



Paul Eddie McCafferty

December 19, 1943 - May 1, 2026

Paul Eddie McCafferty, age 82, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026. Paul was born on December 19, 1943, in Boles, Arkansas, and was raised in Hatfield, Arkansas. After proudly serving four years in the United States Army and receiving an honorable discharge, he made Northwest Indiana his home.

Paul was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, servant of God, and friend to countless people whose lives were changed by his kindness and faith. He worked faithfully for U.S. Steel for 30 years before retiring in 2003.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife, Adele McCafferty; his children: Donna Faitak, Robert McCafferty, Joshua and Maria McCafferty, Rashel (Mike Keyser) Anderson, Lance and Lisa Waugaman, Marty and Sherry Ferguson, Joel and Julie Ferguson, Mitch and Bobbie Ferguson, daughter-in-law, Shirley McCafferty; 21 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eddie McCafferty.

For the last 55 years of his life, Paul passionately served the Lord Jesus Christ. Alongside his wife Adele, he ministered faithfully in Westville Prison, the Lake and Porter County Jails, nursing homes, and anywhere there were people in need of hope, love, and truth. Paul had a special heart for the lost,

the broken, the needy, and the hungry. He never met a stranger and was lovingly known by many as “everybody’s spiritual Grandpa and Papa.”

His love extended far beyond Indiana. Paul became a grandfather figure to a group of young people in Mumbai, India, speaking with them daily, sharing Scripture, encouraging them, and teaching them about the love of Jesus Christ. He also helped support ministries and villages in Nepal where the Word of God continues to be shared.

Paul was an avid hunter, a hardworking provider, and above all, a man who loved well. Those who knew him saw in him a living example of what it means to be a servant of Jesus Christ. His life was marked by compassion, generosity, humility, and unwavering faith.

One of Paul’s greatest messages in life was forgiveness. He often reminded others, “We’ve got to forgive – not for others, but for us, so we can be free.”

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 30, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Equippers Church, 7545 E. Ridge Road, Hobart, IN, officiated by Pastor Ryan McDowell, Pastor Michael Pirtle, and Joshua McCafferty. Paul and Adele were grateful members of Equippers Church, where Pastors Ryan and Rebecca McDowell lovingly ministered to them during the last six months.

The family would like to thank everyone who loved Paul and shared in his life and ministry. His legacy of faith, love, forgiveness, and service will continue for generations.

Go on, baby – dance, dance in Heaven. We will meet again someday. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. Please visit Paul’s online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Equippers Church
7545 E. Ridge Rd.
Hobart, IN 46342

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Janu purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Paul Eddie McCafferty.*



Janu - May 29 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Eddie McCafferty.*



May 28 at 12:04 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Eddie McCafferty.*

May 28 at 12:04 AM

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“ *In Loving Memory of Paul ❤️
At Windward Pointe, we were truly blessed to know Paul and witness the kindness, faith, and compassion he shared so freely with our residents. Alongside Adele, he devoted his time to leading church services, creating meaningful spiritual moments, and bringing joy, comfort, music, laughter, and connection into the lives of so many.*



Paul had a gentle way of making every resident feel seen, valued, and loved. Whether through prayer, conversation, songs, or simply his warm presence, he touched hearts in a way that will not be forgotten. The impact of his ministry reached far beyond Sundays — he helped create moments of peace, purpose, and belonging for our community.

We are deeply grateful for the light he shared with us and for the meaningful moments, faith, and comfort he brought into our Memory Care family. His servant's heart, compassion, and dedication to others will continue to inspire us.

Amanda Heer - May 24 at 09:06 AM

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“ *Your Crane Repair Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Eddie McCafferty.*

Your Crane Repair Family - May 21 at 11:20 AM

YF

“ *Your Crane Repair Family purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Paul Eddie McCafferty.*



Your Crane Repair Family - May 21 at 11:20 AM

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“ *God bless the family, I only knew Paul as a powerful prayer warrior, he prayed for me and I felt God's presence when he prayed. I felt he was a true man and prayer Warrior of God. I wonder what position God has for him in God's kingdom. I see him in heaven as a person of great position, lifting up all who knew him and wanted God... I personally, only knew Paul as a prayer warrior 🙏 one of God's generals... RIP*



Lolita - May 20 at 09:35 AM

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Thank you yes he was a prayer warrior

Adele Mccafferty - May 23 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Paul was a friend of mine, we worked together at USSTEEL. He always had a great spirit of compassion about him. Loved the man as he walked the walk!!! Prayers for his family. I know he's enjoying his reward in Heaven!*

Blessings, Wayne Anderson

Wayne Anderson - May 19 at 11:16 AM

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Yes, thank you Wayne! 🥺🥺 I'm going to miss him tremendously but he's definitely rejoicing right now!

Adele Mccafferty - May 20 at 09:31 AM

JR

My forever friend.

John Rimkus - May 29 at 02:58 PM