



## John James Pauly Sr.

March 19, 1922 - December 4, 2012

John J. Pauly Sr. age 90, of Sterling and formerly of Chicago died Tuesday December 4, 2012 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center. He was born March 19, 1922 in Chicago, IL the son of James and Helen (Riordan) Pauly.

He was a teacher and administrator for the Chicago Public Schools for 37 years prior to his retirement. He was also Principal at St. Mary Catholic School in Dixon for 3 years.

John was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon.

He married Lillian Klasen May 3, 1947 in Chicago. She preceded him in death September 16, 2011.

He is survived by his children John (Lindsey) Pauly of Milwaukee, WI, Carol (Robert) Linkowski of Dixon, and David (Joyce) Pauly of Downers Grove, IL; 7 grandchildren, Kevin and Melanie Pauly, Gregory (Michelle) Linkowski, Daniel Linkowski, Katie Linkowski, Michael Geduldig, and Charmaine Garry; 2 great grandchildren Michael Geduldig III and Ashley Geduldig; 2 brothers Louis (Dorothy) Pauly of Orland Park and James (Ruth) Pauly of Midlothian.

Funeral services will be held on Friday December 7, 2012 beginning with a 9:30 AM Prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Michael Morrissey officiating. Entombment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Rockford. Visitation will be on Thursday, December 6, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home with a scripture service at 7:30 PM.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

8616 West State St.  
Winnebago, IL 61088  
ckg@rockfordcemeteries.org  
[http://www.rockfordcemeteries.org/?page\\_id=56](http://www.rockfordcemeteries.org/?page_id=56)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 288-3131  
[http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st\\_anne\\_parish.htm](http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John James Pauly Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John James Pauly Sr.*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Greg Groeper Funny add-on... All through high school I worked as a stock clerk and then Asst. Mgr. for Dairy-Freezer at the "National" grocery store at Diversey & Laramie (Now a Walgreen's). When National went bankrupt and closed their stores, Paul Butera, one of the owners of the regional Butera grocery store chain called me up on recommendation from my manager George Stoltz to hire me to run the Dairy Freezer Dept. at their new store at Golf Mill. So, after Lane, I took off year to work as a their Dairy-Freezer Dept. manager to save up money for college. While stocking the dairy cooler from behind one day, I saw, much to my surprise, Mr. Zelden selecting milk and other things from my cooler. I walked out onto the floor and approached him in my uniform and said, "Hi Mr. Zelden, remember me, greg groeper?". (I am not exaggerating) He looked at me and shouted "Oh shit, not you Groeper" and dropped his food on the floor and ran from the building... The ghost of John Pauly has much power! ;-*

greg groeper - December 09, 2018 at 10:09 PM

GG

“ A tribute to John Pauly Sr., the former Lane Tech foundry teacher and Assistant Principal.

*Teaching as Formation: A Reflection by Provost John Pauly, Jr., Marquette University (2010) son of John Pauly Sr.*

*Note: On August 11, 2018, John Pauly, Jr. passed away at the age of 69 at his home in Milwaukee, WI.*

*<https://marquetteeducator.wordpress.com/2010/03/25/teaching-as-formation-a-reflection-by-provost-john-pauly/>*

*Mr. Pauly, Sr. was my "guardian angel" throughout my time at Lane Tech. It turned out that he was an avid bowler and both he and my Uncle Leo Grawey (who owned a bowling alley in Peoria, Illinois) served on the Illinois High School Bowling Commission together and were friends. My uncle tipped him off that I was at Lane and so he looked me up.*

*I remember when he showed up at my freshman algebra classroom door and told my teacher, Ms. White, he would be taking me out of class and I should collect all my things. The teacher and fellow classmates were certain that I was going to be expelled, because as the Assistant Principal in charge of student discipline, he "never" personally appeared unless something was really bad. He, at 6' 6" (me at a mere 6' 2") was an imposing and towering man with a booming deep voice that could make you tremble. He was always "dressed to the nines" and wore several giant gold rings, including his wedding ring and Masonic ring. He had one which had a large black onyx stone with spades on it.*

*So upon taking me out of class, he met me in the hall with his giant smile, extended his huge hand to shake, and said, "Hi Greg, I'm John Pauly, a friend of your Uncle Leo, great to met you." I was stunned. He put his arm across my shoulder and we proceeded to walk down the hall. After the shock wore off that I was not going to*

*be sent to hell, he said he was taking me out of class for the rest of the day to show me around the place, learn more about me and my hopes for career, took me out to lunch, then had me hang out with him in his office, telling his secretary to hold all calls. I noticed he had a small black & white TV on the bureau behind his desk with the Cubs game on it. I asked if he was a fan to which he answered yes, but that the real reason he had it on was to watch the pictures of the bleachers to see if he could spot any Lane students ditching class for a ballgame. From then on I knew never to stand up to catch a homer. - LOL.*

*He continued to appear in my life as a guardian angel for many things, whenever I had a question and the the few times I did get in trouble. His bird dog assistant "Mr. Zelden" would drag me in there saying, "I got you this time Groeper!". Each time I was given the treatment of a caring uncle who saw through the B.S. of the allegation (usually being in the hall tardy without a pass attempting to get from 1st floor to 4th floor in under 4 minutes). He told Zelden to back off, which in response Zelden would turn beet red and tell me later "I'm gonna get you Groeper, if its the last thing I do." That never happened.*

*In 1976, when it was time to apply to colleges, he provided a most kind character reference letter for me which I am certain helped. He was just one of the amazing men and women of Lane Tech along with the likes of Mr. Golden (Music), Mr. Maes (Chemistry), Mr. Gleason (English Literature) and others. Now, both he and my Uncle Leo are back in heaven. My life is better for having had him as a mentor, angel and friend. He is missed but never forgotten. His spirit lives on with the Spirit of Lane, "Wherever you go, whatever you do, remember the honor of Lane". Godspeed John Pauly, you did well.*

*Mr. Pauly passed away December 4, 2012 in Dixon, Illinois at his retirement home. Feel free to leave your memories and tributes here on Facebook*

*<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LaneTechAlumni/permalink/1015>*

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*greg groeper  
Lane Tech Class of '76  
Chicago*

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**greg groeper** - December 09, 2018 at 08:39 PM

JJ

“ *I met John Pauly when my dad was in the FG Rehabilitation Center. We had lovely dinners with him and our family. (James O'Brien). He was a delight to our breakfast and suppers, I am so glad I got to meet him. May he rest in peace and prayers are with all of his family at his time.*



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**Jackie James** - December 06, 2012 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Dear Family of Mr. Pauly,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My father, John Palmer, who passed away in early 2010, always spoke highly of Mr. Pauly. I'm not sure how they met, but I know that my dad always enjoyed talking with him. I wish you comfort at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Elaine Palmer*

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**Elaine Palmer** - December 06, 2012 at 12:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John James Pauly Sr..*



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December 06, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ *Louis j P. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John James Pauly Sr..*



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**Louis j P.** - December 05, 2012 at 11:28 AM