



## Paul J. Lankes

November 4, 1940 - February 5, 2025

Paul Joseph Lankes, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on November 4, 1940, in the Bronx, New York, to Paul Lankes and Gladys (Norton) Lankes, Paul lived a life defined by service, kindness, and unwavering dedication to his family and community.

Paul spent much of his career serving the City of Los Angeles as a Supervisor for the Department of Water and Power, where his leadership and commitment left a lasting impact.

After retiring, he found joy in traveling and cherishing time with his family and friends, always treasuring the moments spent with those he loved.

Paul's dedication to service began early in life. Before serving in the United States Air Force, he was a volunteer firefighter for the town of Mahopac Falls, New York, embodying the spirit of selflessness that defined his character. He was also a proud member of the Elks Lodge in Stuart,

Florida, where he continued to build friendships and serve his community.

Above all, Paul was a man of integrity, warmth, and compassion. He never missed an opportunity to offer a friendly greeting or share a heartfelt smile. His presence brought comfort and joy to all who knew him, and his legacy of kindness and devotion will be carried on by those who were fortunate enough to share in his life.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Clara, and their children: Paul (Kerryn Hargrove), William (Wendy Herbert), James, and Elizabeth Lankes; his sister Lorraine (Lankes) Callanan. He was a cherished grandfather to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family was his greatest joy, and he leaves behind a legacy of love that will endure for generations.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 2:00 PM, followed by a service presented by the Elks Lodge at 4:45 PM.

Paul and Clara are members of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, Hobe Sound, FL and a Mass intention will be provided for Paul in the 10:30 AM Mass held on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

Paul's life was a testament to the power of kindness, dedication, and love. Though he will be

deeply missed, his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7  
Lake Worth, FL 33449

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Elks Ceremony

FEB 12. 4:45 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Paul was an integral part of my childhood. The family Suburban was the main reason that the Suburban was my must have vehicle as an adult! He was larger than life and will be missed. I am forever grateful he brought my best friend to Canyon Country when we were just wee ones. God Bless the Lankes family.

*Much Love,  
Kelly Pettit*

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