



G. Paul McCormick

June 15, 2011

McCORMICK G. Paul McCormick, 94, of Worthington, passed away on June 15, 2011, with his son, Paul Jr., by his side. Paul was born on December 25, 1916 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to William and Lillian McCormick. Paul had a long career in aviation spanning from 1929 to 1999. He described himself in his teens as "an airplane nut and an airport rat". He moved to California and acquired a job with the then fledging North American Aviation and worked on their first production contract as a machinist. He advanced through management and was later sent to Columbus in 1950 to assist in opening a new plant. He eventually became Vice President and held a variety of other management positions until he retired in 1988, at which point the company retained him as a consultant until 1999, when he was 83. He had major responsibilities concerning the construction of the Space Shuttle, the Apollo spacecraft, the B-1 Bomber and the T2B "Buckeye" Navy trainer. Early in his career he worked on the P-51 Mustang and later on the F-86 and F-100. In 2007, he was inducted into the "Mustang Legends" hall of fame by fellow aviators. He also considered himself a photographer, poet, writer and philosopher. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Emma, his two sisters Margaret and Lillian, and brother Billy. His daughter, Debby, also predeceased him, tragically, in December of 2010. He is survived by his son, Paul Jr. (Kay); grandchildren, Michael, Aaron (Kristin), Amanda (Randy); and great-grandchildren, Weston, Quinn and Sierra. He was also loved by hundreds of athletes from Thomas Worthington High School who greatly

appreciated the action photographs he took, in his later years, of their athletic activities. He will be sorely missed and , in his words, he "has launched into the wild blue yonder to be in formation with his maker, the Lord God Almighty". Friends may attend a visitation at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 on Sunday, June 19, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. A service celebrating Paul's life will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Condolences may be sent to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *G. Paul McCormick*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *As a longtime WPC member, I knew Paul (and Emma) for many years. He will be missed. I didn't know about all of his accomplishments until I read his obituary, but what I will remember most about him is his deep devotion to Emma. I feel sure they are reunited now. My sympathies go out to all of the McCormick family.*

Sue Funk - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. McCormick took many many pictures of the girl's track team over the years. The girls and I appreciated his dedication to our team; and we learned much from his pictures. We made him an honorary track member and letter winner at our banquet in 2008. I was out-of-town when the news of his death came; otherwise I most definitely would have attended the services. Thank you for sharing your father with us. Nancy Beattie, former Girl's Head Track Coach*

Nancy Beattie - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Paul McCormick. I had the pleasure of working with Paul on a church committee a few years ago and found him a delightful and dedicated fellow volunteer. His was a full life, well lived, and many mourn his passing.*

Kathryn Paugh - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul and Family, My daughter and I want to share our sympathies with you. Unfortunately neither of us could come to either the visitation hours or funeral. My daughter Sally was one of the many Thomas Worthington High School Softball players of whom your Dad took pictures. We also attend WPC and enjoyed sitting with him when he wasn't singing and watching him when he was. May you take comfort in knowing your Dad was loved by all. Sincerely, Dana Nichols

Dana and Sally Nichols - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ The patterson's love and respected Mr. McCormick. We appreciated his photography at our sporting events and his nice words of encouragement to the teams. He will be dearly missed by our family. Love, Lily and Camille Patterson

The Patterson Family - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM