

## **Paul Edwin Moody**

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From 1965 classmate Eric Edwards...

Hello friends of Paul Moody. I am sad to report that Paul died early Friday morning in Crossville, Tennessee, where he and his wife Rockie lived for over 20 years. I just returned from spending most of the week in Tennessee, visiting Paul and trying to help Rockie through all of the business things that have to be done for the dying.

I have stayed in good touch with Paul and saw him 1-3 times a year. His health troubles seemed to start with a back surgery that went terribly wrong. He could never walk unsupported again. In the last year, he took a hard fall and hit his head. He also developed two blood clots in his lungs. This is my speculation, but I think it possible that the fall caused either a blood clot, swelling of his brain or maybe even an undetected stroke? But recently, he went downhill very fast and the outcome was inevitable. I am glad he did not have to linger and suffer, he was in pain. We will never know the total cause.

Paul was a good guy and an exceptional athlete. He was a standout pitcher in Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion and at Madison Heights. He attended an invitation-only scouting camp for the Pittsburgh Pirates in Columbus, Ohio, back in the mid-1960s. Only two people from Anderson were invited, the other a well-known fireballer named Gene Hubbell.

Paul was, also, an exceptional golfer and his love of the game led to his life work as a manufacturers' rep traveling around in a golf van selling golf equipment to country clubs and public courses. It is my guess that Paul took advantage and played a lot of free golf in the process! He only had one hole-in-one, but boy was he *good*!

Paul was also an exception student and a member of *The National Honor Society*.

For that club, one had to be good at everything but Paul's true direction was Math - for which he became an *Indiana High School Achievement Program* Winner.

Paul was not really conscious this last week. He died peacefully with wife Rockie holding his hand. She does not use e-mail, so there is no e-mail address. There will be no services and cremation will take place this week. Rockie is planning to move back to Central Indiana in the Spring.