



Paul Herman Spothelfer

October 18, 1932 - June 15, 2026

Paul Herman Spothelfer, born October 18, 1932, passed away on June 15, 2026, at the age of ninety-three. His long life was marked by quiet strength, creativity, and a deep devotion to the people he loved. Paul was raised in Willow brook, California, the son of Karl and Frida Spothelfer who were both born in Germany. Their heritage shaped his early life, instilling in him a strong work ethic, resilience, and an appreciation for craftsmanship. From 1952 to 1954, Paul proudly served in the United States Navy, beginning his journey at Moffett Field. His service took him across the Pacific, traveling to San Diego, Hawaii, Okinawa, and Alaska. These experiences broadened his world and left him with a deep sense of duty that stayed with him throughout his life. After returning home, Paul attended Compton College, where he began shaping the path that would lead to a long and successful career in construction. He took great pride in his work, building not only structures but also trust, respect, and lasting relationships. His dedication and skill earned him admiration throughout the industry. Somewhere around 1958, Paul was introduced to Claire Davis. Set up on a blind date by the irrespective best friends. It was a successful match and four years later they were married in a Hollywood church that Paul helped build! In 1982, Paul, his beloved wife, Claire, and his children Heidi and Darren moved to La Habra Heights, settling on a beautiful property where they could accommodate their two horses - eventually adding more horses, dogs, and a goat! It was a place that reflected their shared love of the outdoors, animals, and a more peaceful rural life with

a beautiful hilltop view. Not long after Paul and Clarie got settled in “the Heights”, they both got involved with the community, joining the Improvement Association and volunteering on various committees. This led Paul to serve on the Planning Commission and build the beautiful gazebo in the Park which is used as the grandstand for the Music in the Park concerts which Claire founded and ran for 20+ years! After officially retiring, Paul consulted on job sites in La Habra Heights and then joined forces with his brother Carl to build spec homes and was also hired for some remodels which kept him busy. A man of many talents, Paul was also a gifted painter, a skill he inherited from his father. His artwork carried the same precision and quiet creativity that defined so much of his life. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Claire, and his brother, Carl. He is survived by his daughter Heidi, his son Darren, and daughter-in-law Christine, and by his sister Gladys. Those who knew Paul remember him for his warmth, humility, and the way he made others feel valued simply by being himself. His life was built on loyalty, kindness, creativity, and the simple joys that grounded him. He leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and quiet integrity that will continue to live on in the hearts of his family and all who knew him.

Upcoming Events

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (pst)

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