



Mr. Mel Paris

December 13, 1921 - November 30, 2015

Mr. Harold Melford Paris, 93, passed away at his home on Monday, November 30, 2015 following a lengthy illness. He was a native of Alpharetta and graduated from Milton High School in 1939. After working as a bookkeeper for Berkeley Pump Co. in Atlanta, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp. and became a B-17 pilot. While flying over Germany he was shot down and captured becoming a P.O.W. at Stalagluft III prison camp for exactly a year to the day. After the war he attended the High Museum of Art in Atlanta graduating with a Fine Arts degree. He continued his studies at the University of Georgia where he earned a Masters Degree in Art Education. Mr. Paris began his teaching career at Campbell High School in Fairburn, later becoming Assistant Director of Art Education. He retired after 30 years of service as Director of Art Education for Fulton County Schools. Mr. Paris was a long time member of Clear Springs Baptist Church where he was baptized as a preteen and where his Great-Grandmother, Grandparents, Parents and many ancestors are buried. Mr. Paris was preceded in death by his parents Ina and Harold Paris, first wife, Jeannette Garrard, daughter, Jeanna Paris Neely and sister Cleo Paris Herring. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Martha Prieto Paris and by his son, Mel L. Paris and wife Michael as well as his former son-in-law Adrien Neely. He is also survived by grandchildren, Jennifer Cook (John), Caroline Brennan (Tim), David Neely (Elaine), Chase Paris (Lindsey), Preston Paris and Sally Paris. He is so proud of his great-grandchildren Caleb and Chloe Cook, Kyleigh Paris, Ashton Dingler, Bourke

and Paris Brennan and Beau and Ellie Paris along with many Jones and Paris cousins, nieces and nephews he dearly loves. Funeral services will be held at Northside Chapel, Roswell, GA. on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 1:00pm. Family will receive visitors at 11:00am on Saturday until the celebration of life begins. Interment will follow at Clear Springs Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clear Springs Baptist Church, 11575 Jones Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022 or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Clear Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

11575 Jones Bridge Road
Alpharetta, GA 30022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I worked for Mel Paris And Emory Rose Wood in the art Department on Cleveland avenue. I was Diane Parris at the time 1972*

diane Kelley - January 28, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Mr. Mel Paris*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Martha and family, our prayers and thoughts are with you on the passing of your beloved, Mel.*

*Mike Mazur & John Peters
Sarasota, FL*

Mike Mazur - December 04, 2015 at 06:16 PM



“ *Mel, thinking of you and the fine man your dad was in all aspects of his well lived life*

Richard Bomar - December 04, 2015 at 02:03 PM

SM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Paris. He was always such a wonderful and kind person in in my days at Campbell High School. He really cared about each and every student - these are things you don't ever forget. He was a great hero from WWII as well as a great hero from our high school days. RIP Mr. Paris. You were one of a kind.



Sandra Cochran McMillian - December 04, 2015 at 01:06 PM

PD

“ Melford was a fixture of my childhood attending the annual Paris family reunion. He was so kind, supportive, and extremely talented. Whenever I look at "The Henry," I think of my heritage, but also remember Melford's skillful hands that made it.

Paris Donehoo - December 04, 2015 at 12:16 PM

YD

“ Yolanda, Jim, Marissa ,Bill, Jennifer ,Bill, Beata and Dariu purchased the Peaceful White Lilies B asket for the family of Mr. Mel Paris.



Yolanda, Jim, Marissa ,Bill, Jennifer ,Bill, Beata and Dariu -
December 04, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DD

“ Denise, Terry, Jen, Steve, Tim, Caroline, Stacy, & Darren purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Mel Paris.



Denise, Terry, Jen, Steve, Tim, Caroline, Stacy, & Darren -
December 04, 2015 at 09:41 AM

DG

“ My dearest Martha, there really aren't words to describe Granddaddy Mel. He was an amazing man. You and your Mel have touched the life of our daughter, Lindsey, just as if you had always been in her life. Having married Chase brought many blessings in many ways. She and Chase and their babies, Beau and Ellie will surely feel a grand light has gone out of their lives. You and the memory of Mel will continue to bless their family as well as Tim and me. Our love to you sweet Martha.
Donna and Tim Goodson

Donna Goodson - December 04, 2015 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ Martha, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mel. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You both were blessed with the years you had together. May the memories give you comfort and bring a smile to your face. Love and God's blessings be yours.
John 11:25-27

Joy Bolick - December 03, 2015 at 08:14 PM

ET

“ Mr. Paris was my homeroom teacher from 1959 thru 63. His caring nature and quiet strength have been inspiration to me through out my life. Words cannot express my sorrow at the passing of this wonderful man.

Eric Tipton

Eric Tipton - December 03, 2015 at 12:52 PM

CG

“ I have many pleasant memories of Mel Paris as we were both based at the Services Bldg in the late 1960s. I was new to the system and Mel was the veteran. He went out of his way to make me feel welcome and part of the staff there. Mel had a wonderful sense of humor which was appreciated by all who worked with him, especially Dr. Paul D. West. I remember joining them several times for lunch at the Commerce Club. Thanks, Mel.

I extend my deepest sympathy to Martha and the family.

Cade Gervais

Cade Gervais - December 03, 2015 at 08:40 AM

JF

“ Joanie Diaz Fagan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mel Paris



Joanie Diaz fagan - December 02, 2015 at 10:35 PM

JF

Our prayers are with Martha and the family in this difficult time.

Joanie Diaz fagan - December 02, 2015 at 10:37 PM

DH

“ Mr. Paris was a remarkable teacher and human being. Growing up in FBC Fairburn with him I felt I knew him outside the classroom. My thoughts and prayers to you and the family.

Darlene Hurst Higgins

Darlene Hurst Higgins - December 02, 2015 at 01:33 PM

KC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. He was such a kind and friendly person. My prayers are going up for Martha and the rest of Mel's family.

Katie Mason Cargle - December 02, 2015 at 10:28 AM

GP

“ Mr. Paris was one of my favorite teachers. He actually cared about what happened with his students! He had a positive impact on my life, and I'm sure the lives of numerous other kids! He told me one day that he wasn't going to report me for skipping his class because he knew that's what I wanted....to be suspended! lol He was a great man and a great and caring teacher!

Gary Powell
Class of '64

Gary Powell - December 02, 2015 at 10:27 AM

JH

“ What an amazing teacher he was, and inspired me so much. He will always remain in my memories of high school as being one of my favorite teachers, and oh what he could do with a palette knife and paint.

Jayne Drake Hensn - December 02, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mel Paris.



December 02, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mel Paris.*



December 02, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ *I shall always remember him and the class he taught. He is and always will be one of my favorites, he will truly be missed.*

Willis Ledbetter - December 01, 2015 at 08:55 PM



*Dear Mrs.Paris,
I was so sorry to hear about your husband. I never had the opportunity to meet him, but always heard great things about him. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.
Claire Gaissert Hallman*

Claire Hallman - December 10, 2015 at 03:45 PM