



## Paul Mescher

October 25, 1939 - May 16, 2020

Paul Frederick Mescher, age 80, of Carroll (formerly of Halbur) died May 16, 2020 at Regency Park nursing home in Carroll.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private funeral service for immediate family only will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Burial will be at St. Augustine Cemetery in Halbur with Military Honors conducted by the Arcadia American Legion.

A Live Stream Broadcast and recording of Paul's service can be found by visiting the Sharp Funeral Home Carroll, Iowa YouTube Channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqd2eeRJK5RTdEJoEooUoAQ>. An Icon on that page will be available by 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Paul's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com). Memorials may be left for the Paul Mescher family, c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA, 51401.

Paul was born October 25, 1939 at his parents' farm just outside Halbur. He grew up helping his dad on the farmstead, where his love for agriculture, livestock and red Farmall tractors began. Paul attended St. Augustine Catholic School in Halbur and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll in 1957. He served in the Army Reserves from 1962-1968, and he was a

proud member of the American Legion.

Paul met his wife of 57 years, Ruth Schettler, at a dance at the American Legion Ballroom in Arcadia, and the two married May 11, 1963 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, in Mt. Carmel.

Paul worked for Albert Nepple Trucking for several years, then Juergens Produce and Feed and West Central Coop. His dream of having his own farming operation was realized in 1971 when the budding Mescher family moved to their farm five miles southwest of Halbur. Paul and Ruth raised nine kids on the farm, who all helped with various chores, including fieldwork and caring for the livestock.

Paul was also an auctioneer and worked many farm and estate auctions. He also sold DeKalb seed corn and hydraulic livestock trailers on the side. In his later years, Paul worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier.

Paul's faith was very important to him. Despite the financial pinch, he and Ruth insisted on sending all nine kids to Holy Trinity Catholic School in Halbur and Templeton and to Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll. The family regularly attended St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur, where Paul was a lector and usher.

Paul enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, talking about agriculture, polka music, Busch Light and sour cream raisin pie. He also enjoyed calling Bingo for over 30 years at the annual Halbur Celebration to support the parish.

Paul was inquisitive, kind and friendly to everyone he met. In fact, no one was a stranger to Paul, as he would quickly strike up a conversation with others.

Even in retirement, Paul was a farmer through and through, regularly tuning in for the agriculture reports on radio and television. On drives, he enjoyed observing the status of the fields and crops, as well as the tractors and combines out working. He even enjoyed a few day trips to the livestock sale barns. Paul's favorite television station was RFD-TV ("Rural America's most important network"). It's no coincidence that Paul's last full day on earth, May 15, was the Feast Day of St. Isidore – the patron saint of farmers.

Paul recently said to several of his adult children: "I've lived a good life. When the good Lord says it's time, I'm ready."

Paul is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ruth (Schettler) Mescher, his nine children: Michele (and Bob) Worden of Omaha, NE; Lisa (and Dick) Schlueter of Overland Park, KS; David Mescher of Granger; Amy Price of Ankeny; Pat (and Wendy) Mescher of Halbur; Jody (and Chuck) Geest of Ankeny; Brenda (and Kelly) Foley of Maple River; Kelly (and Jason) Collins of Waukee; and Nick (and Paige) Mescher of Ankeny. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren: Faith and Lexie Worden; Calvin and Peyton Schlueter; Paige, Aubrey and Lindsay Mescher; Steve and Madison Price; Hannah and Kirsten Mescher; Miranda and Lincoln Geest; Vanessa, Brooklyn, Tristan and Ashlyn Foley; and Katelyn and Nolan Mescher. Survivors also include his sister Bernie (and Tom) Worrell of Miami, Florida; sister-in-law Sharon Mescher of Halbur, Joan Danzer of Carroll and Mel Schettler of West Des Moines and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ann Mescher; his sister and her husband, Darlene and Paul Bruch; and brother, Jerry Mescher. He is also preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Eugene and Clara Schettler; brothers and sisters-in-law: Lawrence and Irma Frischmeyer, Irene and Bob Reynolds, Donna Schettler, Ed Schettler, Elmer Schettler and Ed Danzer.



# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Leon and Cathy Williams - May 28, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Paul. He offered his service and told a joke or two many years for HU. 😊 Good guy and raised a great family. Sending sympathy to you all.  
Kev & Sandy W

Sandy Wittrock - May 23, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ I worked with Paul at the Carroll Post Office when we were both RR Subs. He was a such a nice Man. Always had a kind word for everyone.

Jean Ahart - May 20, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.



May 18, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *The Family of Irma Frischmeyer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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**The Family of Irma Frischmeyer** - May 18, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Gary and Sam Soppe purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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**Gary and Sam Soppe** - May 18, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Wells Fargo Team Pgá (Joe, Eric, and Patrick) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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**Wells Fargo Team Pgá (Joe, Eric, and Patrick) - May 18, 2020**  
at 11:22 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul Mescher.*



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May 18, 2020 at 09:48 AM



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“ 4 files added to the album Paul and his family



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**Jody Geest** - May 17, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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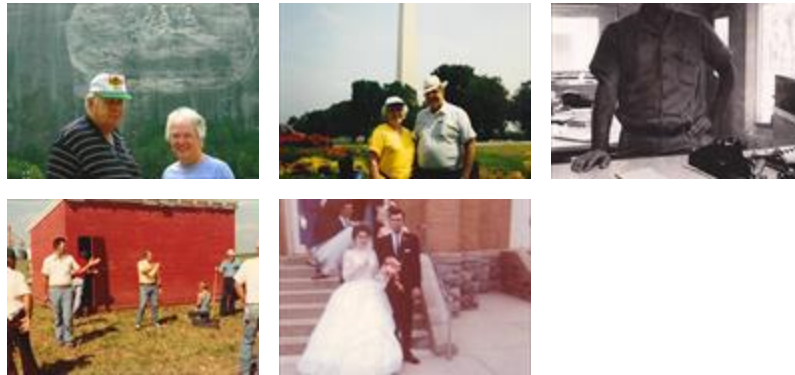


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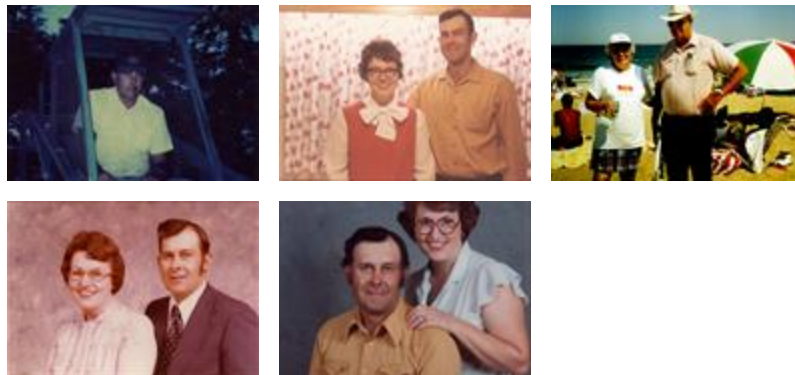
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Jody Geest - May 17, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ 42 files added to the album Paul and his family



Jody Geest - May 17, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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“ Thinking about you Kelly and love you!  
Russ and Judy Lenz

Russ - May 17, 2020 at 06:36 PM

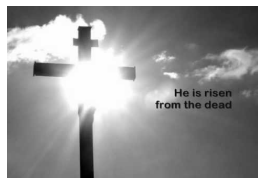
BM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathy goes out to all of you.  
Kurt & Becky Muhlbauer

Becky Muhlbauer - May 17, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JM

“ We offer our sympathy to Ruth and the Mescher family on the passing of Paul. During this Easter season we remember that we are called to Rise with Him! May Paul be greeted by our Lord and may all of you be comforted by His grace. Lean on each other - large families are an extra blessing through the highs and lows of life! Thinking of you esp. Michele. Janet and Rick Muhlbauer



Janet Muhlbauer - May 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MI

Thank you Janet! We so appreciate your prayers!!

michele - May 17, 2020 at 10:05 PM

LD

“ Ruth and family,  
When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May those memories of Paul, carry you through this sorrowful time. Sending our sympathy and prayers to all of you for your loss, Glenn & Lois Dentlinger



Lois Dentlinger - May 17, 2020 at 12:17 PM