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### Obituary for Paul Stone



Paul L. Stone, 92, one of the soldiers of the Greatest Generation and a life-long resident of the Akron area (3rd generation), died April 8, 2013 (his late wife Jane Courtney Stone's birthday). He was a graduate of St. Vincent High School, attended University of Akron and many years of the American Institute of Banking. He was also a Dale Carnegie graduate. He had begun working at the Firestone Bank when he joined the Army in 1942. Paul served faithfully for 39 months in the South Pacific Theater with the famous 339th Engineers, who established their reputation for getting impossible things done. When General MacArthur said "We will return," the 339th was already there and waiting for him. Paul served primarily in the Philippines and New Guinea. He loved to tell his children and grandchildren about his time in the Army. After the War ended, Paul returned to Akron where he married the love of his life, Jane. They set up housekeeping in Akron and Paul returned to the Firestone Bank (eventually Bank One and then Chase). He retired as Treasurer and Manager of the Bailey Road Branch after 42 years of service. Paul was active in the community throughout his life. He was a founding member, treasurer and office manager of the St. Joseph Catholic Credit Union (now the Falls Catholic Credit Union), a 60-year plus member of the Knights of Columbus, life member of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and an active member of St. Joseph (where he taught 9th grade RCIA and was on the Finance Committee) and Immaculate Heart of Mary churches in Cuyahoga Falls as well as St. Hilary in Akron. He was president of the Board of Directors at Whispering Heights Condominium Association and a member of the Cuyahoga Falls Mayor's Commission for new business. Paul was known as a very gentle and caring man to whom no one was a stranger. He and his loving wife, Jane, spent their final years at Chambrel of Montrose. Paul was active in the retirement community life there, serving on various committees and most recently as "sound engineer" for a resident talent show. He knew every Chambrel resident and employee by name and took great joy in meeting and talking with them. Recently Paul wrote and published his autobiography and was pleased to hand out copies to all who cared to read it. In September 2011 he flew to Washington, D.C. as a guest of the Honor Flight Organization of Cleveland. One of his proudest moments was visiting with his fellow WWII veterans and seeing the nation's war memorials. He was touched by the outpouring of honor and respect he received from all involved in the trip. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Courtney Stone; parents,

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Jessie Heffernan Stone and Raymond Stone; brother Dr. Richard Stone and sister Trudy Rennie; son-in-law, Jeffrey Tucker and daughter-in-law, Stephanie Stone. He leaves children Dr. Paula Stone Tucker (John), Michael (Ann), Dr. Thomas (Rae), Janet Stone Bard (Robert) and Raymond (Mary); grandchildren Michelle Curtis (Greg), Patrick Tucker (Erin), Ryan (Stacy), Natalie Fritz (John), David, Jeremy, Melanie and Caroline Stone; great grandchildren Kyle, Taylor, Jack, Kevin, Alex, Rylie, Paige, Elliott and Mckinsey Jane and many in-laws and nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at the Dunn-Quigley Funeral Home (811 Grant St.). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 29 at St. Hilary Catholic Church (2750 West Market St., Fairlawn). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Pregnancy Care of Summit County, the DDC Clinic, Middlefield, OH or the St. Hilary Building Fund.



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