



Paul Herman Clapp, son of Herman and Minnie (Vermeulen) Clapp, was born May 26, 1940, at Volga, South Dakota. Paul attended Volga Public School from 1st-4th grade, Volga Christian School from 5th-8th grade, and Volga High School where he graduated from. Paul went on to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Paul briefly worked construction before teaching at Volga Christian School and then Leota Christian School. In 1963 while working at Volga Christian, Paul met Lila June Vander Pol. The couple married on August 19, 1966. In 1968, Paul and Lila moved to Oak Harbor, Washington where Paul served as principal for Oak Harbor Christian School Junior High until 1972. From 1972-1977, Paul surveyed Whidbey Island and worked in real estate. Then in the summer of 1977, Paul and Lila, along with their daughters, Paula and Julie, moved to Rock Valley, Iowa, where they eventually welcomed their son, Michael. Paul worked for Hope Haven for 36 years. He managed group homes for 31 years and spent 5 years driving bus. Paul retired from Hope Haven in 2013.

Paul valued being a follower of Christ over all things. He would fervently be in prayer for his family. He was his grandchildren's biggest fan and enjoyed attending their concerts and sporting activities. Paul was also an avid reader and enjoyed playing Snooker at the Senior Center. He was a fan of the South Dakota State Jackrabbits and Cleveland Indians baseball. Paul was an active member at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley where he served in many roles throughout the years, including, elder, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and usher. Paul passed away Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Hegg Health Center of Rock Valley at the age of 84.

Those left to cherish his memory are his **wife of 57 years, Lila; daughter, Paula (Mark) Van Dam** of Edgerton, Minnesota and their children, Katie Van Dam, Jacob Van Dam (Fiancée Mikaya Herdle) and Joshua Van Dam; **daughter, Julie (Jason) Van Beek** of Crawford, Nebraska and their children, Kristin (Tim) May and Levi Van Beek; and **son, Michael (Jennie) Clapp** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and their children, Emily Clapp and Brooks Clapp; one brother, David (Carolyn) Clapp of Federal Way, Washington; Lila's 5 brothers, Nelson (Joan) Vander Pol, Myron (Gladys) Vander Pol, Vernon (Mina) Vander Pol, Wilmar (Christine) Vander Pol, and Warren (Pat) Vander Pol; and many nephews and nieces.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Minnie; parents-in-law, Jacob and Agnes Vander Pol; and nephew, Kyle Clapp.

In Loving Memory
Paul Herman Clapp

May 26, 1940 ~ June 9, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Friday, June 14, 2024
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANTS

Rev. Henry Lengkeek
Rev. Jack Gray

ORGANIST

Sharon Visser

REMEMBRANCES

Warren Vander Pol ~ Levi Van Beek
Jacob Van Dam ~ Katie Van Dam ~ Michael Clapp

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pat Vander Pol, Pianist
"In Christ Alone"
Paul's Grandchildren
"Blessed Assurance"
Katie Van Dam

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
"By the Sea of Crystal"

PALLBEARERS

Katie Van Dam ~ Jacob Van Dam ~ Mikaya Herdle
Joshua Paul Van Dam ~ Kristin May ~ Tim May
Levi Van Beek ~ Emily Clapp ~ Brooks Clapp

MEMORIALS

Rehoboth Christian School,
Rock Valley Christian School or Volga Christian School

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Paul's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood*

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*



*I have no greater joy
than to hear that my children
are walking in the truth.*

3 John 4

