



Paul G. Freeman

May 9, 1928 - January 8, 2013

Paul G. Freeman, age 84, passed on to his Heavenly Home on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at Newport Medical Center after suffering several illnesses. He was one of the major owners and operators of one of the oldest businesses in Newport, Freeman's Furniture, for 62 years.

Paul was the son of Talmadge Ernest Freeman and Rebecca Hall Freeman Glenn. He was the second son born to parents who ran a small country store in the Hall's Top area of Raven's Branch in Cocke County.

In 1939, the Freeman family moved to Newport and opened a furniture store. He and his brother, Warren Freeman, enrolled in Newport Grammar School and later continued their education at Cocke County High School.

At the end of World War II, Paul, a very patriotic young man, wanted to join the US Navy and help America recover from the war years. Against his mother's vehement opposition, Paul left school during his junior year and enlisted in the Navy. His goal was to go to sea aboard the "big ships."

However, his chief petty officer recognized Paul's business talents and assigned him a desk job doing paper work and working with new recruits at the Rhode Island Naval Port.

He spent two years in the Navy. While on a short furlough to his Tennessee home, he met Imogene Nease of Parrottsville and the couple quickly became engaged. After dating only a few weeks, they married on July 12, 1947, at Bethel Baptist Church and began a union that lasted 65 years.

His bride lived with her new mother-in-law while Paul returned to base to finish

his naval commitment. Upon his discharge, he returned to Newport, and he and Imogene then moved to White Pine, where they opened a small furniture store.

They were very happy there and the business thrived. Their only child, Regenia Karen, was born while the couple lived there.

Meanwhile Paul's father had expanded his business and asked Paul to return to Newport to help him. Paul accepted his father's offer, and the small family moved back to Newport, purchasing a home from Jim Masters at 515 Fourth Street, where they lived throughout the rest of Paul's life.

At one time, the Freeman family owned six stores in the East Tennessee area. The brothers were proud of their ability to provide furniture through low payment financing for their customers.

For a few years, Paul also sold mobile homes, a new business venture, with the help of his son-in-law Charles Mason and the late Burlin Caldwell. He also oversaw a rental home park on Battle Way near Newport's City Park as long as his health permitted.

In addition to the family's furniture and mobile home businesses, Paul and his wife Imogene also raised cattle. He had Polled Herefords, while his wife preferred Black Angus, and they enjoyed competing with one another at the Saturday cattle sales to see who made the most money from their livestock ventures.

Paul's father died in 1954 and his mother in 1998. In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by two brothers, Warren and Roger Freeman, and one sister Iris Dale Glenn Wood.

In addition to his beloved wife, Paul is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Regenia and Charles Mason, grandson Chuck Mason, great-grandson Jackson McCaid Mason, brother and sister-in-law Dan and Dorothy Freeman, brother and sister-in-law Rolan and Betty Jean Freeman, sisters-in-law Mickey Freeman and Eula Freeman, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, and aunts.

Imogene and Regenia extend a very special "Thank you" to Barbara Davis,

Ronnie Davis, Tammy Francis, and Jabo Francis.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 11, 2013, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Manes Funeral Home with funeral services following in the funeral home's chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Interment will be in Union Cemetery on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul G. Freeman*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Imogene & Regenia, My thoughts & prayers are with you. Ginni*

Ginni Walker Foust - January 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

David Lindsey and Shanna Mcglothin - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul G. Freeman*

Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul G. Freeman*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul G. Freeman*

Lisa Large - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. We love you.*

Alvin & Jean Watts - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We are sorry for your loss. May Paul's memory be a blessing for you.

Bill Hicks & Sandra L. Hicks - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Paul G. Freeman

Don and Ella Mae Large and Family - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Paul G. Freeman

Joe & Linda Belles - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Paul G. Freeman

Sandy Ensley-Freshour - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Paul was one of my favorite patients. He always had a smile on his face. He'll be missed greatly. Praying for your family.

Tonia LaForce - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thinking of you during this most difficult time, June Holt Russell
Bryce Ailor S.C.Black

JUNE RUSSELL - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you. May this sad time be lightened by the wonderful memories of your loved one and warmed by the caring of family and friends. With Deepest Sympathy Love & Prayers Jabo, Tammy, Madison & Montana

Tammy - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Belinda Hatley & Vava Cummings - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Praying God will wrap you in His loving arms during this difficult time. May His presence bring you comfort, peace and strength. Rosa Sutton and family and Bea S. Brady

Rosa Sutton - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our Deepest sympathies

Tim & Stella Lunsford - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you both. Debbie

Debbie Marion Taylor - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Imogene I'm so sorry to here about uncle Paul I'm glad went to the store I think first October not real sure but anyway I got to set down and talk for a little while and ask about you and he starting talking about your cows. Anyway you both were always v

Eric and Stacey Freeman - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Sorry for you loss we will keep you in our prayers.*

Pat & Paricia Mathis Taylor - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Sorry for your loss.. Tommy, Jimmy, Jean*

Tommy Allen - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are for you to find comfort in the Lord.*

Linda Freeman Earley - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Wish we could be with you but prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Latha & Bobby Watson - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Paul G. Freeman*

mansfield mcmahan - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Imogene and Regina, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. May God bless and comfort you.
Sincerely, Linda & Bud*

Bud & Linda Dawson - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ AS YOUR LOVED ONE ENTERS THE GATES OF HEAVEN, MAY GOD'S GENTLE PEACE COMFORT YOUR HEART. PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY.RITA BALL

RITA BALL - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ My prayers are lifted up for each of you.....

Ray Fancher - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. God Bless.

Freddie and Patricia Jones - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Paul G. Freeman

Robert and Martha Pack - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.

Linnie Denton - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Mrs Freeman,please accept my sympathy.

Wiley Morgan - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ sorry for your loss don and sherry price

sherryjprice - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Paul G. Freeman*

Fred & Peggy Giles - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

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Joann mooneyham & family. - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

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KATHY AND BUDDY BARNETT - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

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Linda D Clark - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Paul G. Freeman*

kathey dunn - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM