



Paul Ray Keel

June 10, 1948 - December 4, 2025

Paul Ray Keel

77, of Wauchula, FL. went to join the Lord on December 4, 2025, at Good Shepherd Hospice House, surrounded by the love of his family. Born to Thurman and Pauline, Paul grew into a man of deep faith, dedication, and service—values that shaped every chapter of his life.

Paul proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam era. After returning home, he attended and graduated from Southeastern Bible College where he met his wife Debbie D. He devoted 32 years to shaping young

minds as a beloved schoolteacher in Wauchula. At both the junior high and high school levels, he taught graphic arts and history and faithfully operated the Hardee County School Board's print shop, leaving a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues.

For 47 years, Paul was a committed member of Florida's First Assembly of God Church. His servant's heart led him to contribute in many roles, including serving on the church board for over 30 years, Royal Rangers as an Outpost Commander, Section 11 leader, and Deputy District Commander, Sunday school teacher, children's ministry leader, and in various hands-on ministries such as landscaping. His faith guided his life, and his church family held a special place in his heart.

Paul had a lifelong passion for trains. He spent many joyful hours working in his train room and was a proud member of the Ridge Model Railroad Club,

serving as the Secretary/Treasurer for 6 years, where he shared his love of railroading with fellow enthusiasts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thurman and Pauline, and his sister, Sarah. He leaves behind his loving wife of 50 years, Debbie; son, Paul II (Paige); daughter, Carrie (Rozco) Orozco; brother, George (Linda); and his cherished grandchildren: Brenden, Destin, Paul III, Kaylie, Sarah, Abby, and Chloe.

Paul will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, gentle strength, and the love he poured into his family, students, and church community. His legacy will continue to live on in the many lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until service at 11:00 a.m. at Florida's First Assembly of God Church in Wauchula. He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Bud and Donna Somers, Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Rd, Sebring, FL 33870.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Florida's First Assembly of God
1397 S. Florida Avenue
Wauchula, FL 33873

Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I taught with the Keels. I remember when he and Debbie were still living in a Lakeland and would get behind me on the road. He always fussed because I drove the speed limit.

Lynda Evors - January 12 at 10:03 AM

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“ David and Pat Penny purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Ray Keel.



David and Pat Penny - December 11, 2025 at 05:16 PM

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“ Paul, I am so sorry for your loss and send my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Take care.

Kenya Holmes - December 09, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ Uncle Dave, Aunt Mary and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Ray Keel.



Uncle Dave, Aunt Mary and Family - December 08, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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“ Uncle Dave, Aunt Mary and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Ray Keel.

Uncle Dave, Aunt Mary and Family - December 08, 2025 at 08:21 PM

DP

“ Sweet, loving, caring man and a wonderful neighbor !!! R.I.P. Paul, we're going to miss you. 💕💕

Dave and Pat - December 08, 2025 at 07:04 PM