



Paul Francis Somerville

March 6, 1935 - January 26, 2024

Paul Francis Somerville of Alexandria, VA passed away Friday, January 26, 2024. He was a loving husband to Carole Somerville; widow of Lucy Anne Somerville (deceased); beloved father to Mary Beth Owens, Paul John Somerville (deceased) and Suzanne Somerville; brother to Mary Beth Jordan (deceased) and Jane Somerville, grandfather to William Andrews, Caitlyn Somerville and Maggie Somerville.

Paul was born and raised in Albany, New York. He grew up with a large extended family with many cousins, aunts and uncles. He was an avid baseball player and an altar boy.

He graduated from Niagara University then later earned his master's degree from George Washington University. After Niagara, he joined the U.S. Army. He was an Airborne, Infantry Ranger. He served 30 years and retired as a Colonel. He served two tours in Vietnam, a year in Iran, two years in Korea and Germany. He won multiple awards including the Bronze Star with Valor and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Commendation Medal with Valor..

After his career in the Army, he worked for United Services Life Insurance Company in Marketing. Throughout his career he was known as an extremely knowledgeable, capable leader and much respected co-worker.

Paul married Lucy Reilly in 1957. They had three children. Lucy died in 2004, after almost 20 years of fighting cancer. They were both avid tennis players, loved to travel and enjoyed raising their children, and even more so grandchildren, together.

After Lucy's death, Paul was fortunate to find love again with Carole Hodell. They enjoyed 15 years of marriage together.

Paul was Catholic. He took a great deal of pride that his sister and cousin are nuns and his other cousin a priest. He was extremely charitable and lived his values. He often brought soldiers to his home for holidays, generously donated to non-profit organizations and volunteered his time to others.

Family and friends may be received at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315, on Friday, February 2, at noon. A celebration of life will happen at Jefferson at 1 p.m. followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Army Emergency Relief. <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Gathering

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Francis Somerville*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 01, 2024 at 11:17 AM

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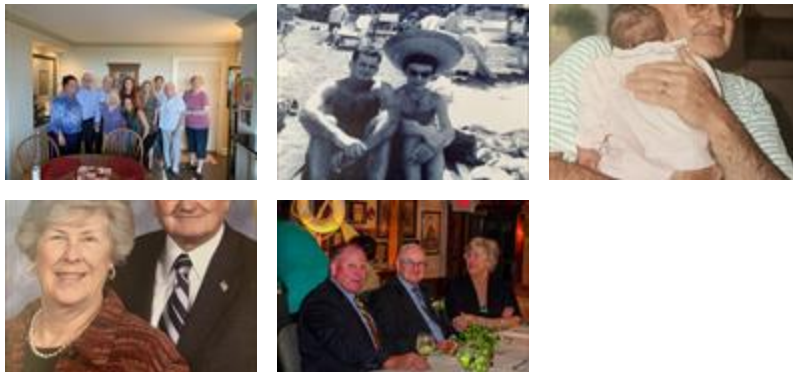
“ *Donation made to Army Emergency Relief in Paul Francis Somerville's memory, from Suzanne's friends and teammates at BHD.*



Marianna Cardozo - February 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM

SS

“ *10 files added to the album Photos and Videos*



Suzanne Somerville - January 30, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DC

“ Col. Somerville was such a kind neighbor who always had a smile. A person you just liked to spend a little extra time with. He loved sweets and we always enjoyed treating him to something fresh from the bakery! He lived out his faith in his kindness to everyone. Love, Dave and Debbie C.

dave connet - January 29, 2024 at 06:22 PM

JM

“ Jane Morrissey lit a candle in memory of Paul Francis Somerville



Jane Morrissey - January 27, 2024 at 11:23 PM

JC

“ Paul was our flrst neighbor when there weren't too many houses yet in the cul de sac. He made us feel welcome immediately and provided a sense of community from the start. We remember him walking his sidekick in the backyard. We remember him picking up litter when he walked down the hill and back. We loved his stories, his quiet sense of humor, the joy he felt in the simple, everyday activities and his traditions (raising the flag, his annual trek to the Viet Nam memorial). It was truly an honor and a privilege to have him as a friend. We will miss him and carry him in our hearts and memories. Jane & Jeff

Jane Morrissey & Jeff Cornett - January 27, 2024 at 11:22 PM

WM

Paul was also our first neighbor when I moved next door in January 2000. He was truly an honorable and good man and great patriot. We all understood but felt the loss when he and Carole moved to a condo in Alexandria a few years ago.

My husband I were just reminiscing positively about Paul before we got the sad news yesterday.

Paul will be sorely missed.

winnie and dave

Winnie Miller - January 28, 2024 at 08:09 AM