the guy ready to pick up a hammer and help expand the 4-H hog barn and a go to for advice. It wasn’t always the action that made him a tremendous role model, but rather the way he carried himself with confidence and humility. Thank you for sharing him with us all and letting him impact us in so many ways.

anonymous - December 01, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Henry DeYoung.*



December 01, 2024 at 03:24 PM



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

December 01, 2024 at 03:24 PM

CZ

“ *Cynthia Ziese lit a candle in memory of Paul Henry DeYoung*



Cynthia Ziese - November 30, 2024 at 11:37 PM

CZ

So very sorry for your loss! My heart is with all at this time. My God comfort you through your sorrow.

Cynthia Ziese - November 30, 2024 at 11:39 PM

JS

“ *Please accept our sympathy for the loss you are experiencing. I was a classmate of Paul's brother Calvin and didn't know Paul much until he was farming next door to Lloyd and Melrose Schoon's farm (my parents). They were always helped and befriended by Paul through the years. He would plow the snow from their driveway, bring sweetcorn, trap and remove skunks, and in general just be a true neighbor. He has passed on the neighborly ways to his son Josh who is farming next door now. He will truly be missed. We are truly sorry for your loss of husband, father, grandfather, and who was a true friend and neighbor.*

Jim and Fran Schoon - November 30, 2024 at 03:16 PM

LC

“ *For a change, I am at a loss for words, except my heart breaks for all of you. Love you all.*

Laney Chorzempa - November 30, 2024 at 10:12 AM

GR

*Not normal for me. I am speechless
So incredibly sorry for your family's heartache*

Ginny Ramsey-Turner - December 01, 2024 at 11:38 AM

MN

“ *I am so sorry Theresa and family for your loss. So much has already been said on here that I can't add more but each thought is true. Your whole family has always been like family members because of how close you are with Laney & Sam and when I used to see you and your family more.
Love and prayers to all of you.
Margie Nugent*

Margie Nugent - November 30, 2024 at 08:54 AM

JK

“ *A big thank you to Paul for helping my son River with trapping! That is a love they both shared. And Paul was so helpful. Also for helping me to catch my little dog running through his field. So much to thank him for, from bringing us fresh corn every year and just being kind to us. Grandma was always so grateful for the fresh corn. Paul will be missed.*

Jesse Kindle - November 30, 2024 at 08:14 AM

PR

“ *Where do I start? Paul was always there for my family and especially me the last 8 years. There is not enough space to list all the things he has done. I could never thank him enough and no matter how hard I tried to give back he was always ahead. He is already so missed. May God provide strength and peace for all who loved him. Prayers to Teresa and the boys💔🙏*

pat reyes - November 29, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DH

“ *Paul was always kind and patient with myself and my sons while we peppered him with questions about farming or trapping. Since we were raised strictly suburban our questions must've seemed rudimentary to him, but he seemed to enjoy passing on what he had learned to three goofballs who had a genuine interest in what he had to say. Always had time for us and we will miss him.
Sending love and prayers to the DeYoung family.*

Douglas Hart - November 29, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JC

I am SO sorry to read this news. I didn't know him as well as I did Teresa, Ron & Julie. What I remember of him is his quiet smile. My deepest condolences to the family. May you find peace and comfort knowing God has a special place in heaven for this man.

Jackie Corning - November 30, 2024 at 10:42 PM

RF

We were sadden to hear of Paul's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Teresa and family.

Richard Fox - December 02, 2024 at 06:44 AM