



Paul Tenney,

September 27, 1932 - June 9, 2013

Paul D. "Doc" Tenney, DO died at home on Sunday, June 9, 2013 of natural causes.

Paul was born in Palo, Iowa, on September 27, 1932, to Rev William C. Tenney and Edith Davidson Tenney. Their family moved with his father's ministerial practice to Calmar, Iowa, and Dubuque, Iowa and then to Kirksville, Missouri where his father graduated from medical school. From there the family moved to Cedar Rapids, Central City and Mount Vernon, Iowa, where Paul graduated from high school and attended Cornell College. Paul entered COMS (College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery) in Des Moines, Iowa and graduated in 1965.

He married Florence "Dutch" Thompson in 1954 in Rockford, Illinois. Together they had two sons, Steven and Michael, and later divorced. During that time Paul completed his medical degree and began sports car racing while playing woodwinds in Des Moines area jazz clubs. While in medical school, Paul worked as a mechanic at an import car garage in Des Moines, where his affiliation with Alfa Romeo began. He participated successfully in regional SCCA events and soon became a renowned race preparator. During those years he played as a jazz musician in many local venues.

After graduation from COMS, Paul entered private practice in Glidden, Iowa for two years. Following that practice he served with the VA Hospital in Knoxville, Iowa as Sr. Grade Officer.

In 1971, Paul was recruited to the UNI Medical Service where he practiced for

23 years and retired in 1994.

He married Annette Barnard in 1971 and they later divorced. During this time Paul continued racing and preparing engines for Alfa Romeo and earned his private pilot's license.

In the years during practice at UNI and beyond, Paul developed a woodwind mouthpiece re-facing business that has served elite customers worldwide.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Craig D. Tenney; nephew Craig C. Tenney; and a favorite Uncle, Philip (Jean) Tinney.

Paul is survived by his wife, Janet Thompson, who he married in 1984; sons, Steven (Mindy) Tenney and Michael (Olya) Tenney and step-granddaughter, Lisa Strueva; grandsons, Brian, Dustin and Joshua Tenney; great-grandsons, Nolan, Nathan and Clark Tenney; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sybil and Jerry Kintz, Phyllis Thompson, Kathy and Gary Martin, Bill Thompson, Gordon and Michelle Thompson, Tod and Pam Thompson; niece, Patricia (Bill) Hewig and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for your amazing contributions to our world and for your friendship.

Benjamin Allen - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

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“ Paul was a man with a generous heart, a wealth of knowledge, a humor that was infectious, a passion for his loving wife, and I am so blessed to have been able to call him a member of the "outlaw" Thompson's. Peace and everlasting love to you and your family. Love Michelle

Michelle Thompson - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

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“ To an exceptional man who lived his life to the fullest, we bid a loving farewell. To Jan and to those who had the privilege of knowing and cherishing him, we send our heartfelt condolences. And we mourn with you all.

Dawn and Jack Chapman - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM