



Mr. Paul Edward Eames Obituary

June 28, 1927 - October 3, 2011

Paul Eames, 84, of Albany, died Monday, October 3, 2011 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His memorial service will be 2 PM FRIDAY, October 7, 2011 at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. Eames's remains were cremated and his cremated remains will be buried at Crown Hill Cemetery immediately following the memorial service. The Rev. Clay Bowden and the Rev. Matthew Nance will officiate.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday from 6-8 PM.

Paul Eames was born in Worcester, Mass., graduated from Uxbridge High School where he lettered in baseball, football, and basketball. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. He moved to Albany in 1950 when he was assigned to the Albany Cardinals of the Class D Georgia-Florida League. He played in the League until 1955; his last year was with the Tifton, GA Blue Sox. He started working with the Albany Recreation Department in the off season in 1953. He became the City of Albany Athletic Director and remained with the city for 28 years. Along with his wife and family, he ran the concession stands at many ballparks in Albany, sold Christmas Trees for 47 years, and ran the Hit and Run Restaurant for 5 years. He remained a reference scout for the St. Louis Cardinals for many

years. He was also a member of the Albany Baseball Officiating Association and would umpire games during the baseball season. He also refereed football and basketball games in the Albany area for many years. He was very proud of his association with the Walter Burt American Legion Post 30 baseball teams and coached them for 9 years. They won back-to-back state championships in 1961-1962. He also coached the Deerfield Windsor baseball team to a state championship. He was elected to the Albany Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and was also a member of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Class D Minor League Hall of Fame. The City of Albany honored his contributions to the youth of Albany by naming its baseball complex the Paul Eames Sports Complex. Mr. Eames often noted that his greatest satisfaction from athletics came from teaching the game. Many of his former players, several who went on to play professional sports, attested to his ability. Paul Eames was a longtime member of Byne Memorial Baptist Church and the A and P Sunday School Class. He enjoyed fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Eames and Edna Eames Merriam, and by his son, Gary Alan Eames.

He is survived by his wife Dot Eames, Albany, whom he married at home plate at Cardinal Park on July 16, 1951; a son: Glenn Eames, Albany; a daughter: Stacey Eames, Atlanta; a grandson: Andrew Paul Eames, Reston, VA.

Those desiring may send memorials to Living Legacy at Byne Memorial Baptist Church, 2832 Ledo Rd., Albany, GA 31707.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

OCT **7**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Byne Memorial Baptist Church
2832 Ledo Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Paul Edward Eames Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dearest Dot,*

Thirty-five years ago I moved from Albany to marry Howard Hunt in Miami.

I've thought about you and Paul so many times over these years: the great times at Deerfield when I taught Spanish there - lunch time was such a treat because of you; attending the American Legion games during my childhood with my father, Dr. Walter Martin (Scorekeeper). Paul was such a sweet and good man and you were such a sweetie-pie. I'm so sorry for your loss, Dot.

Reading all the great letters tonight about Paul warmed my heart. He was just such a do-gooder!

God bless you and your family during this very sad time.

*Love.
Laura*

Laura Martin Hunt - Miami, FL - Friend - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Stacey,

I was so sorry to hear of your father's death. I know I haven't been in touch with you in so many years, but I wanted to share a memory that has always been special to me. It was the Christmas after my parents had divorced and your dad and one of your brothers just showed up at our house and delivered and set up one of the most beautiful Christmas trees we ever had. I think your dad realized that we wouldn't have had a tree that year. His quiet kindness and generosity to our family has always stayed with me.

I have so many memories of your mom in the lunch room at Deerfield and at so many spend the night parties at your house growing up. I hope her health is well and please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah VanDeventer Chandler

Sarah VanDeventer Chandler - Montgomery, AL - Childhood friend of Stacey -
October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Dot and family,

It grieved me to learn of your great loss, I am so very sorry. Dot, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, and I can truthfully say with heartfelt sympathy that I know your grief and the pain you are now feeling. I am truly sorry for not having been in touch in recent years, and I want you to know that David and I always enjoyed having you and Paul as our "backyard" neighbors when we lived in Albany. The memories we made during the young years of our sons' lives will never be forgotten. You were such special neighbors and friends.

Death brings a heartache that no one can heal, but memories give us treasures that no one can steal. As time goes on, hold tight to your memories and treasure the years that you and Paul had for so long. I know it hurts terribly to give them up, and as everyone told me, he is in a better place, still the pain is there. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and it is my prayer that God will give you the strength to walk this road of grief. Please allow others to help you along this road, and know that all those lives Paul touched will be forever blessed. You and your family are loved by so many.

Our deepest sympathy and love are with you and your family.

Dot Bass and family

Dot Bass - Tallahassee, FL - Long ago neighbor and friend - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To the Eames Family, we are so sorry for you loss, are prayers are with you all.

Remembered Joy

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.*

Mr. an Mrs. Gorden McFarling - Leesburg, GA - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Coach Eames & family,
I was so sorry to hear the news about Mr. Paul. I had two sons play baseball at Darton so Mr. Paul became a very familiar face to me. I always enjoyed listening to him tell his baseball stories! He will be missed .*

*All of you are in our thoughts & prayers!
Denita, Bryant & Juan Alonso*

Denita Alonso - Valdosta, GA - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Dot, Glenn and Stacey:

We were so saddened to learn of Paul's death. We regret we cannot be there for the service, but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Where do we begin to say how much the friendship of the whole family has meant to us over the years. There are just so many great memories of good times shared at school, at ballfields, at the Christmas tree lot. Paul was one of the kindest and most generous men we have ever known. For years the two Pauls had a running battle about who was the ugliest-looking man in Albany. Paul treasures the time he worked with Glenn at Albany Tech. Helen treasures the time she worked with Dot and the kids at Deerfield. Mike sends his condolences. He counts as golden having played baseball his senior year for Paul. May God strengthen all of you in this time of sorrow.

Paul and Helen McCorvey - Manchester, GA - friends - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *"Sweet P" is gonna be missed. Christmas won't be the same either.*

Carol - Albany, GA - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Paul was an integral and highly influential part of my childhood. Many of my fondest memories are of events and activities he was associated with. Not everyone driving a van crowded with preteen boys to a baseball game could make it into an adventure. I am indebted, as are so many others, for the time, patience, and effort he so generously provided. He had a positive influence on so many young lives. Each of us who were fortunate enough to be guided, coached, or mentored by him carry his legacy.*

Steve Heidt - Fayetteville , GA - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I was fortunate enough to know and learn from Mr. Paul. He was a great role model for the community and a wonderful baseball man. He will be missed. My thoughts go out to Ms. Dot, Glenn, Stacy and the rest of the family. Rest in peace, "Sharky".

chris case - atlanta, GA - friend - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ TO MS DOT & FAMILY,
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR LOVE, PRAYERS & MEMORIES TO YOU & THE FAMILY. HE WAS ALWAYS A JOY WHEN HE CAME TO THE COUMADIN CLINIC. WE HAVE MISSED HIM SINCE HE STOPPED COMING. MS PAT HERNDON AT PALMYRA NURSING HOME SAID TO TELL YOU SHE'S THINKING OF YOU ALL & WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN. SHE STILL MISSES MS EDNA. BUT SHE'S DOING BETTER... WE LOVE YOU & ALWAYS KNOW WE'RE HERE.
DEBBIE & SHERYL
COUMADIN CLINIC @ AIM

sheryl nichols - albany, GA - friends - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

B6

“ Coach was a tough taskmaster. He loved teaching the game of baseball, and he wouldn't take less than 110% effort. I love the man for what he taught me about baseball and, maybe he didn't realize, life. His confidence and determination that would linger forever. I often think about him and will forever be grateful that I knew him. Dot and Glen my thoughts and prayers are with you. Goodbye Coach.

Barney Jacobs - Orange Park, FL - Baseball 60-63 - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss !! Your Father/Husband was such a wonderful man. His legacy will live forever through all of us whose lives he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless !!!

Robin Brookshier - Denver, CO - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dot and family,
Karen Johnson, Terry and I want to say I very sorry we are, Paul is going to be so missed and we all send our love and prayers to all,
Lou

Lou Johnson Lee - Albany, GA - Friend - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We all loved Mr. Eames. David, Nancy, and Celeste McClung

Nancy McClung - Dothan, AL - Friend - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Just wanted to send my thoughts and prayers out to the Eames family. Pauly was a great mentor to me and the other guys while playing baseball for Coach Eames at Darton. He will be missed and has touched a lot of young people in the community. RIP Pauly

Adam Cox

Adam Cox - Thomasville, GA - Friend - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Stacey,

Though I never had the privilege of meeting your father, I know he was a very special man from the stories that you told us about him. You have our deepest sympathies.

Larry & Cherie Challain

Larry & Cherie Challain - Olympia, WA - Friend of Stacey - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My sincere sympathy to Mr. Eames' loved ones. He was truly a remarkable man. He will be missed by so many. Peace!*

Jan Robinson - Leesburg, GA - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Dear Miss Dot, Glenn and Stacy, We were so saddened by Paul's passing away. Paul was surely one of a kind. He gave our whole family many fun memories at the ballpark. Peace, prayers and blessings to all of you. Love, Sandy and Phil Sledge*

Phil and Sandy Sledge - Albany, GA - Friend - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Dot, Glenn and Stacy,*

We just heard about Paul's passing today. My memories of him and our visits together were always so much fun. Michelle still remembers him as I do as a big teddy bear. We won't be in person at the service tomorrow but will be there in spirit. We all loved him and each of you very much. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers. He will truly be missed. What a legacy he leaves!!!! We love you.

Loretta Pearson - Marietta, GA - Cousin - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WU

“ *A million times we'll need you, a million times we've cried.
If love alone could save you, you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly, and now we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place no one else will ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you the day GOD took you home.*

We'll miss you Uncle Paul.

You are in our prayers Aunt Dot, Glen and Stacey. Love ya'll.

Wanda Richardson Dollar - Albany, GA - lifetime friend,honary uncle - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“*Dot, Glen and Stacey. WE are so sorry for your loss. Paul was such a special man as you know. Not only did he teach the boys about baseball, but how to give 100% of themselves in everything they do. How to be a part of a community and to give back by his example. Our son, Todd, he coached, now coaching and teaching. Every boy had potential in his view. He always expected the best and because of who he was, that is what they gave.*

I remember years ago when Doug and I came to Albany. Hardly making ends meet. I went to the Christmas tree lot one of the first few years we came to town. I only had a small amount of money. I said, "Mr Eames", what tree can I get for this money. He picked out the most beautiful tree and I knew I could not afford that. "Mr. Paul, I can't afford that." I handed him the money I had and he did not take it. He said, "You take this tree for your children and have the best Christmas", and gave me a hug. I was shocked and loss for words. Noone had ever done that for me or my family. All I could do was to thank him. So, needless to say, every year we went back to buy our trees. And, of course to visit and take Crispy Creme Doughnuts. Thank you family for sharing him with so many of us. There will be so many stories you will hear about his kindness because that is who he was. Glen and Stacey following in his footsteps. Love to you all. Nancy Lorber

Nancy Lorber - Leesburg, GA - friend - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“*Ms. Dot,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Paul - please know that you are in my prayers.

Renita Luck

Renita Luck - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I first met Mr. Eames when I signed up for youth football at the Highland Park Field for age 8-9. I was assigned to Coach Vernon Smith's team the Mohawks. My Dad (C B Folmar) sold Christmas Trees with Mr. Eames for the Optimist Club. I coached Glenn in youth football for a 11-12 team The Highland Gators the fall after I graduated from UGA. I went to many American Legion games coached by Mr. Eames. He was a great and much loved man. May he rest in eternal peace.

Rodney A Folmar - Hoover, AL - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the Eames family. He was part of our family tradition every year when we got our Christmas Tree. And we'd see him at the ball park every time we went. He was a very important part of the Albany Community who actually made a difference. He will be forever missed.

Charlee Reasor - Palmdale, CA - (ex)-Community member - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dot and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love you,
Glynda and little Jack McCorkle

Glynda & Jack McCorkle - Cairo, GA - friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Eames was such a dear man. I wanted to share a very special moment we had during the wee hours of the morning of his death...while he told me he was really feeling better I saw a sadness in his eyes that only someone else that has been through what he's been through can recognize...the loss of a child. He was missing Gary. I too lost a child, my beautiful daughter of 23 yrs old. He admitted to me how much he yearned to be with his son while I had to admit to him that I feel the very same way about wanting to be with my daughter. But God has a higher agenda for us...and while I tried to minister to him...he was ministering to me. We held hands and cried a bit, but before I left his room, we were both laughing remembering fond times that we both shared with our loved ones. Souls past will forever leave footprints on our hearts...I am so thankful that he left his footprints on mine. I pray that God grants you and your family peace in knowing that he suffers no longer and will always be with us in spirit.

Laurie McComb Wood - Albany, GA - Nurse at Phoebe Putney - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Glenn you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Blackburn - Albany, GA - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Dot,*

Know that I am with you in my thoughts and prayers. Paul was very special to Ray and I. We enjoyed seeing him at his Christmas Tree location many times before Ray's death.

*My love to you all,
Ruth*

Ruth Willett - Thomasville, GA - friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Coach Eames, So sorry for your Families loss and know your Dad leaves good memories for me as a young man growing up in Albany and know he will be missed by many! He is in Baseball Heaven now and they needed him for sure!*

Sincerely, Richard Horne

Richard Horne - Tallahassee, FL - Friend (TCC Baseball Concession) - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Ms. Dot, Glenn, and Stacey,*

I am so very sorry for your loss. Coach Eames impacted and touched numerous lives throughout the years. We were all blessed to have him on this Earth for 84 years. He will be missed.

Krista Sledge Robitz - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ To Dot and family..Paul Eames touched so many lives in so many ways! I, too, have many memories of him..every year my family and I went to his Christmas tree lot to get that perfect tree which he always found for us! I believe God will have him in charge of the Christmas tree lot in Heaven and he'll have a ton of people waiting to see him this year! I enjoyed my years with him at DWS ..He was a super guy and a loyal friend..he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..Thanks for the memories!! Love, prayers, and blessings..Franklin and Gayle Vorse

Franklin Vorse - albany, GA - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To the Eames family: Paul was like a dad to my dad and me. He was more than a coach to us and we will forever miss him. My prayers are with you during this time.

Brent Fowler - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To Glenn and Family,

I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am glad I had the pleasure of meeting such a special man.

Lea Ann Burkart

Lea Ann Burkart - Albany, GA - friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Dot, Glenn and Stacey,
You all are in my thoughts and prayers as I share in your loss. Paul was a wonderful man, and will be missed and remembered for a long, long time. Janice

Janice Garey - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Glenn and the Eames family. Mr. Paul was very dear to my heart and I was one of many baseball players in this town that owed him a debt of gratitude in helping pursue a baseball career that was made possible by his dedication to coaching and caring for anyone that played for him. You will always be remembered.*

Ricky Burdette

Ricky Burdette - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Too many great memories to mention just one. All the DWS years, the state championship in 1984, region champs for three straight years, the Legion games, the tree lot, Jimmy's hotdogs, quarter pounders with cheese on the road trips, the bear hugs, driving the bus with the broom stick, the fierce competitor, the loyal friend to so many young people. I am so lucky to have these memories. I will miss you, Coach.*

Tom Laslie - Fishers, IN - Player - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Ms. Dot,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Eames. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Dave, Emily, and Ryan Branch

Dave Branch - Montgomery, AL - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Albany, Georgia, has lost one its finest citizens. Through athletics, he touched the lives of several generations of young people, including those of my children. My prayers go out to Dot, Glenn, and Stacey. May God continue to comfort you. Joanne S. Smith, Chattanooga

Joanne Stripling Smith - Chattanooga, TN - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ You will be missed. Thanks for all you did for the game!

Brandon Carswell - Sioux Falls, SD - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To the Eames Family:

May God bless you and keep you during this loss of Mr. Paul. He was special to many people and will ge greatly missed.

I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

Lynn Carswell - Albany, GA - Family Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I don't think I can remember a time when I didn't know Paul Eames. Memories of him are mixed throughout my childhood, teen years and my adult life. The most pleasant memory is going with my family to the lot where he sold Christmas trees and finding the "perfect" tree. To this very day, my son does the same thing and he remembers going there as a child. Paul always remembers him and they discussed old times.

May God bless the Eames family and hold them gently in his arms. May he grant you peace during this time of loss.

Albany will never be the same without this kind and gentle man. Thank you, Paul, for giving your all to the city of Albany.

Sara Joiner Eubanks - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To the Eames family,
I am truly sorry for your loss. Coach Eames was a wonderful man and loved by so many people.
I will never forget the time I was playing for him at Deerfield and had my hand stepped on by the catcher as I went into home. Blood was coming out of my hand pretty bad but not wanting Coach Eames to think I was hurt told him I would be ok. I lived down the road from the school so I walked home after practice. It wasn't 15 mins after I got home Coach Eames drove up to my front door. I knew then he was a special man. I had always thought sports was about winning, but realized that day that we (the kids) were way more important to him than winning. He truly cared about each and everyone of us. He will be missed.

Shane Law - Leesburg, GA - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I played ball for Paul, I worked for Paul at the tree lot, and I have spent hours jabbing at him and him jabbing back at me over the years. He was as genuine and sincere as any man i have had the priveledge to know. On the baseball field all he wanted was your best and he knew how to get it. At the tree lot he just wanted to make parents smile and kids enjoy the season. When he would come by our carlot, he just wanted to hang out and tell old baseball stories (alot of which i remember differently than he did) and laugh. I will truly miss him!! There will never be another Paul Eames.

Smiff - albany, GA - player - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To the Eames Family,
I am so sorry for your loss.

I will never forget Paul Eames. When I was in the 5th grade he saved my life at the YMCA. He dove in the pool fully dressed, in a men's suit, to save me from drowning. God bless him for being there.

When I was a teenager, I worked for him a few times at the concession stand at the Monroe Street ballpark. He was a great guy. He was so friendly to everyone and so pleasant.

I will miss him.

May God bless you with the good memories you shared with him.

*Blessings,
Brenda (Cox) Wintersole*

Brenda (Cox) Wintersole - Albany, GA - Friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My entire family is saddened by the loss of good, kind, caring, funny Paul Eames. He leaves a giant hole in a community who loved him.

One of my favorite memories, was when he had the Hit and Run Restaurant. I rode my bike there almost everyday to see him and have a Hit and Run burger. My mother's maiden name is Sharman, and this was when Mr. Whipple was the spokesperson for Charmin tissue. Paul Eames had a life-sized cut-out of Mr Whipple holding the "Please don't squeeze the Charmin" sign. I told him for weeks i wanted it. Finally, one day he said you can have it, but "how you going to get it home?" Same way I got everything home...on my bike! I put that 5' cut-out under my arm and peddled home so proud of my Mr. Whipple. I had it until I was 20 at least and thought of him every time I looked at it.

He was a one-of-a-kind special guy. He will be missed.

My love to all the Eames; Dot, Glenn and Stacey

Janet Heidt - Atlanta, GA - Family friend - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ He was an inspiration to all of my kids. He will be missed. Our prayers are with the family.

Shirley Hartsfield Tester - Albany, GA - Friend - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM