



Paul Rittenhouse Jr

August 18, 1935 - March 15, 2026

Paul Judson Rittenhouse, Jr. passed away at the age of 90 at Haven Hospice in Chiefland, Florida, on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Paul was born August 18, 1935, in Orange, New Jersey. He married Clara Ethel Downing on December 27, 1956.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Pamela of St. Johns, Florida; his son, Tom of Trenton and Perry; sister, Nancy of Ocala; grandchildren Ryan Burnette and Tyler Jeter of Jacksonville; great grandchildren Conrad, Kepler, Cort and Emily. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers and sister and by his great grandson Persy who, like Paul, faced a devastating diagnosis of cancer with courage and grace.

Paul served in the United States Air Force for 20 years. He was a boom operator on the KC-97 and KC-135 aircraft performing mid-air refueling. After retiring from the Air Force, Paul and Clara moved to Fanning Springs, Florida, and later to their final home in nearby Trenton. Paul was gifted with a natural understanding of all kinds of machinery. He spent much time helping neighbors by repairing their appliances that had stopped working. It was his way of helping others with his natural ability. Paul became known by the nickname his grandchildren gave him, 'Gank.' Whether you knew him as Paul or Gank, he was a strong, loving and protective man who will be remembered and missed by his family and friends always and forever.

Memorial services to honor him will be held at Rick Gooding Funeral Home in Chiefland, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, with Bro. Joe Wynn officiating. A catered meal will follow at Haven Hospice in Chiefland. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the family of the late Everritt Heaton or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland
1301 N Young Blvd
Chiefland, FL 32626
(352) 493-0050
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Paul Rittenhouse Jr



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - March 29 at 02:18 PM



“ WITH LOVE FROM TIM WALKER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Rittenhouse Jr.

WITH LOVE FROM TIM WALKER - March 26 at 03:43 PM



“ WITH LOVE FROM TIM WALKER purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Paul Rittenhouse Jr.



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“ *Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and held so dear.*



May Uncle Paulie be at peace, I hope you and Dad are cutting it up in heaven.

My deepest condolences to the entire family. Love & light all around at this time. □

Amber Rittenhouse - March 20 at 06:07 PM

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“ *To the Rittenhouse family:
Mr. Paul was a fine, honest person who cared about people. Our deepest condolences on your loss. May God richly bless the family during this time.*

Jimmie, Rachel, & Zachary Hill and Joe, Madison, & Vivi Grae Giles III

jimmie hill - March 20 at 01:05 PM

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“ *R.I.P uncle Paul.
Although it's been many years I always loved hearing the stories about the Air Force, especially the one about fueling a plane you had no idea what it was with "Special" fuel.
Godspeed*

Blair Rittenhouse - March 20 at 11:40 AM