



## Paul Aaron Spradlin

December 12, 1931 - February 11, 2018

Paul A. Spradlin, 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family Sunday, February 11, 2018 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born December 12, 1931 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, the son of George W. & Ollie (Allen) Spradlin. In 1951 Paul married Judith P. Halloway in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Paul's family moved to Ann Arbor in 1943. In 1951 he graduated from old Ann Arbor High School. He began a long career at the University of Michigan starting as a lab technician in Zoology. He moved up as an Assistant to the Dean of LS&A and the Dean of the Business School simultaneously. He became Director of Plant Extension where he spent over 20 years with oversight of plant engineering and construction management, including space assignment and management. He enjoyed work immensely and his quiet and unassuming way led to an appointment as Interim Associate Vice President of Business Operations in 1996. He retired in 2001 as a Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. After retirement he consulted on the construction of Skyline High School, the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and the Washtenaw Community College Fitness Center among many other projects.

Paul was optimistic and forward thinking. Kind and generous, he was always willing to help everyone however he could. He was frequently consulted on a

wide variety of topics including building and repairing things at work and at home. He was an avid stock market fan and investor. He was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Loibelle (Dukes) Spradlin, his sister Bethel Lee Ramey, his brothers Edsel, Erdman, and Herrin (Herb) Spradlin, and an infant sister. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Judith, his four children, David (Donna LaRose), Phillip (Renée Gougeon-Spradlin), Gail (Philip) Whitehead, Helen Spradlin and four grandchildren, Julian Spradlin, Sean Spradlin, Marisa Spradlin, and Thomas Whitehead. He is also survived by his step-brother Clarence (C.E.) Dukes, sisters-in-law Madeline Spradlin and Mary Spradlin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the Evangelical Home, Shared Care Services and Arbor Hospice for their care and support. The funeral service will take place on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 North Washington St., Ypsilanti, MI, with Pastor Keith Geiselman officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home located at 301 East Michigan Ave., in Saline, MI and at the church on Friday from 12:00 Noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan, 25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033 and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at the church. To leave a memory you have of Paul, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Cemetery

2801 Jackson Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
300 N Washington St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## Funeral Service

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FEB **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
300 N Washington St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Aaron Spradlin*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Spradlin Family: My sincere sympathies to y'all.. I truly enjoyed, as many others have written, working for Paul at the U of M. He was a kind gentleman, provided wonderful guidance, and had a gift of telling great stories We laughed every day! It made coming to work a joy. Sincerely, Diane (Payeur) Sturman*

**Diane Sturman** - February 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Aaron Spradlin.*



February 14, 2018 at 11:23 AM

SA

“ I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Paul for many years, both in AEC and as his assistant when he was the AVP for Business Operations. He was truly a remarkable human being. Always so kind and patient and a great mentor to many in his U-M family. He had a tremendous amount of integrity and he truly cared about the people he led. Paul, you made every day worth coming to work and I feel so blessed to have known you.

*Wishing your family peace and comfort,  
Stephany Anderson*

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**Stephany Anderson** - February 14, 2018 at 10:42 AM

JF

“ I'm very sorry for you loss Helen. Prayers to you all.

*Love,*

*Aunt Janice*

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**janice fullerton** - February 14, 2018 at 10:11 AM

RL

“ My deepest sympathy to Marisa and family. Your grandpa sounded like a remarkable person. My positive thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Thinking of you, Ruth Lockwood*

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**Ruth Lockwood** - February 13, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Aaron Spradlin.*



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February 13, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ *As an employee of the University of Michigan it was an honor to serve under the direction of Paul Spradlin. He was inspirational, kind and made a difference at the University with his work. He was missed when he retired but greeted with great enthusiasm whenever he visited. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss - God bless and keep you all.*



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**Jacqueline** - February 13, 2018 at 01:31 PM