

**Paul Schaaf**  
**1935 - 2020**

Paul Schaaf, a founding member of the Sisters of St. Francis Associate Partnership Program, passed away on August 20, 2020, in Clinton, IA, at the age of 85. Paul was a long-time resident of Camanche, IA.



Paul was born May 21, 1935, in Wayland, MO, to Clyde and Mary Alma Schaaf. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He married Judith “Judy” Kamps on March 1, 1958, in Missouri. They raised three children. Paul was employed for 35 years as a Senior Claims Adjuster with Allied Group before his retirement in 1997.

He enjoyed photography and outdoor activities, like hunting and fishing. He and Judy took yearly trips to Roosevelt Lake in Minnesota. They also traveled to Texas, Florida, California, and England, and took a memorable trip to Kenya for a picture safari following Paul’s retirement.

Paul and his wife joined the Associate Partnership Program on October 5, 1986. Paul was interested in becoming an Associate for the “fellowship, learning, and understanding a different viewpoint than Methodist.” He expressed the values of active nonviolence and peacemaking in his daily life by being able to dialogue and “listen and talk without losing my temper, even though I may disagree.”

Survivors include children Steve (Renee) Schaaf, Dana Horton (Steve Rameriz), and Michelle (Brad) Suessmith; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Judy (David) Becker; sister-in-law Donna Kamps; brother-in-law Cloffus Cole; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Paul in death were his parents; wife, Judy; two brothers and three sisters.