



## Paul Earl Raber

July 25, 1942 - October 2, 2025

Paul E. Raber, 83, of The Villages, FL, went home to the Lord on October 2, 2025, after a battle with MDS and dementia. Paul was born in Lawrence, KS to Paul Henry Raber and Margaret Madline Mason and later lived in Kearney, NE where he attended Zion Lutheran School and Longfellow High School, excelling in wrestling, track and cross country. Paul attended Nebraska State College (Kearney, Ne) until moving to Orange County, CA where he joined Alpha Kappa Psi and graduated from Long Beach State University, Long Beach, CA obtaining Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. Paul continued his education while working at State Farm Insurance Companies, receiving a Bachelor of Law degree (LLB) from LaSalle Ext. University, Chicago, IL .and designations of CPCU, and CLU. Paul attended numerous Management Seminars with Hillsdale College and AMA. Beginning in Fire and Auto, Paul moved around Southern CA, handling property and bodily injury claims. After a short stay in the Mountain States Regional Office, Paul was transferred to the Illinois Regional Office as Division Manager, and then Fire Manager before moving to the President's Office at Corporate as an Executive Assistant in 1987. In 1990, Paul was appointed Vice President of the new North Atlantic Regional Office in Ballston Spa, NY, just as the office was being created. "We built it from scratch, when I was appointed, we were just starting construction and beginning to solicit associates to transfer to the new office. Two years later, we opened a new regional office with more than 1,500 employees." In 1995, Paul returned to Corporate in charge of Fire Estimatics Training at the

Oakland Avenue Building.

After working at State Farm Insurance Companies for almost 32 years, Paul retired in 1999 and enjoyed 26 years of golfing, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends. He was a friend and mentor to many. He joined First Baptist Church at The Villages in 2013 and was baptized in 2014. Paul had that special gift of making people smile and developed a knack for making other people feel good and he loved being an usher at First Baptist Church at the Villages where he could always get a smile from all who came through the door. His smile and wit will be missed by many.

Paul is survived by his wife of 25 years, Marcia Gail (Seiler)Raber, daughter, Kristi Fragosa and AL (The Villages, FL), son, Jeff Raber and Michelle (Scarborough, ME), Grandsons, Alexander Fragosa (Rowlett, TX), Nicholas Fragosa & Alma & Great Grandson, Danny (Rowlett, TX), Daughter, Christy Helquist & Jon, Grandson, Colin, Granddaughter, Ava Adeeb (Jax, FL), Son, Brian Neuman (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Sisters, Cindy Halbert & Jeff (Kearney, NE) & Dreama Norris & Jim (Canton, OH), Sister, Vicky Hanseen (Seal Beach, CA), and Jean Boroff and Bob(Manteca, CA).

A small family gathering will be held with interment at Waldena Cemetery, Silver Springs, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Love Inc Heart of Florida <http://loveincflorida.org> and/or Cornerstone Hospice Foundation <https://cshospice.org/foundation/giving/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dottie and I were privileged to know Paul on both a professional and personal level. I enjoyed many rounds of golf with him and he recruited both of us to help open the North Atlantic Office. He will be missed. Bob & Dottie Lehman*

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**Bob Lehman** - October 14, 2025 at 07:52 AM