



Paul F. Bodling Jr.

September 25, 1924 - May 7, 2019

Paul Frederick Bodling, Jr was born Sept 25, 1924 in New York City, a 1st generation American of German immigrants. He was raised in the Jamaica section of Queens, New York. He enjoyed swimming and was a Boy Scout. An avid artist at youth he was accepted into the prestigious Pratt Institute of Art and Design.

Paul enlisted into the US Navy in November of 1942 and was serving aboard the USS Schmitt (DE-676) during D-Day. Paul continued his career in the Navy serving in the Atlantic Fleet. He was working at the Great Lakes Naval Base where he met his wife to be Elsie. They were married on March 20, 1948. Paul's duty assignments included being stationed aboard several ships including the USS Mindoro (CVE-120); the USS Columbus (CA-74), the USS Providence (CL-82).

Paul's naval career took him to Dartmouth College as an ROTC administrator, as well as San Diego CA, London, England, the Mediterranean Sea. He worked at the Naval Security Station in Washington DC and as director of the Naval Courier Service. He was assigned to the Norfolk Naval Base, and was a military attaché for the Lyndon B Johnson presidential inauguration.

After retirement from the Navy in June of 1970, Paul worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Sales & Use Tax Investigator. Paul's love for art also led him to work in the Custom Art Framing department for Woodward & Lothrop and the Ben Franklin Store in Northern Virginia. He enjoyed woodcarving, painting and "pen & ink" drawing.

Paul's work in the Church saw him serve as an Elder for Our Savior Lutheran in Arlington as well as a Trustee and member of the Building Committee overseeing the construction of the new sanctuary.

He is survived by his three sons Paul (Linda), Kurt (Ann) and James (Lori); five grandchildren Jesse Cunningham, Aaron Bodling, Kristin Bodling, Emily Brock and Jill Bodling and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, younger brothers Walter and Alfred, and his wife of 70 years Elsie.

Viewing will be held at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria VA 22315 on Friday May 17 from 5pm to 8pm

The Funeral Service will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church 905 South Taylor Street, Arlington VA 22204 on Saturday May 18 at 10am.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date to be determined.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
825 S Taylor St
Arlington, VA 22204

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul F. Bodling Jr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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May 15, 2019 at 09:15 PM



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May 14, 2019 at 08:31 PM