



## Paul Phillip Meigs

October 5, 1942 - May 5, 2023

Paul Phillip Meigs, a loving husband, father, grandfather, veteran, educator, and community

leader, passed away on May 4, 2023, at the age of 80. Paul was born on October 5, 1942, in

Bibb County, Alabama, to V. F. Meigs and Mae Meigs and was the youngest of 3 children He

graduated from Bibb County High School in Brent, AL.

After graduating from high school, Paul joined the Alabama National Guard and continued his

education at the University of Montevallo, where he earned a degree in Biology/Physical

Education. He would later go on to earn his master's degree in Education Administration from

Troy University of Montgomery and an Education Specialist Degree from Auburn University of

Montgomery. Paul proudly served in the National Guard for 40 years where he reached the rank

of Sergeant Major. Outside of the National Guard, he dedicated his life to the field of education,

serving as a teacher, coach, administrator, and principal for over 32 years: 21 years working in

the Autauga County school system, 10 years with the State Department of

Education and 1 year

at Guntersville High School. He had a great love for high school athletics and the Auburn Tigers.

War Eagle!

Paul was a devoted member of Guntersville First Methodist Church and the Cannon Sunday

School Class, where he worshiped for many years. He found great joy in his faith and lived his

life with a deep commitment to serving others.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara, his children Joey Meigs (Shonda) of

Dothan, AL, Kathy Merkl (Tim) of Prattville, AL, Patty Richmond (Chase) of Cleveland, TN, and

his sister Margaret Payne of Tuscaloosa, AL. He was a proud grandfather to his seven

grandchildren, Emily Sellers, Brannon Meigs, Emelia, Sara Kathryn, Jack, Connor & Cary Gray

Merkl.

He was preceded in death by his parents, V.F. Meigs and Mae Meigs, and his brother, Jimmy

Meigs.

A celebration of Pauls life will be held on May 13th at 2:00 pm at Guntersville First Methodist

Church. He will be buried at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL at a later date.

Pauls memory will live on through the countless lives he touched. His legacy of service,

dedication, and love will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Guntersville

First Methodist  
Church in memory of Paul.

# Cemetery Details

## **Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo**

Monttivello, AL

# Tribute Wall

 Dan Jones

“ *He was my principal. Was very understanding when my aunt/uncle show him he report card grades, I changed.*

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**Dan Jones** - July 25, 2023 at 01:47 PM

JY

“ *Prayers go up for the family. My memories of him was when he was the principal at the Prattville Intermediate School when I was in 6th and 7th grade and then was the principal at Prattville High School when I attended from 1978-1981. He also was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He touched my family's life and was a great influence of my high school years. Now you are at rest in Jesus' arms. Shalom, until we meet again.*  
*Jeri Young*  
*Prattville, Al.*

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**Jeri Young** - May 19, 2023 at 07:51 PM

BM

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family. Paul had a loving spirit that he shared unconditionally. Prayers and Blessings. Brenda May & Family*



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**Brenda May** - May 12, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Phillip Meigs.*



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May 11, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Paul. We will miss being there for the service. Praying for you and the family. We love y'all. Pam, Edward, Will, Emily Peirce*

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**Pam Peirce** - May 11, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ *Love, Young & Restless PC CG purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul Phillip Meigs.*



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**Love, Young & Restless PC CG** - May 10, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ Paul was indeed a man with a servant's heart. Yet, my memories are ones of a friend and neighbor. After we moved to Huie Street in Prattville, Al in 1984, Paul and Barbara soon became dear friends. We shared times of joy and frustration raising our children, laughter and close times as neighbors, many afternoon walks that I later learned Paul would tell Barbara he hoped the phone call wasn't me wanting to walk, and neighborhood experiences that are too many to share. I remember crying hard the day they moved to Guntersville. I was losing my coffee buddy, Barbara, and my walking buddy, Paul. Yet the one thing that stands out the most was his love for God and the desire that his children and friends all know about his Savior. Last week, Paul's faith became sight.



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**Martha Ellen s** - May 09, 2023 at 12:25 PM

PM

“ Prattville High School Class of 1981 just celebrated our 42nd Class Reunion, and Mr. Meigs was certainly a big part of our shared memories and conversations. He was a devoted educator as our principal, a great encourager to the sports teams, band program and others. He will be fondly remembered by his students. Go, PHS Lions!!

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**Patty Macready** - May 08, 2023 at 06:33 PM

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“ What a wonderful man! Coach Meg's drove my school bus and consequently introduced me to my future husband who drove for him in the afternoons. I can never thank him enough for that! May he fly high with the angels!!

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**Rebecca Newman Rouse** - May 08, 2023 at 05:29 PM