



## Paul W. Lonsdorf

December 28, 1930 - December 21, 2013

Paul W. Lonsdorf of Hillsborough, NJ and The Villages, FL, passed away on December 21, 2013 at Somerset Medical Center, surrounded by his six children, their loving and supportive spouses, and many of his 13 grandchildren. He was but one week shy of his 83rd birthday. Larger than life in many ways, "Dutch" as he was known to many, was born on December 28, 1930 in Minooka, PA, and attended the University of Scranton. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Nancy (Munley), his brothers Joseph (St. Ann, MO) and John (York, PA), and his sisters Catherine Silver (Montville, NJ) and Mary Jane Forbes (West Paterson, NJ). Paul and Nancy raised 6 children and instilled in each a strong work ethic, the love of learning, the necessity of being able to defend your opinion, a sense of humor, an appreciation for music and the value of family. Despite a demanding work schedule, he always carved out time to attend his children's activities and sporting events. Paul worked his way up through the ranks of commercial banking from teller to President of two different community banks- the Village Bank of South Orange and Mountain Ridge State Bank. As a young bank manager, he once chased down and apprehended a young man who had robbed his bank, sustaining a broken hand in the process. He retired from banking in 1998. Paul moved to Hillsborough in 1967 where he lived a colorful and generous life. He was a communicant at Christ the King parish in Manville, and a member of the Somerville Knights of Columbus (where he served as Grand Knight, President of the Columbus Club and was named

Knight of the year), the Somerville chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Manville-Hillsborough Elks, and the Hillsborough Senior Citizens. He enjoyed traveling with Nancy and close friends. He was always quick with a joke, and happy to swap stories over a cold brew. Following the untimely death in 1999 of his wife, Nancy-- the true love of his life-- he courageously re-invented his life by moving to Florida for 12 years, becoming the toast of The Villages, a senior community, where he was active in numerous clubs and groups. Health issues forced his relocation back to Hillsborough last December. He is survived by his six children and their spouses, Paul and Debbie Lonsdorf of Plano, TX; John and Lyn Lonsdorf of Bridgewater, NJ; Linda and Jim Fredericks of Hillsborough, NJ; Jim and Sue Lonsdorf of Reading, PA; Rich and Wendy Lonsdorf of Cranbury, NJ; and Kevin and Paula Lonsdorf of Bound Brook, NJ. In addition, he is survived by his 13 grandchildren, Brian and his wife Mimi and daughters Dinah and Vera, Tracy and her husband Captain Dan Weathers, Jimmy, Kristen, David, Leann, Patrick, Tori, Aime, Katie, Kevin, Mikey and Tara, as well as his long-time companion Susan Duell of The Villages, FL. Arrangements are through Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks, Blvd., Manville, NJ. (908)575-8512. A visitation is scheduled for Friday, December 27, 2013 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home. The Funeral will take place on Saturday, December 28, 2013 8:15 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a Catholic funeral mass at Christ the King Church in Manville, NJ at 9:00 AM. Paul will be buried next to his loving Nancy at Neshanic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association. For additional information please visit our website at [www.ketusky.com](http://www.ketusky.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Neschanic Cemetery

Amwell Road  
Hillsborough, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
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info@ketusky.com  
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## Visitation

DEC 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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DEC **28**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Roman Catholic Church  
211 Louis Street  
Manville, NJ 08835

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Paul came into my life about 7 years ago in The Villages. His kindness, talent, and brilliance made him larger than life. I will never forget the smiles he brought to others as he shared his musical talents at the nursing home and at the Savannah Center and his anecdotes at Trivial Pursuit. When I said goodbye to him on the day he left The Villages, I hoped he would get strong enough to return. However, I know that he brought joy to his family during his last days and is making people smile in heaven. What a wonderful man!  
Debra Heath- Strickland  
The Villages, Florida

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Debra heath - December 29, 2013 at 09:17 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul W. Lonsdorf.



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December 26, 2013 at 04:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul W. Lonsdorf.



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December 26, 2013 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ *Worked with Paul at Bound Brook Trust Company in the 1960's. Paul was Treasurer of the bank and I was his Assistant Treasurer. Paul was a great person and always willing to help others. He was of great benefit to me in the accounting field which he I believe majored in at Scranton University. I remember Minooka, Pa which is now part of Scranton. I grew up in Moosic Pa which was right next to Minooka. I did not know Paul then but it was a pleasure knowing him during the 1960 period, here in New Jersey. Joe Smerdon, Bridgewater NJ*



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**Joe Smerdon** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ *Barbara and Dave Beck purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Paul W. Lonsdorf.*



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**Barbara and Dave Beck** - December 24, 2013 at 08:09 AM