

Paul Dunn

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Paul K. Dunn, 97, died at 8:46 a.m., Saturday, August 14, 2010 at his home.

A native of Mabton, Washington, he was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dunn. Shortly after graduating from Mabton High School, he joined the U.S. Navy. He completed both hospital corps and pharmacy schools in San Diego, California and then stationed at the Charleston Naval Hospital. In 1934 he married the former Eileen Murphy of Charleston, SC.

He was commissioned by President Roosevelt in 1940. While serving aboard the USS Tuscaloosa, he acted as one of President Roosevelt's "good will" ambassadors making port in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Magellan Strait, Chile, and Peru. During WWII he served aboard the USS Mississippi, and at the Fleet Air Base in Reykjavik, Iceland. In 1944 he was stationed in Charleston, S.C. where he was an administrator of the Charleston Naval Hospital. He was later stationed at Bremerton, WA., Port Hueneme, California, and Patuxent River, Md. He retired as Chief Warrant Officer IV in 1958. After retiring from the Navy, he was Personnel Director of Norfolk General Hospital in Virginia, St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton and Incarnate Word Hospital in St. Louis. Following his second retirement, he worked for a short time at Chuck Diering American Motors in Alton.

He is survived by and sadly missed by his son, Richard Dunn and wife Margie of Alton, two daughters, Patricia Horn of Alton and Eileen Daly and her husband Thomas of Alton; six grandchildren, Michael Dunn and his wife Bo of Alton, Janice Dunphy and her husband Chris of Godfrey, Rick Dunn and his wife Trinity of Godfrey, Stephen Horn of Surfside, Florida, Ellen (Horn) Lancia and her husband Anthony of St. Louis, and Patrick Daly of Alton; eight great grandchildren, Joseph and Katie Dunn, Nicholas and Natalie Dunphy, Justin and Danielle Dunn, Gabriel and Lauren Lancia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife of 74 years, Eileen Murphy Dunn, and a daughter, Pauline who died in childhood.

He enjoyed fishing, pheasant hunting, gardening and baseball. In his later years, he spent all his time enjoying his family. He will be most remembered as a generous, loving and devoted parent, grandparent, and great grandparent.

In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Staten-Fine Funeral Home in Alton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton with Fr. Anthony C. Daly, S.J. celebrating.

Graveside services will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery in Charleston South Carolina.

Memorials may be made for Masses of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton.

Online condolences and guestbook may be found at