



Paul R. Switzer

October 31, 1926 - July 18, 2014

Age 87, a resident of Edgewood, NM, passed away peacefully at his home Friday, July 18, 2014. He was born in 1926 in Thomas, OK to Aaron & Annie Switzer. He and his wife Glenna moved to Albuquerque, NM in the Fall of 1952 where he made his livelihood building custom homes. Paul equally enjoyed farming and ranching. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Glenna; his sons, Rick and wife, Jacque, Bob and wife, Vicki, Roger and wife, Cherrian; his daughters Paula Porter and Beth Aultman and husband Mike, 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous other family and friends. Mr. Switzer was preceded in death by his parents, five siblings, his granddaughter Sara Porter, and his son-in-law Matt Porter. He was an active member of Sandia Brethren in Christ Church in Albuquerque for many years. Services will be Monday, 11:00 a.m., at Desert Light Christian Church, 541 Utah NE, Albuquerque, NM. with burial following at Mountain Valley Cemetery in Edgewood/Barton.

Cemetery Details

Mountain Valley Cemetery

Edgewood, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Desert Light Christian Church
541 Utah NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
<http://www.desertlightchristian.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ It was alway an exciting day when Grandpa "Schlitzer" came to help Dad build our house. A master at his craft and extrodanaraly patient with a little girl who wanted to tag along everywhere he went. He never once made me feel silly for giving him excessive numbers of pincushion handmade from Mom's scrap material, a slightly odd gift for a carpenter, but given out of admiration and love. Grandpa Schlitzer, see you again in heaven and perhaps I'll bring a pincushion just in case you needed one.

Genevi Books - July 22, 2014 at 12:45 PM

CB

“ I will miss you Grandpa Switzer, I will always cherish my childhood memories of you out in the sun and the dust at our house. I still remember your rough hands gently holding mine as a little girl. Love u!

chelsea books - July 21, 2014 at 04:00 PM

“As a boy growing up in Albuquerque, Paul Switzer was for me a fine example of a Christian gentleman. He was my junior high Sunday school teacher. He taught the Bible lesson with clarity and homespun wisdom. Sunday afternoons at the Switzer spread in Tijeras were a high point in my young life. I learned everything I knew about horses from Paul and his son, Roger. And one Sunday afternoon I watched Paul's excitement as his baby daughter, Beth, took her first step.

Many years later when I returned to New Mexico with my young family, Paul drove many miles each day to oversee some extensive renovations to our house. This man was a construction genius, a hard worker, and a wonderful friend. And ever since those days, my children have referred to him as Grandpa Switzer.

A few years ago I had an opportunity to vacation on the island of Crete. While there, I drove a rental car alone many miles over a dirt road to a remote little bay on the south side of the island that the Greeks call Kali Limenes. As I stood there looking out over the Mediterranean Sea, I was remembering my long ago Sunday school teacher, Paul Switzer, for one Sunday morning he was teaching the famous shipwreck story of another Paul from the book of Acts. A special reference was made to "the fair havens" (Acts 27:8) where the ship captain should have rested and should have remained. I never forgot that lesson and the exotic sound of a place called "fair havens" which is of course an English translation of Kali Limenes.

So goodbye for now Paul Switzer. We hope to meet you again some day in a place we might well call Fair Havens.

RP

“ Paul was a friend how helped me through a hard time in my life when I was stationed here at Kirtland Air Force Base. Being away form my family, Paul and Glenna took me in as one of there own. I will always have fond memories of very hard work, the 100yards of concrete in one week, and the fun times, falling off a horse several times in an hour and laughing about it so hard I almost cried. You are now with our Lord and Savior where you had built a beautiful home for yourself and all of your loved ones.

With my deepest respect,
Robert "Bob" Patton

Robert "Bob" Patton - July 21, 2014 at 08:23 AM

 Rachel Johnson

“ Love you Grandpa. I'm so happy that Daelynn and I were able to spend some time with you recently. Daelynn, who is in that "Everthing is mine" stage, told me, "No, that's MY Grandpa!" I told her she was right. XOXO.

Rachel Johnson - July 20, 2014 at 09:11 PM

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Rachel Johnson - July 20, 2014 at 09:09 PM

JH

“ Joe Hall purchased the Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Paul R. Switzer.



Joe Hall - July 20, 2014 at 05:13 PM

JH

“ Sorry about your lose. May God Bless and comfort you in your time of need. I will miss my visits with Paul at his barn. The Joe Hall family.

Joe Hall - July 20, 2014 at 05:04 PM

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Keith Switzer - July 20, 2014 at 10:53 AM

EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator well soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4 : 13.

Emanuel - July 19, 2014 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Richard Stewart - July 19, 2014 at 02:27 PM