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Paul passed from a brief battle with lung cancer at home with family and his loyal dogs by his side. He is survived by his wife, Claudia; his daughter, Holly and son in law Tim Fagan; his grandchildren, Whitlee & Sydnee Fagan; his sister, Fawn Heil; his twin brother, John; his sister, Gail Adrian; Lucky Louque who was like a son; and extended family Lynne and Dias Turner, Rebecca, Tony and Landon Cacioppo, Chris, Sally, Vivian and Hadlee Berry.

Paul was born in Charlotte, IA. He and his brother grew up working on the family farm, getting up before sunrise to milk cows. After high school, he put his thumb out and went to Yellowstone where he worked in the lodge. In 1952, he joined the Army and was sent to Korea. There he calculated large gun targeting and received the Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged in 1956 at the rank of SGT. He went home to drive a truck with his father and brother and soon joined a moving company traveling coast to coast.

On April 25, 1958 he took his first flying lesson in a Champ and was hooked. After several lessons, he realized he wanted more and decided to attend a professional pilot's school called Ross Aviation in Tulsa. On November 25, 1959, he passed his check ride. He continued toward Commercial Rating and

received that in March 1961. In April, he received his Instructors Rating. At this time, he was a Commercial Pilot, Flight & Ground Instructor and Link trainer. He soon got a job flying from FBO to FBO selling aircraft parts. He moved to Dallas in 1962, and this is when he met Claudia. He set up a flight school at Air Haven in 1963 and received his Multi-engine and Instrument Rating. On August 22, 1964 he and Claudia were married in Las Vegas. In '66, he became an FAA Pilot Examiner, and in February 1967, he opened his own Flight School at Hwy 77 called Campaul. In 1969, he helped the Green brothers design the Lancaster Airport, and in May 1970 he became the Airport Manager. In March of 1971, Paul and Claudia welcomed Holly. In 1973, he resigned as Manager and began assisting Lucky at L&L Aircraft by picking up damaged aircraft to be repaired for Insurance Companies. Through that in 1974, Air Salvage of Dallas was born. To this day people visit Air Salvage to talk about Paul teaching them to fly or giving them or their father a check ride. Paul didn't just work and fly, he was a very loving man who enjoyed time at his house in Matagorda on the Texas coast, fishing in the surf and bays catching redfish and trout. His family, friends, and industry associates spent a lot of time there catching fish and making memories. He also enjoyed shooting trap and skeet and made many lifelong friends through the Desoto Gun Club.

At 90, Paul continued to go to work at ASOD until a month before his death.

Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 Thursday, August 10th, at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster with a Celebration of Paul's life beginning at 10:30 followed by graveside in Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers: donate to your favorite animal rescue, The American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road
Lancaster, TX

Tribute Wall

RL

“ I will always remember Paul teaching me at the age of 10 how to make plastic fishing worms in the truck camper that was in the hanger at the airport in Lancaster. It is one of my favorite memories.



Robin Louque - August 09, 2023 at 10:34 PM

KL

“ Paul took the time to teach our son Matthew how to skeet shoot a few years ago and skeet shooting is now one of Matthew's favorite things to do. Paul's patience and kindness will be remembered especially when we go watch Matthew/Bubba shoot when he's in town.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Kathy and Robin Louque

Katherenia Louque - August 09, 2023 at 10:31 PM

SE

“ Selinda lit a candle in memory of Paul Camp



Selinda - August 09, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JT

“ Met Paul & Claudia years ago at DeSoto Gun Club. We shot skeet all around for years with them. I also had the pleasure of being the treasurer for the club & met at Air Salvage for our meetings. Paul always had a smile on his face. Paul, tell George "Hello" for me when you see him. Claudia keeping you & the family in my thoughts & prayers 🙏

Janet Tiseo - August 08, 2023 at 07:45 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Album



Rick Stockstill - August 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul B. Camp.



August 08, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul B. Camp.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul B. Camp.

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