



Paul Martin Burri

October 21, 1929 - October 31, 2023

Paul was born October 21, 1929 in Newark, NJ. His parents, Rose & Alfred Burri, owned a house and a beauty salon in Rutherford, NJ and when Paul was five years old, they sold the house and salon and moved to an apartment in the Bronx, NY, where Paul grew up and went to school. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School (judged to be the finest high school in the US at the time) in 1947, and was accepted at tuition-free Cooper Union in NYC, but only attended for one semester before he left to go to work to help support himself and his widowed mother.

In 1950 he flew to Los Angeles to visit a friend and three days later got bored and got a job as a machinist in Los Angeles.

He always described himself as a woodworker, inventor, entrepreneur, photographer, teacher and author. Paul was in the US Army as a demolitions expert for two years during the Korean War and was discharged as a sergeant in 1953.

He married Beverly Rozner in 1952, who died in 2011.

He married Betty Sturnick in 1987. He is survived by his second wife, Betty, his son, Glenn and his daughter, Janet.

He worked as the general manager of various small manufacturing businesses and after eight years as a senior manufacturing engineer at Northrop-Grumman, he retired in December 1994. One month later in January 1995, he became bored with retirement and founded "BrandNew Industries" in his garage. BrandNew is a company that makes branding irons for woodworkers, beekeepers, pallet manufacturers, irrigation contractors and numerous other applications. Paul sold BrandNew in 2007 for his second retirement. BrandNew is still in business as of this time.

During his lifetime, Paul earned a California life-time teaching credential, his real estate license and a BSBA from the University of Phoenix and membership in Mensa. He taught numerous classes at Los Angeles Valley College in Van Nuys and at the Wake Center in Santa Barbara. He had numerous professional shows of his photography and his extensive woodworking. He wrote a weekly business column for Noozhawk in Santa Barbara for about six years. He was an active member of SCORE in Santa Barbara for about twelve years.

In his retirement years, he spent much of his time writing humorous anecdotes, short stories, limericks and a few poor poems.

Cemetery Details

Goleta Cemetery

44 South San Antonio Road
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110
(805) 967-3608

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
380 N. Fairview Ave.
Goleta, CA 93117
(805) 967-1416
<http://www.gslcms.org>