



## Paul Smith Garstka

June 7, 1942 - February 2, 2024

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Paul Smith Garstka was born on June 7, 1942, in Berwyn, Illinois. The family moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1945, and then they moved again to Sherwood in 1948, when Paul was six years old. He grew up in Sherwood and graduated from Sherwood High School. After high school, he joined the Oregon Army National Guard and was a gunner and expert marksman. He transferred to the Oregon Air National Guard and was an aircraft mechanic and military band musician. In 1964, he married Patricia Anne Radke.

Paul then worked with IBM (International Business Machines) as a customer engineer, and after 30 years with them, started a business with his brother. They owned Hydrotronics and worked primarily on golf course pump stations throughout Oregon, Washington, and Canada. Paul eventually became the sole owner of the company, which he finally sold in 2019.

Paul's hobbies included motorcycles, snow skiing, water skiing, boating, scuba diving, boy scouting, running, and building (just about everything!). He was extremely talented at anything mechanical and could fix anything. He was joyous and fun-loving, and he was warm, welcoming, and entertaining to everyone he met. He was a member of the Lobos Motoring Club, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and he attended St Francis Catholic Church since 1948.

He is preceded in death by his parents Harry Edward Garstka and Marian Rose Smith Garstka.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Anne Radke Garstka, his son Gregory Paul Garstka (Cristen), daughter Hallie Patricia Garstka Malcom (Curt), grandchildren Tricia Aleece Malcom, Larissa Carol Malcom, Katie Sage Malcom, Johnathan Paul Garstka, Daniel James Garstka, brothers Philip Garstka (Kayron), Peter Garstka (Diane, deceased), sister Deborah Garstka Crawford, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel  
207 N Villa Rd  
Newberg, OR 97132  
(503) 538-2191  
info@attrells.com  
<https://www.attrells.com>

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 10:25 AM (PT)

St. Francis Catholic Church  
15651 SW Oregon St.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
church@stfrancissherwood.org

## Rosary

FEB 8. 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM (PT)

St. Francis Catholic Church  
15651 SW Oregon St.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
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## Funeral Mass

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FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Francis Catholic Church  
15651 SW Oregon St.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
[church@stfrancissherwood.org](mailto:church@stfrancissherwood.org)

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