



# Paul Brown

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**O**ra Paul Brown was born on December 20, 1930, in Avant, Oklahoma to Lee and Elsie Brown. He lived there with his family until moving to the Puyallup/Sumner area at the age of 4.

At age 21, Paul enlisted in the Navy. He was in the service for 3 years and enjoyed boxing for exercise, but eventually quit because he discovered he didn't like hitting or hurting people.

Once a civilian again, Paul worked at his first barber shop in Bremerton, then another in Tacoma on 6th and Sprague. Eventually he opened up his own barber shop in University Place on 27th and Locust, which he worked at for more than 20 years. He had many loyal clients there and was known to cut the hair of father, sons, and grandsons. Even after "retirement", he continued to work at Jim's Barber Shop, as well as another shop in Federal Way. He also made house calls at nursing homes for friends who were unable to make it out for a haircut. He enjoyed helping others in any way he could.

Paul was a bachelor until the age of 41 when he married his first wife, Nina. Although he never had children of his own, when he married Nina, he became an instant Dad and Grandfather (and eventually a Great-Grandfather). He loved family, though, and took them all under his wing. He loved and cared for them, as if they were his own. When Nina died after 30 years of marriage, he was widowed for 2 years before marrying his current wife, Olivia, in 2006. When they married, he added 2 more children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren to his family.

Paul loved woodturning and received awards for some of his work. He made beautiful bowls, pens, clocks, and many more things in his garage. He was a founding member of the South Puget Sound Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

Paul was one of the healthiest men around. He continued jogging up until age 75. He was the one you called if you needed help moving. Without a second thought, he would load his truck full of furniture, tie it down with one of his special knots he'd learned in the Navy so it wouldn't come



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lose, then unload the whole truck at the new location. His specialty was moving couches up very steep flights of stairs--and allowing the person 40 years younger than him to take the top, so he could do all the strenuous work pushing from the bottom!

Paul's great love was sharing the word of the Bible with friends at church through prayer meetings. He attended Life Center, Grace Assembly, and later the Church of All Nations near his home. When his health started declining, he still tried to make the Senior prayer meetings on Wednesday mornings with his wife Olivia.

Paul had a special way of touching everyone he met with his big heart and his love for life. He was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends.

Paul is survived by wife Olivia, sister Faye Edmonson, Stepdaughters Anna Tondino (and husband Lou), Nadine Fulton (and husband Larry), Bobbi Martin, Kim Delich, and Christina Peterson; Stepsons Wayne Segar and Joe Martin; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by first wife Nina, sister Elsie Vickerman, Stepdaughter Doris Olson.



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**Anonymous** posted:

Had I never met Paul, I would have continued to believe there was no man as good as him.##imported-begin##Eric Cummings##imported-end##

July 29 at 8:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Grandpa Paul--I never imagined life without you, and now all of a sudden it is upon me. You were the one I would call when my car broke down, or when I simply wanted to know how you made the world's best chicken salad sandwich (with garlic!). Words cannot express what an inspiration you have been to our family. And to me. Thank you for trusting me to spend your last few days at home with you. It meant more than you can imagine. I love you and will never forget our special memories together. Love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie Fulton##imported-end##

July 29 at 2:29 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

olivia and family god bless ora paul memory!i will miss seeing him and olivia coming into the pharmcay hand and hand. so in love with each other. remember the good times. love karen rx##imported-begin##karen rettig##imported-end##

July 29 at 9:16 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Paul always came into our store with a bright and sunny smile on his face. We liked him very much and will miss seeing him. Sorry for your loss. T he Franz Crew, Holly, Carol, Lorrie and Cindy!!! ;0)##imported-begin##Franz Family Bakery##imported-end##

July 28 at 12:23 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Grandpa Paul--I must confess, I never pictured life without you. Now all of a sudden, it is upon me. I can't put into words what you have done for our family. And for me. You were the one I would call if my car broke down or if I simply wanted to know how to make the best chicken salad sandwich (with garlic!). I will especially miss you calling to sing me "Happy Birthday" every June 22nd. Thank you for trusting me to care for you during your last few days at home. I love you so much and will never forget the impact you've had on my life. Love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie Fulton##imported-end##

July 25 at 7:21 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Family ~We are so sorry to hear of your loss ~ Paul was a wonderful man and so blessed to be loved by so many. Our hearts are with you during this time of sorrow. May he rest in Peace ~All our Love ~ Jeanette & Randy##imported-begin##Jeanette & Randy##imported-end##

July 25 at 7:24 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Nadine and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. You are all in my heart and prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Painter##imported-end##

July 24 at 8:08 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We wish Paul peace and know that he was blessed. Although we were not related to him, when he came to visit his stepdaughter Anna Tondino, we always wanted to see him. He was always filled with joy and love and is an inspiration to us. Thank you for posting this site with all of the wonderful pictures. Gina (Anna and Lou Tondino's niece) and Bob (husband) and Daniel (son) Crubaugh##imported-begin##The Crubaugh Family##imported-end##

July 24 at 4:12 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Olivia and Family, We will so miss seeing Paul beside you at Torchbearers. It's hard to believe we were all together only three weeks ago. We will miss seeing you together. Hope to see you this afternoon at the Service.##imported-begin##Mary Lee (Monty) Clark##imported-end##

July 24 at 8:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Paul was such an example in our neighborhood and a blessing to those around - he will be missed greatly! Our our love to the family and especially Olivia##imported-begin##Lonnie & Shari Anderson##imported-end##

July 24 at 5:00 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Family: Paul & I shared a long, joyful & loving conversation in Edmonds on May 6, where we both attended Ed & Arline's 70th Anniversary celebration. Uncle Paul was his sparkling self, full of love and faith and joy. We spoke outside in the bright sun and light breeze, Paul sitting in a car back-seat, out of that breeze. He clearly wanted to live but had decided against anymore chemo treatments. I think he was ready for what-may-come. Dear Julie, Nadine, Anna, Wayne & all - With continued great regard and affection for Paul I must let you know, the notice for his service being brief and my attendance in two classes a week prevent me from travelling to his service tomorrow, Tuesday. Please accept apology for this absence with my condolences, love and prayers for your comfort and blessings in the loss of this fine man. Sally Mae Kilkenny##imported-begin##Sally Kilkenny##imported-end##

July 23 at 12:08 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our hearts go out to Olivia and family for your great loss. Paul was a wonderful, religious man who helped all. We will miss him dearly. May God take this man and place him in with him. We will miss his smiling face at the St John of the Woods church. He was always there to help. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Ken & Karen Knobbe##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:40 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Paul is a very special person. He was so kind and considerate of everyone. I am grateful to have known him and so blessed to be his sister. So sorry we didn't have more time together on this planet but I know we will meet again. I know too that he has gone on to a greater calling and he will have a joyous reunion with loved ones that have gone on before. We will always remember and love him.##imported-begin##Ruby Ream##imported-end##

July 22 at 5:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our sympathy goes to Paul's family. Paul was wonderful person and a valued friend to everyone he knew. We are especially fond of his wife Olivia. (the God mother to our 3 children. We will greatly miss him. He was a joy to be around. Jim & Alice Golko##imported-begin##jim & alic Golko##imported-end##

July 22 at 7:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our sincerest, most heartfelt condolences to Paul's family. Paul was an extraordinary, optimistic, gentle and hardworking man. He was the kind of modest, independent, warm-hearted, tough "old west" cowboy type who never complained about adversity, could and would do anything for you. Paul also happened to be the best barber I ever knew. Paul was just an incredible person. His barbering skills were superlative - one always left his shop feeling and looking like a million bucks. But Paul possessed an impressive, non-judgmental wisdom. I noticed and liked how he treated, trained, and mentored Jim as his successor. I had the feeling that Paul kept working part time after his retirement to make sure that Jim's Shop was well established and fully successful. After Paul's retirement, we purchased and shared several of his wood turnings within our family as special holiday gifts. Like everything else in Paul's life his turnings were of exceptional quality. I will miss Paul's good nature, conversations and insights. Fair winds and following seas for eternity - Paul.##imported-begin##Jim Clark##imported-end##

July 22 at 7:22 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am truly saddened by the passing of my great friend, Paul. Paul was much more than just a friend; he was an amazing person. He was always so kind and considerate to us that we always welcomed seeing him at every opportunity. His skills as one of the finest Barber's in town was evident by the constant line of faithful customers you'd see lined up on the bench. He was a legend in our community. Everyone loved Paul Brown. Always considerate of others and always a true gentleman. My boys and I loved listening to him reminisce about his mischevious childhood years, military service and his stories of the "smokers" he had during his brief boxing career. His passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Paul's memory will always remain deep within my heart. We love you brother! My sincere thoughts and prayers are with Olivia, Nadine and the rest of his family.##imported-begin##David Burns##imported-end##

July 22 at 3:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thinking of you all and sending my love!##imported-begin##Carma##imported-end##

July 21 at 12:21 PM



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