



Paul Horn

December 26, 1939 - October 29, 2024

Paul Conrad Horn, 84, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, October 29, 2024 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born December 26, 1939, in East Chicago, Indiana to John Conrad and Julie Louise (nee Beckett) Horn. Orphaned at 12, he and his late brother Peter Horn were raised by their aunt Alma Beckett Booher and her husband Lance Booher in Aurora, Indiana.

As teens, the brothers went on incredible summer boat trips by themselves taking off down the Ohio River. For weeks at a time, they traveled down the waterway systems hunting, fishing and camping on riverbanks and islands in Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn style adventures. When they heard about water skiing as a sport, they grabbed an old door and started skiing in the Ohio with their friends.

Paul attended Indiana University for college and medical school.

After graduation, he married Barbara Brice in Lakeland, Florida on January 8, 1966, and then served in the US Navy as Medical Officer for a fleet of destroyers, reaching the rank of Lieutenant.

Beginning his Cape Girardeau medical practice in 1970 in partnership with the

late Dr. Tom Lovingood, he served as a Pathologist initially at both Southeast and the old St. Francis Hospitals before moving solely to the new St. Francis as Lab Director for several decades until his retirement in 2008. Dr. William Stahr joined him at St. Francis as partner.

A big believer in making things happen if you want something as well as a "doer" and a bit of a mechanical savant, he built a 14' fiberglass motorboat from scratch at 14 and crafted an original hot rod from junk yard scraps in his late teens. He could carve, do fine woodworking, metal work, plumbing and electrical work. While practicing medicine in Cape, he used this gift for "hands on" doing to build a family real estate business. Initially he bought apartments and houses, gutting and repairing them himself with wife Barbara's interior design and ongoing management skills carrying the residential (and later commercial) property management business forward for more than 45 years before passing it on to the next generation.

A vastly practical man, he combined his passion for his Catholic faith with his firm belief in ensuring the financial security and long-term stability of Catholic health care, education and ministry with his support for the Notre Dame Foundation; St. Francis Foundation; both St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary's schools and parishes; Catholic Campus Ministry; Catholic Young Adult Ministry; and Life House locally and many Catholic Seminaries and Convents nationally. When one of these causes needed something specific that he could provide, he didn't hesitate to roll up his sleeves and help doing such things as sanding and epoxying an entire school's desks over a summer with some of the other parishioners.

Paul remained a lifelong outdoorsman, living for quail hunting in the fall, water skiing in the summer (with a real slalom ski instead of a door), and year-round long power walks outside.

This amazing man will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his wife Barbara and daughter Jennifer Horn.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

The Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, November 4, 2024, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1913 Ritter, Cape Girardeau, Missouri with Fr. Allan Saunders as Celebrant.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Francis Foundation, 211 Saint Francis Dr., Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63703.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Jenni and Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Horn was such a wonderful man and servant of the Lord, using his gifts and talents to serve others and share his faith. He will be greatly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

~ Ruth Ann (Wencewicz) Hester

Ruth Ann Hester - November 10, 2024 at 10:22 PM

ME

“ Jenni and Barb, I am so sorry to hear of Dr Horn's passing. May God wrap his loving arms around you both. You are in my prayers.

Mary Sue Emmons - November 08, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ We were saddened to learn of Dr. Horn's passing. Our sincere sympathy to Barbara and Jenni. Many times John and I and Dr. Horn and Barbara would choose the same restaurant and time to dine. We began to have some chats with them, we always enjoyed the chats. Dr. Horn's obituary is a testament of what a kind, sweet, interesting person he was. Prayers for Barbara, Jenni and all who loved him.

Debbie & John Clifton

Debbie Clifton - November 06, 2024 at 11:23 PM

SB

“ I shall always remember the help you gave my family and I after our tragic wreck in July, 1983. I shall always remember it. Shirley Bisher

Shirley A Bisher - November 06, 2024 at 11:18 PM

BW

“ So sorry to read of Paul's passing. My prayers are with you.

brad wittenborn - November 04, 2024 at 07:52 PM

SE

“ Barb and Jenni, our thoughts and prayers are with you and for Paul. You are all beautiful instruments of God's love. May the angels lead Paul into paradise.

Sharon Essner - November 04, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BK

“ Barb and Jenny, our hearts go out to you both. We will miss our kind and caring Dr. Paul. He always had a smile. You are both in my prayers.

Binnie & Deb Kerr - November 04, 2024 at 12:37 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Barb and Jenni. You are in my prayers. I am so blessed to have worked with Dr. Horn. He always had a smile for everyone and didn't seem to meet a stranger. He will be missed. May God give you comfort.

Cathy Beam - November 03, 2024 at 10:37 PM

PK

“ Condolences to Barb and Ginny. The Horns have been vakued neighbors for 40 years. There is so much to be admired in Paul; he will be missed.

Peter Kerr - November 03, 2024 at 07:53 PM

DS

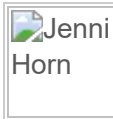
“ I am so sad to hear about Dr. Horn. Condolences to the family of such a wonderful man. I knew him during my employment at Saint Francis. Since I was in IT, he would stop by on occasion and talk about new technologies. He was so humble and kind and seemed so soft spoken.

Diane Gammon Smith - November 02, 2024 at 11:42 PM

JC

“ Dr Horn Barbara and daughter Jenny were a lovely family. Always kind and caring. May the family feel Gods loving arms and share beautiful memories.

Jackie Clark-Otto - November 02, 2024 at 01:40 PM



Thanks so much, Jackie. You are very kind.

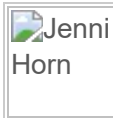
Jenni Horn - November 12, 2024 at 11:06 PM

DE

“ Dear Barbara and Jenny, I wanted to send my sympathy and condolences to you both on Paul's passing. I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You all will continue to be in my prayers.

Donna Essner

Donna Essner - November 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM



Thank you, Donna. Prayers are the best gift in the world.

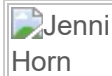
Jenni Horn - November 12, 2024 at 11:07 PM

LB

“ *Jeni your dad was so kind and I always enjoyed when he would take both us girls to the barn to spend the day with our horses. Thinking of you and your mama. May he RIP.*



Libby Essner Bullard - November 01, 2024 at 11:22 PM

 Jenni Horn

Thanks, Libby! I remember those days too. A day at the barn was the best!

Jenni Horn - November 12, 2024 at 11:08 PM