



Paul James Bayer

December 22, 1946 - December 13, 2025

Of Springfield, Virginia, passed December 13, 2025. He is the beloved husband of Kathleen Bayer; loving father of Roseann Bayer; and brother of Edward Bayer. He is the son of the late Adolph and Josephine Bayer, née Tramontana.

Paul, a native of Buffalo, New York, was a graduate of Canisius High School and College. After completing a master's in German at the University of Kentucky, he began his twenty year career in the Army, during which he was a member of the 101st Airborne Division and worked in military intelligence. After retiring from the Army, he joined the State Department, working in embassy site security, a career which sent him from sub-Saharan Africa to Scandinavia. Upon his second retirement, he often spent his time engrossed in history books, especially those chronicling the Civil War. Unsurprisingly, Paul seized the opportunity to volunteer at the National Museum of the U.S. Army as soon as it opened. He took immense enjoyment from sharing his love of history with visitors young and old.

Relatives and friends may call Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22315 on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 3-7PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 18825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle, Virginia 22172 on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 11AM. Interment Quantico National Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Paul's honor may be made to The National Museum of the U.S. Army.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
18825 Fuller Heights Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Committal Service

JAN 8. 12:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Paul James Bayer*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 29, 2025 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Here is the link if you'd like to make a donation to the National Museum of the Army:
<https://www.thenmusa.org/get-involved/donate-to-the-foundation/>*



Bernadette Martinucci - January 07 at 06:29 AM

EC

Paul was a great neighbor. I used to talk to him on my walks through the neighborhood. He was a kind gentle soul, we will all miss him.

Edward Connelly - March 08 at 04:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul James Bayer.*



January 02 at 01:54 PM

TS

“ Tim Schroth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul James Bayer.

Tim Schroth - January 02 at 01:54 PM

BM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Bernadette Martinucci - December 24, 2025 at 05:00 PM

EH

“ Elizabeth Hanny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul James Bayer.

Elizabeth Hanny - December 23, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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“ Elizabeth Hanny purchased the Crystal Cross Boquet for the family of Paul James Bayer.



Elizabeth Hanny - December 23, 2025 at 03:19 PM