

G Paul Robert Goecke was born in Watertown, WI to Gordon and Phyllis Goecke on November 23, 1951. They lived in Milwaukee until 1965 when they moved to Fargo, ND. Paul graduated from Fargo South in 1970. On December 27, 1973 he married Stephenie Marine. They moved to Detroit Lakes, MN in 1979. Paul served in the US Army and later became an Army Reservist. He was deployed to the UAE during the Persian Gulf War. He retired from the reserves in 1994. Paul worked for the Detroit Lakes Police Department as summer officer in 1978 then was hired full time in 1979. He served the city of DL for 28 years, retiring in 2007. In his retirement he worked for the Becker County Sheriff's office as a summer boat and water officer for 10 years and has driven school bus for Schultz Bus since 2008. After retirement he became active in the Patriot Assistance Dog Program.

First and foremost he was a family man. He loved his wife and children dearly and absolutely adored his granddaughter. Paul was known for his infectious smile and his calm demeanor. He treated everyone with respect. He enjoyed playing fantasy baseball and would always look for trains and train museums when he traveled.

Paul is survived by his wife, Stephenie, (Detroit Lakes) his son Geoffrey, (Detroit Lakes), his daughter Breanne (Erik) Blomquist (West Fargo) and granddaughter Irene. He is also survived by his brother, Bruce (Bonnie) Goecke (Fargo) and sister, Tania Goecke (Detroit Lakes) along with various nephews and a niece.

Celebrating T H E L I F E O F



Paul Goecke

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Paul Robert Goecke

November 23, 1951-Watertown, Wisconsin

June 9, 2023-Ft. Madison, Iowa

Memorial Services

Tuesday, June 20, 2023-11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Kevin Gregory

Pianist

Paul Heisler

Soloist

Liz Harmon

Memories of Paul by

Linda Wiedewitsch

Military Honors by

Lake Region Veteran's Color Guard

Interment

Fargo National Cemetery

Fargo, North Dakota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota