



# Paul A. Riepma

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**M**r. Paul Albert Riepma, age 84, went to be with his Heavenly Father early in the morning on December 17, 2008. He was born February 22, 1924 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the son of Albert and Jennie (Kuilema) Riepma. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1942 and enlisted in the Navy V-12 program in 1943. Paul graduated from the University of Illinois in 1945 and was assigned to the midshipman's school at Notre Dame where he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. He served one year in the Pacific Theatre aboard the U.S.S. LaSalle. After his naval service he was employed by Consumer's Power Company of Michigan in 1946. Paul was recalled for naval service in 1952 during the Korean War and served as a cryptographer in the Pentagon where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Paul returned to Consumer's Power in 1954 and retired in June of 1985. He continued to be an avid golfer and strong supporter of Northwood University football in Midland, Michigan. Paul is survived by his wife, Gloria Riepma of Vero Beach, Florida, brother John (Jo) of South Haven, MI, sister Joan Riepma of Portage, MI, daughter Mary (Thomas) Nixon of Suttons Bay, MI, sons Paul (Doreen) of Samammish, Washington, Michael (Cheralyn) missionaries in Bolivia, and Patrick (Sherri) of Midland, MI. He has been blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, December 20th at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center (4759 Lake Harbor in Muskegon, MI 49441) with Pastor Bill Rudd officiating. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in Norton Cemetery. Memorial donations may be directed to the Northwood University Athletic Department (4000 Whiting Dr., Midland, MI 48640). Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel  
Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.



## Obituary

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# Events

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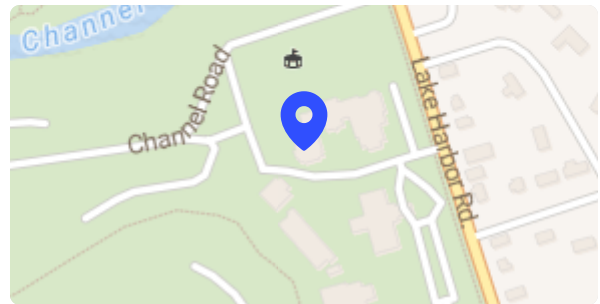
## Visitation

**Saturday**, December 20, 2008

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

**Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center**

4759 Lake Harbor, Muskegon MI



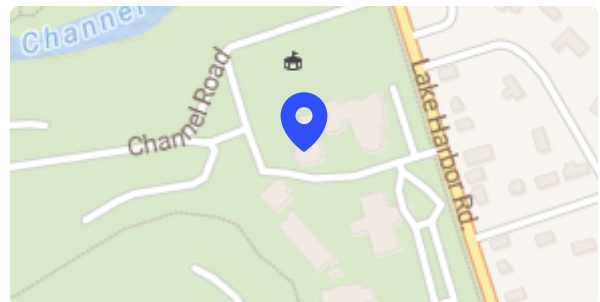
## Service

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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Gloria and Family, Although it has been some time since our paths have crossed, we (your cousins) wanted to express our sympathy during this time. May God continue to guide and provide His tender mercies. Thoughts and prayers to you. Love, Your Cousins - Betty Riepma Randy & Annette Riepma Family Tammy & Carl Waddington Family

December 30 at 4:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I read about the passing of your husband Paul in the Kalamazoo Gazette. I hadn't heard about you for many years but think you are the Gloria that I was named after. My parents, Max and Lucille Allen, rented a farm from your aunt and uncle, Ed and Estella Hackman, for 6 years beginning about 1938. They thought you were a lovely young lady and decided to name me after you. I was born in 1946. I grew up calling Mr. and Mrs. Hackman grandpa and grandma and always enjoyed visits with them. Grandpa passed away when I was in high school and Grandma the year I graduated from high school, which was 1964. I believe at one time you folks lived in Battle Creek. I remember visiting there with my parents once. I lost track of any reference to you once the Hackmans were gone. Reading the article in the paper brought back memories and I just had to check to see if you were the person I am thinking. If not, I apologize for this note. In any case, I send my condolences at the loss of your husband and my prayers that God will bring comfort and peace to you at this time and in the future. May God's blessings surround you and your family. Sincerely, Gloria Lowrance

December 28 at 4:58 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Lord's comfort be with you all.

December 22 at 8:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mrs. Riepma, Mike & Cher, and Pat & Sherri, Our deepest sympathies upon hearing of Paul's death. Thank God for the work of Christ! We will have you in our prayers this season and pray that you will have a Merry Christmas.

December 22 at 8:28 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Pat and Sherri - we were saddened to hear of the passing of Pat's father. We wish you and your family God's grace and inner peace during this time of sorrow.Larry and Kathleen##imported-begin##Larry and Kathleen Skoczylas##imported-end##

December 20 at 6:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts are with you. Paul was a very good man. Him and I became good buddies at Nottinham. He was a very strong man. I will always remember all the good chats that him and I had. A Very good man with a big heart I will miss him and he will always be in my thoughts. He will be greatly missed. I know that he is comfortable now. He is now with the good Lord and I'm sure he is happy and comfortable.##imported-begin##Chris Reist at Nottingham Place##imported-end##

December 20 at 6:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Beloved Auntie Gloria, Mary, Miguel, Paul, and PatMay the beautiful memories of your beloved husband/father (who I called "Uncle Paul") bring joy and peace to you all during this difficult time. My heart and prayers are with you right now. I know that you are grieving but at the same time you are at peace because you know where he is know (resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father).I am too, grieving his departure, but I know that our Lord escorted "Uncle Paul" to heaven with an army of Angels and he is celebrating his eternal life right now. I am very sad! I loved him very much!I am deeply sorry that I can't make it to the memorial. The weather here in Wisconsin has been very nasty in the last 24 hours.I love you all!!Morelia Meyer##imported-begin##Morelia Meyer##imported-end##

December 19 at 9:19 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry we cannot make it to the memorial. Our granddaughter is graduating from Ferris on Saturday. Our deepest regrets to you, Gloria and the rest of the family.Fred and Elaine Borgman##imported-begin##Fred and Elaine Borgman##imported-end##

December 19 at 4:28 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Precious Glo, Our hearts are sad for you today but oh so happy for your dear Paul as he has entered his heavenly home. Our sincere sympathy to your dear family , who we have gotten to know and love through Maranatha. Weather permitting we hope to see you on Sat. Hugs, Iris Myaard###imported-begin###John and Iris Myaard###imported-end##

December 19 at 7:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Gloria and family,My heart stands with you at this difficult time of loss. I like to imagine that maybe Paul and Dan will be meeting up for some great heavenly game of golf. The pain for those of us who remain is great but, thank God, for our faith and the hope we have of reunion. Through the tears, our hearts can join together to offer to the Lord, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Amen and Amen.##imported-begin##La Donna Morales##imported-end##

December 19 at 7:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Gloria and family, Sending hugs and prayers for God's presence to be realized among you these next few days as you meet and remember your husband and father. Wish I could be there Saturday to see your, Gloria. I really miss you and have so many memories and your and your faithfulness. Love to you, Sandy Burdick##imported-begin##Sandy Burdick##imported-end##

December 19 at 6:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pat, Sherri, Zach, Jake, Josh, So sorry to hear about grandpa. Out thoughts, hearts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Mike, Renee, Michael and Lindsey Allen##imported-end##

December 18 at 4:46 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was one of Pauls caretakers at Nottingham Place in Midland. I will remember Paul as a kind and caring person. He'd always make us laugh about something, He was quite the story teller. We will all miss him greatly.My condolences,Jessica Atkinson##imported-begin##Jessica##imported-end##

December 18 at 11:26 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Paul A. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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