



Paul Warren Tjaden

September 18, 1940 - March 1, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, SERVICES FOR PAUL WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17. SAME TIMES AND LOCATION.

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Paul W. Tjaden, 85, passed away on March 1, 2026. Paul was born in Clintonville, Wisconsin in 1940. Paul was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Paul married Mary (Henschel) Tjaden in 1963 and they shared a wonderful life together for 63 years. Paul is survived by Mary Tjaden, his wife of 63 years; his children Michael (Rhonda) Tjaden and Peter (Lauri Gatto) Tjaden; his grandchildren Meghan (Brian) Majors, Lauren (Aaron) Schulzetenberg, Erin (Paul) Ball, DJ Gatto and Adam Tjaden; and his siblings Ann (Jon) Jensen and Robert (Maggi) Tjaden. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys Tjaden and grandchild Brett Tjaden.

Paul graduated from Marinette High School in 1958 and proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1962. In 1962, Paul began a long and successful

career with the American Automobile Association (AAA), where he worked until his retirement in 2002. After retirement from AAA, he and Mary traveled extensively throughout the United States. To keep busy later in life he worked as a caretaker at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Paul was a man of deep faith whose love for God was evident in all he did. He was immensely proud of his family, and nothing brought him more joy than being surrounded by them. He was intensely committed to his church, first Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and then worked extensively to facilitate a merger with Trinity Presbyterian, resulting in Good Shepherd Trinity Church.

He grew up in a family that loved and excelled in music, playing the cello in high school and singing in the church choir for decades. Later he joined the Heritage Choral of Milwaukee to expand his opportunities to share his gift of music.

Another passion of Paul's was gardening. Their homes always had beautiful gardens with both flowers and vegetables. This passion continued even into his early dementia, when he could spend day after day working the soil and tending flowers without the worry of his failing memory.

Paul's life will be celebrated on March 16, 2026, at Good Shepherd Trinity Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Visitation will begin at 10:00 with a service starting at 11:00, followed by lunch. A family burial will take place at a later date .

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Trinity Church
3302 N Sherman Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. We had planned to see you today at Paul's funeral but a blizzard got in the way. I hope we have another day in the near future to get together ❤️ 🙏
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Love and prayers 🙏 I
Tom and Ginny Schwerm

Thomas Schwerm - March 18 at 03:19 PM



“ I always had the greatest respect for “Mr. Tjaden” who later in my life became “Paul”
His voice at church was a gift and anchor to my earliest memories of worship. His unwavering presence at church , always looking smart was also a comfort. May his faith bring you comfort and great memories bring you peace. I can see him rounding the bases at the softball games and singing in the choir.
Warmly,
Heidi Schaber Roberts

Heidi Roberts - March 16 at 07:50 AM