



Paul E. Cooley

May 25, 1927 - July 21, 2025

Memorial Service of Death and Resurrection
08/22/2025
11:00 am

Processional "From Everlasting" (Psalm 90)

Greeting and Words of Grace

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings Micah 6:6-8 (RSV) (Jeff)
 Isaiah 41:8-10 (NIV) (Jeff & Paul)
 John 1:1-5 (RSV) (Steve)

Song "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Meditation and Remembrance

**The Apostle's Creed, Prayers, and The Lord's Prayer

**Song "Victory in Jesus"

**Benediction and Grace for the Meal

Military Honors

Procession to the Columbarium

** Stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Dr. Paul E. Cooley, age 98, died Monday morning, July 21, 2025. Paul was born in Holt, MI, to Bertha (Eifert) and Charles Cooley. He was preceded in death by his brother Clifford, sister Marjorie Cowardin, son Philip, and first wife Joyce (Carpenter) Cooley. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nancy (Brown), daughter Elizabeth (Mike) Mann, son Daniel, step-daughter Michelle Dastagir, daughter-in-law Kathy Cooley, grandchildren Ryan (Kayla) Cooley, Stephen (Melissa) Cooley, Suzanne (Andreas Efthymious) Cooley, Julie (fiancee Claire Bullock) Mann, Eric Mann, and one great-granddaughter, Gwendolyn Jo Cooley, who he was privileged to meet 11 days before his passing. He pronounced her "The perfect baby!"

Paul was valedictorian of his Holt High School class of 1945, served in the US Army for 2 years at the end of WWII, then completed his undergraduate degree at Albion College. He was a proud alumnus of The University of Michigan Medical School and loved his Wolverines. Go Blue! Paul interned at Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, and practiced Family Medicine in Swanton, Ohio for 27 years, where he delivered babies, did minor surgery, set broken bones, sewed up multitudes of cuts, made house calls, was team physician for Swanton High School, and served his community well.

After retirement in 1982, Paul and Nancy moved to Greenville, MI, designing and building their own house. Wood lumbered from their property was lovingly milled by Paul and used in finishing their home.

Paul enjoyed many hobbies over the years. He was an amateur architect, a painter, a runner, a pilot, a gardener, a carpenter, and a wood worker, to name a few. Paul loved his family, nature, and God. He found joy in everything and never knew a stranger. He visited people in their homes, and he enjoyed mentoring young people at church and in the schools.

Paul's favorite Bible verse was Micah 6:8. He not only quoted this verse often; he lived it.