



Paul Clement

June 9, 1948 - May 19, 2018

Paul W. Clement, 69, of Sault Ste. Marie passed away peacefully in Iron Mountain at the VA Medical Center, Saturday, May 19, 2018 [succumbing] from a courageous battle of lung and liver cancer. He was born June 9, 1948, to Leonard and Margaret (Woodgate) Clement.

Paul, while attending Sault Area High School (1967), enlisted in the US Army and served his country as an Airborne Assault Paratrooper during Vietnam War serving with the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles, A Company 3-506 from 1967-1968. Paul was wounded on September 9, 1968. He was awarded two bronze stars w/oak leaf cluster for Valor and the Purple Heart. On August 22, 1969, he married Patricia (Patti) Britton. He worked for several years both at the Soo Theater and the drive-in theater as an usher and projectionist before working for the US Postal service for over 30 years. After retirement, Paul enjoyed working at Soo Locks Boat Tours. He was an active bowler and bowled with the Commercial League and the Midway League. Paul enjoyed tinkering, reading, hunting, fishing, watching Laker Hockey and Red Wings plus hiding Patti's things around the house. Paul regularly attended the annual 101st Airborne Reunions and meeting Comrades at the Wall on Feb 19 to honor the men who didn't come home from their squad. He also was active in the Buddy to Buddy Volunteer Veteran program for veterans by assisting them with the challenges in transitioning and pointing them to area resources. He served on the Chippewa County Veterans Affairs Board

and as an officer for the DAV for a number of years. Paul was a compassionate man and would go out of his way to help anyone in need. He was also a Life Time Member of the VFW CCH and Member of Amer. Legion Paul enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters, traveling and going on adventures with his family.

Paul will be greatly missed by his wife Patti, son Gary Clement of Sault Ste. Marie and daughter-in-law Amber (Kevin) Alexander and grandchildren Lily and Alisa Clement, Kyle and Erik Alexander all of Rogers City, Michigan. His brother Jerry Clement and Konnie and sister, Mary Ann(Andy) Newcomb. Brothers-in-law, Robert (Theresa) Britton and J.B. Britton. Sisters-in-law, JoAnne Covey, and Barb Britton. Many Aunts and Uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Clifford (Thomas) and Bea Woodgate of the Sault and Joseph and Ann Clement of Brimley, his parents, son Leonard Joseph, brothers Larry, Frank and Thomas Clement.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may gather at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Task Force 3/506 Flower Fund 1608 Birchtree Lane, St. Germain, WI 54558. Every year on Memorial Day flowers are placed on 106 gravesites of those in the 101st Airborne 3-506 Infantry who were killed in Vietnam from 1967-1971.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *The Buddy-to-Buddy Volunteer Veteran Program staff and volunteers grieve the loss of Paul, a long-serving and exceptional volunteer. Everyone who knew him knows what a good, kind man he was. We pay tribute to his life and outstanding service as a volunteer with Buddy-to-Buddy. Words cannot capture just quite how special Paul was, but here is our attempt to do so: <https://cont.a.cc/2xGwzwZ> Paul, we thank you for your service to your country and your tireless efforts to serve and honor service members and fellow veterans. You will not be forgotten.*

Buddy-to-Buddy Program - June 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Paul Clement always had a smile on his face and a quick joke when you saw him. He was a quiet, kind man who didn't expect a lot of accolades. We were both in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, but he was there before I was and had it far rougher than I did. We talked at the recognition event in April and at breakfast the next day. We were making plans for him and Patti to visit us in East Lansing this summer. Even though we only saw each other once or twice a year, I will miss him tremendously as he was the kind of guy who you thought of as an old friend you had known forever. I will miss him!*

Ron Springer - June 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Paul and I worked as volunteers with the Buddy to Buddy Program.*

Steve Alguire - June 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Patty and Gary, I have been thinking about what to say to you since Paul passed. He befriended me when I first came back to Sault Ste Marie, and always greeted me with a friendly hey Mikey whenever he saw me. He was a good man and a good friend. May he rest in peace. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

MICHAEL POSTEN - June 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *Sorry for your family's loss. Paul was very important to his fellow Screaming Eagles and will be missed greatly.*

Randal Underhill - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Patti, So sorry for your loss. I was in the Soo for the weekend but had no idea Paul had passed away until I got back to Sturgeon Bay. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Kelley Forrest*

Kelley Forrest - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Patti, Gary & Family- I'm so very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was such a nice man and I literally grew up seeing him weekly all through my younger years when visiting my dad to at The Post Office. I know my dad will miss him and his friendship tremendously. Hugs and prayers to you all during this sad and difficult time* ❤️🙏

Kelly Partridge-Johnson - May 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Patti, your husband Paul was an exemplary citizen and even though I didn't know him, after reading his obituary I can see how special he was to you and the whole family. You were blessed to have a partner and loving companion for so many years. I recently lost my husband after a long illness and his life mirrors Paul's in so many ways. Please find comfort in knowing that Paul is now in God's heaven and he's watching over you. He has his arms around you and doesn't want you to dwell in your sorrow. His life was a wonderful journey and you were there with him. How fantastic! God Bless.

Deb Jedynak - May 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Rest in peace, your work down here is done.

Bill Steffey - May 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We will miss you Paul ,a friend ,a brother . CURRAHEE RIP

Roosevelt Mitchell - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Thank you for your service, Paul. Condolences to Patti and family.

David Bigelow - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Rest in peace Paul you were one of the best Currahee.

Freeman Dallas - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Airborne Brother, we'll all be soon. You done your job in honor. R.I.P Always Churrahee.

Tom Croff - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Our heartfelt condolences. We will continue to pray.

Michelle Lefebre - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. He was one of my favorite uncle's and great man. I always looked up to him and he was a positive role model in my life. May God's grace be with all during this time.

Charles (Chuck) Nelson - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ May he rest in peace Hopefully he has found the cribbage room and renewed acquaintances with those who have gone before Hold your memories close in your heart so he lives on in that way God Bless you and your family (magister1953)

Ruth Lamoureux - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Patti. Please find comfort in knowing that there are many people who care about you. Wishing you strength and peace With Sympathy,

Linda Alloii - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I want to say that my uncle Paul was one of the greatest guys I know . He taught me many things. He will be missed by many, Love you uncle Paul.

RICHARD THOMAS CLEMENT - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So very sorry cousin patti an gary for your loss. Thete r no words to help u threw this pain.but know ur in my thoughts an prayers hugsss

Cindy an george - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ So sorry for your loss , our condolences to the family . Rick & Donna

Rick Ellis - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Shocked to here this was not aware he had cancer. Sue and I send our prayers and thoughts. Would like to be there with you, but sue had surgery at U of M Tuesday and we won't get home until next Wednesday. So sorry for your loss Patty.

Alan LaVictor - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Paul was a friend as well as a comrade during the Vietnam War. I think the obituary hit the nail on its head when it said: "Paul was a compassionate man and would go out of his way to help anyone in need." He was also a Currahee. See you on the other side Paul.

john harrison - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Patti I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing and your great loss. I have always known of him to be a good person with a great sense of humor.

Jeanna (McLean) Myers - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Patti & Gary: Heartfelt condolences to all the family. Will be thinking and praying for you especially during these very hardest days, months & years. You will have all those wonderful memories to keep close to your heart as Paul has touched everyone he knew.

Darlene & Jim Holatko - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ The world will miss a great man.

Dar Bagby - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. Thinking of you.

Nina Cadreau - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Patti, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. May you be comforted with peace and wonderful memories of a kind and loving husband. Love, Mary Helen Peery (formerly Blazer)

MARY HELEN PEERY - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM