



## Paul Gary Rhine

April 28, 1941 - February 12, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Gary Rhine

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Mr. Paul Gary Rhine, of Alto Pass, Illinois, died February 12, 2025.

Paul Gary Rhine was born April 28, 1941 in Eldorado, Illinois to the late Paul Tison Rhine and Catherine (Poole) Rhine. He was the oldest of 5 sons. Paul married Cathy Kopecy (daughter of the late Roy and Margaret Kopecy) on May 27, 1963 in Houston, Texas. They were married 59 years before Cathy preceded him in death on November 20, 2022.

Paul Gary is also preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, and brothers: Dale Wayne Rhine, Gale Dwight Rhine, and Kendall Lee Rhine; sister-in-law, Mary Ludwick; niece, Kaci Arnold.

Paul Gary is survived by brother, Donald (Patricia) Rhine, sisters-in-law, Linda

Stanley of Houston, TX, Gail Rhine of Alto Pass, IL, Rita Rhine of Dallas, TX, and Ruth Abbotts of Dallas, TX, nieces and nephews: Kendall Tison (Julie) Rhine, Stephanie (Chuck) White, Steven (Sumalee)Rhine, Tony (Yanci) Rhine, Eric Rhine, Shannon Hibner, Brandon (Sara) Rhine, Paula (Jason) McNiel, Dustin Rhine, Ashley (AJ) Armstrong, April Sebesta. In addition, many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Paul Gary went to Rice University in Houston, Texas. He was a member of the basketball team at Rice. Paul Gary met his wife, Cathy, while attending Rice.

Paul Gary was a member of the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War. Paul Gary was a commander of the 1542 infantry unit. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medal for his service.

Paul Gary was an avid antiques collector. He loved to go to Auctions and set up booths at Flea Markets. He had a big collection of marbles and glassware. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Services for Paul Gary Rhine will be held at a later date with inurnment at Rhine Cemetery in Raleigh, Illinois.

The cremation of Paul Gary Rhine will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rhine Cemetery

Raleigh, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *I just read Paul's obituary, was so sad. He was Orville's team mate at Rice and the four of us shared many good times together. He was a really good friend. Marion Welch*

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**Marion Welch** - March 09, 2025 at 03:49 PM