



Mr. Paul L. Mimms

March 6, 1945 - August 22, 2025

Mr. Paul L. Mimms, 80 of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on August 22, 2025, at his home.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday September 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church-Gladstone Campus 2800 NE 64th Street Gladstone, MO 64119. Interment: Leavenworth National Cemetery Monday September 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation: 12-1:00 p.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Church-Gladstone Campus
2800 NE 64th Street
Gladstone, MO 64119

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ First of all, I just want to say how sorry I am for you loss. I met Paul about 3 years ago, he was an amazing friend, caring, loving and giving unconditionally. He was present at my wedding, were only family was invited, (I have a big family) and he became part of family, he was also at my husband's funeral a few months after my wedding. He understood my pain and was there for me any way he could. I love Paul, he is/was a person with a beautiful soul. I will miss him, his sense of humor, phone calls, helping him organize the office, clean the pantry for expired food,putting buttons on his clothes to know the color, iron his clothes whe he had to travel, but most of all the lenghtly conversations we had and the time we spent together. Rest in peace.

Adriana Burd - September 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

HR

“ I met Paul through a dear friend in Washington, D.C. Through her, I followed his activities, especially his visits to Washington. I admired his intelligence and leadership skills. I will always remember his kindness in allowing me to be his guest in Kansas City at the 60th reunion of the Central High School Class of 1963. (1963 was my class year at another Missouri high school.) I enjoyed spending time with Paul and the other members of “my” class. Paul will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Helen I. Rouce

Helen I. Rouce - September 05, 2025 at 03:24 PM

HD

“ *Helen I. Rouce, Washington, D.C. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.*



Helen I. Rouce, Washington, D.C. - September 05, 2025 at 03:12 PM

HD

“ *Helen I. Rouce, Washington, D.C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.*

Helen I. Rouce, Washington, D.C. - September 05, 2025 at 03:12 PM

LV

“ Our Northfield Village was pleased to have Paul serve as our HOA President for 3 (2yr) Terms and started what was known as the “Beautification Committee” to help beautify the neighborhood allowing volunteers to do some of the work and contributing time to maintaining the gardens. Paul recently made several donations to helping update his wife’s Pocket Park and saving trees at our entrances.

A quote from Paul, “I continue to be committed to the better of wherever it is that I live. Whether it is through my contribution to the community with service or cash, I believe in this being the best place there can be to live.”

Paul’s email’s always left me with a thought for life. He would have a quote like, “ Life is 10% what happens, and how you take it, and 90% what you do about it, and what you make of it.”
What a guy, he will truly missed.



Laurie Virkstis - September 05, 2025 at 11:22 AM

GS

To Esther, Elenor, his children and the entire family. Your brother and father was a remarkable man. He never let his handicap stop his love for God, man and this vast world that needed to be educated regarding their needs.

Prayers that all his hard work will not in vain and will continue!! 💖🙏



Trust in God and he will give you peace with understanding.

Proverbs3:5-6. 🙏🙏

Ginger Stewart - September 06, 2025 at 03:46 PM

GB

“ Gem State RG of BVA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.

Gem State RG of BVA - September 04, 2025 at 05:09 PM

GB

“ Gem State RG of BVA purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.



Gem State RG of BVA - September 04, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MB

“ Paul was always the person you wanted to be with. Paul liked Starbucks and we would always find time to go to Starbucks during every BVA convention and talk about the past year and looking forward to the next. All of us will miss Paul, who has become our dear friend over the years. May Paul's family have as great memories as we do. Margarine G. Beaman, A Volunteer with BVA for 35 years.

Margarine G. Beaman - September 04, 2025 at 01:22 PM

HB

“ Heartland Regional Group, BVA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.

Heartland Regional Group, BVA - September 04, 2025 at 09:53 AM

HB

“ Heartland Regional Group, BVA purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.



Heartland Regional Group, BVA - September 04, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DJ

“ Denice and Will Jennens purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.



Denice and Will Jennens - September 03, 2025 at 09:54 PM

KA

“ Kathie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul L. Mimms



Kathie Arnold - September 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM

LM

“ Lisa & Merle purchased the *Sweet Liberty* for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.



Lisa & Merle - September 03, 2025 at 05:54 PM

KP

“ *My sincerest condolences to Paul's loved ones. I met Paul almost 4 years ago when he came to my Daughters of the American Revolution chapter to speak on braille flags. After that we had many occasions to visit, and with his help my chapter placed its first exterior braille flag. He was kind and patient, and very patriotic. He was such an inspiration. He will be missed. Katrina Prater*

Katrina Prater - September 03, 2025 at 03:24 PM

TB

“ *Tennessee Region Group BVA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Paul L. Mimms.*



Tennessee Region Group BVA - September 03, 2025 at 11:51 AM

BR

“ *Support and comfort offered to the family of Paul Mimms. I met Paul almost six years ago when I set out to construct a group for my high school class. He was more than gracious to take the time to help me with this process. Never once did he not take my call or get back to me with an answer of a question I may have had. Many years forward we met again when you came to vote. As always he should that incredible Oscar willing smile. Paul, was a once in a life time warm and compassionate person always willing to offer a hand. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Beverly Rentie - September 02, 2025 at 01:10 PM

“My heart is broken. On August 22, I lost one of my dearest friends—Paul Mimms. And the world lost a quiet giant whose life was a testament to resilience, service, and unwavering love for the blind community.

Paul was a Veteran who served in Vietnam, where he lost sight in one eye. Later, glaucoma took the other, leaving him totally blind. But Paul never let blindness define him—he redefined it for the rest of us.

In the early 1980s, during one of life’s darkest valleys, Paul coined a phrase that became his personal anthem: “Why not me.” He didn’t ask “Why me?” in despair—he asked “Why not me?” in courage. He understood that hardship doesn’t discriminate, and instead of retreating, he rose. That phrase became a beacon for anyone facing adversity.

When I met Paul in 1995, he was a counselor for the VA in Kansas City, guiding others with the same grace and grit that marked his own journey. We became fast friends—dreamers, thinkers, and advocates—sharing countless conversations about how technology could better serve the blind. Paul believed in possibility. He believed in people. And he believed in purpose.

His story could touch anyone who heard it. His legacy will live on in the lives he changed, the systems he challenged, and the hearts he lifted.

I pray for his children, his family, and for all of us who feel this loss so deeply. Paul was a great man. And he will be missed—profoundly.

Rest in peace, my friend. Your light still guides us.

*With love,
Patrick*

Patrick J. Fischer - September 02, 2025 at 09:23 AM

TM

“ Dear Paul,

I am so very sorry I did not have an opportunity to speak to you prior to your passing as I did not know you had been/were ill. I should have known something was wrong when I did not hear from you shortly after the passing of your beloved mother. Paul you have been a steadfast friend to me for many years and I truly appreciated our many conversations sometimes about the ills of the world and at other times just catching up on any and everything. I know you are in heaven with you beloved wife and mother.

*Friends always,
Tonia Monroe*

TONIA MONROE - August 29, 2025 at 08:51 PM

RC

“ A few years ago I met Paul thru a Zoom meeting with other members of the Blinded Veterans Association. We remained contact, principally involving the Tactile Braille American Flag. Paul was an advocate of the flag, and we bonded over it. We once met at his favorite restaurant in Kansas City, Kansas, Gates barbecue. I regard Paul as an instantly made friend. I will miss him. I hope to place a Tactile Braille American Flag somewhere special in his memory.

Randolph Cabral - August 29, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DP

“ There are people who seem destined for a purpose in life. I count Paul in such high regard.

He was always looking for a better way forward for people. Whether it was directly helping people or leveraging technology. Always willing to investigate and learn new technologies, regardless of his age.

As president of the BVA he was a true leader. He was so proud of the new voting system he helped put in place there. Now everyone has a voice instead of voting in groups which could leave people behind. Something this country could learn from, now that we have the technology.

He brought honor and wit to everything he did, and he is now forever a part of my experience on this world.

Dennis Piatkowski - August 29, 2025 at 11:28 AM

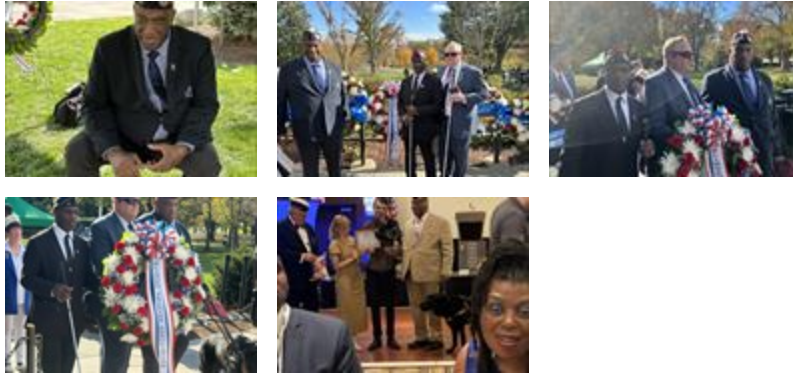
PD

“ Pete and Lottie Davis (BVA) send our sincerest condolences to all who knew Paul.

Peter Davis - August 29, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Michaun Harrison - August 28, 2025 at 09:01 AM

LF

“ *I enjoyed every time I got to chat with Paul. He was always busy with calls but he always took a few minutes out of his schedule to come outside to say hello. I will miss him.*

Laura Fish - August 27, 2025 at 05:03 PM