



Paul Vincent Palmisano

May 31, 1931 - March 3, 2021

Paul Vincent Palmisano, age 89 of Holland, OH, passed away on March 3, 2021. He was born to Frank and Christine (Dattilo) Palmisano on May 31, 1931. He was a graduate of Purcell High School and went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Army. Paul also graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH where he received his Bachelor's Degree and later his Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University in Business Administration Management.

Paul spent the majority of his career working for the Sisters of Charity, mainly Mercy Hospitals, St. Joseph Hospital in Denver and later retired from St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center Human Resource Director. He also taught English to Foreign Jesuit Students at the Sacred Heart Seminary. He was a member of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church where he was a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, CRHP and served on the Parish Council. Paul was a 4th Degree member of the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Knights of Columbus Council #14155 and a 4th Degree member of the Bishop Hoffman 807 Assembly, serving in various official positions in Cincinnati, Denver and most recently Toledo.

He spent many years in community theaters, wherever he lived, (starting in high school) acting, directing and served on different boards, most recently with our local, The Village Players. A few of his favorites include: The Music Man, South Pacific, The King and I, Kismet, How to succeed in Business....and The Most Happy Fella. He also worked with Rod Serling, then

a writer of WLW-TV in Cincinnati and starred in a PBS Children's Hour, working opposite Kaye Ballard, who played his wife. Even in the Army, he in was assigned with troop entertainment. Besides all his volunteering, he also enjoyed traveling and working puzzles

Paul was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Antionette Palmisano; infant daughter, Madonna Palmisano; his parents; brother, Frankie Palmisano; sister, Rosemarie Miglio and step-son, Robert Kellerbauer, JR. He is survived by his 2nd wife, Anna Jean Kellerbauer-Hildebrand Palmisano; children, Pamela (George) Pascoe, Gregory (Maria) Palmisano, Melanie (Craig) Sorensen and Angelina (Adam) Keefe; step-son, Shawn Kellerbauer; 6 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, March 10th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 11th beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church at 10:00 a.m.

Interment Resurrection Cemetery. If you wish to attend the Funeral Mass via Live Stream go to YouTube and click on "Toledo St. Pats YouTube" channel. Face masks and social distancing will be required by the funeral home and the church. Memorials may take the form of contributions to St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

MAR 10. 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Graveside Service

MAR 11. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear Jean,
Mt deepest sympathies for your loss. I truly enjoyed my time with the both of you while performing in Tetelestai. I have kept both of you in my prayers over the years and will continue to do so. It was so much fun staying over. THANK YOU GOD for bringing these two wonderful people into my life. GOD's blessing, peace and mercy be upon you.



With love in the Christ,

Manny

Manuel Santiago - March 12, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ Thinking of you, dear Jean & family. Mark & I are so sorry for your loss of Paul.. We pray that the Lord will comfort you and give you peace and strength during this difficult time. Sending our love, Annie & Mark Smith

Annie Smith - March 11, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MC

“ Jean and family we are sorry for your loss we send you our love and prayers

Maxine Cracchiolo - March 10, 2021 at 03:56 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 10, 2021 at 12:11 PM

MP

What a BEAUTIFUL Tribute to a beautiful man

Marge Palmer - March 11, 2021 at 12:59 PM

JT

Jean, that was the best tribute I have ever seen and thank you for letting us join the service. May Paul now rest in peace.

jacqueline and Ray Thompson - March 13, 2021 at 04:16 AM

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Thoughts and prayers

Frank &Maxine - March 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

“ (News story) Paul Palmisano, who as vice president of human resources of Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center put employees at ease, and who as John Adams and Willy Loman graced community theater stages, died March 3 in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, South Detroit Avenue. He was 89.

He had developed an infection, said his wife, Jean.

Mr. Palmisano of Springfield Township arrived at St. Vincent in 1992 and retired in 1997 as human resources vice president.

"Paul was always held in very high regard," said Barb Dianda-Martin, a former St. Vincent chief nursing officer. "He definitely epitomized the mission of our system.

"He was accessible and so easy to talk to," said Mrs. Dianda-Martin, who retired as chief nursing officer of Mercy Health St. Anne Hospital. "Someone in a vice president position to have that ease with front-line workers was valuable to us."

Much of his career was in Catholic hospitals, including St. Joseph Hospital in Denver from 1981-92. He had worked early on for the Mercy hospital system in Cincinnati. He volunteered at St. Vincent for several years in retirement.

"He was a very religious person, so that made him feel at home, being in that environment," his wife said.

Mr. Palmisano started acting at Purcell High School in Cincinnati. In stage experience that took in community theater in Cincinnati and Denver, his roles included Iago in 'Othello' and Willy Loman in 'Death of a Salesman,' and he directed such musicals as 'The Music Man' and 'South Pacific.' In 1984, he was Mr. Deluca to Kaye Ballard's Mrs. Deluca in a PBS young people's special, 'That Funny Fat Kid.'

Nearly a decade into retirement, he and his wife were at a craft show when he stopped at the Village Players' table and signed up. He made his debut in January, 2007 as President Arthur Hockstader in Gore Vidal's 'The Best Man.' The Blade's Nanciann Cherry noted he was "new to the Players' stage but, one hopes, is soon to become a regular."

Over the next several years, he was on stage, but also behind the scenes as a director and as a Village Players board member.

He was born May 31, 1931 in Cincinnati to Christine and Frank Palmisano. He became a first lieutenant in the Army, serving stateside, after graduating Purcell. He received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati and a master's degree from Bowling Green State University. In the 1950s, he taught at Sacred Heart Seminary in Cincinnati.

He was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, most recently of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council, and held positions with the K of C in Cincinnati and Denver. He also was a lector, eucharistic minister, and served on parish council at St. Patrick.

In retirement, he and his wife took driving vacations to spots scenic and historical across the continent. "We put 10,000 miles on our car one summer," she said.

His first wife, Antoinette Palmisano, died Aug. 29, 2000.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Jean Haddad Kellerbauer Hildebrand, whom he married Jan. 29, 2005; daughters, Pamela Pascoe, Melanie Sorensen, and Angelina Keefe; son, Gregory Palmisano; stepson, Shawn Kellerbauer; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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The family suggests tributes to St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

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Barb Claus - March 10, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Vincent Palmisano.*



March 10, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Though we only knew Paul a few years, he was always a great friend to work with. He will be missed. Debbie and Bill Saba*

WILLIAM Saba - March 09, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *George Pascoe purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Paul Vincent Palmisano.*



George Pascoe - March 09, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 08, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Paul Vincent Palmisano.



March 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ *Jean and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sending love and hugs.*

Tricia Zakrzewski Hines

Tricia Zakrzewski Hines - March 07, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul Vincent Palmisano.



March 07, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ Paul was a great man. He was a kind soul who always seemed to have a smile on his face. His family and his volunteer work were always very important to him. We can take comfort in knowing that he fulfilled his purpose and is now home with the Lord. My prayers are with the family. Rest In Peace Paul.

Marsha - March 07, 2021 at 02:38 PM

MB

“ I didn't know Paul personally, but I will never forget his wonderful performance as Bottom in the Edgecliff Theatre's A Midsummer Nights Dream in 1963. I was a student and sang in the chorus in that production. Every night during the show's run, we'd gather backstage for our final appearance and listen to him and his fellow actors perform the "Pyramus and Thisbe" sketch. The audience always roared with laughter. He was superb!!!
Elaine Busch Billmire

Mary Elaine Billmire - March 07, 2021 at 07:46 AM