



## Paul Raley

July 8, 1934 - November 16, 2018

Paul Eugene Raley passed into eternity on November 16th, 2018 at approximately 9:40 AM. He was 84 years old.

Paul was born in Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, on July 8th, 1934 to Rev. Walter Burns Raley and Ruby Nell Rhyne Raley. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School in Bakersfield, California in 1953. He also attended Bakersfield College thereafter.

Paul was an accomplished Jazz musician. He played the guitar, piano and bass guitar. During the early 1960's he toured across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico with bands such as Billy Ward & the Dominos and The StandOuts.

Afterwards he organized some of the area's best musicians and played in venues in and around Bakersfield, California for over 30 years. Paul not only worked as an entertainer, but also as a music educator as he taught classes in cooperation with California State University in Bakersfield, and also taught private piano and guitar lessons to countless students over the years.

Paul was a deeply spiritual man and his commitment to his family and his faith was very important to him. Many recall how Paul was genuinely interested in everyone he met and had a spontaneous, fun-loving nature about him. He

also had a keen interest in nature and weather. At any moment he would be known to gather his family and go storm chasing.

Paul was a loving husband, caring father and grandfather, endearing uncle, cousin and a faithful friend.

Paul Raley is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Clara Jean Harris Raley. They were married on June 16th, 1963. He is also survived by his children Laura Michelle Raley Sanders and her husband Dan Sanders; and Paul Brian Raley and his wife Kimmy Raley. Paul is survived by four grandchildren; Jonathan Sanders, Benjamin Sanders, Matthew Sanders and Harris Raley.

The Addison family and staff extend our deepest condolences to Paul's family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Tranquility Oaks Cemetery

22302 Hildebrandt Road  
Spring, TX 77389  
(281) 350-0998  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
[addisonfh@yahoo.com](mailto:addisonfh@yahoo.com)  
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## Burial

NOV **20** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Raley*

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July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I first met Paul and his lovely wife Jean when Paul was working with The Standouts, a talented musician/vocal group patterned after The Four Freshmen/Hi-Lo's, back in 1964. I was dating Bob Jackson, another group member whom I married July 5, 1964. We were all on the road and traveled from coast to coast. We spent much time in Florida and then headed back to the west after spending much time in Springfield Missouri. It was fun but most of us became tired of the road. It was a most talented group with Bill Comstock vocal arrangements. We were like family. Paul was a wonderful musician and covered all styles admirably. He played great jazz. Now He is at home with Jesus, Our King! We will see Paul again and forever. My warmest regards to the Raley family members.*

*Noreen Jackson*

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**Noreen Jackson** - December 25, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Dear Family & Friends,  
In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the  
Alzheimer's or kidney disease foundation of your choice. Thank you!*

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**Laura Sanders** - November 17, 2018 at 01:16 PM

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*Hi Laura, I am very sorry to hear about your father's passing. I'm playing guitar again. It was amazing that he learned to play right and left handed on the guitar. I hope all is well with you and your family. With all best wishes, Albie  
astadt@me.com*

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**Albie Stadtmiller** - April 15, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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*In the early sixties, Paul was playing with the Standouts in Springfield, MO. across the street from a club where I was working. On my break I would catch their sets. I was playing Nashville country, but wanted to learn jazz guitar Paul helped me get started by telling me which jazz guitarists to listen to and gave me tips on playing. The Standouts soon left to go back to California and I got drafted, and never thought about contacting Paul. Sometime back I found his address in an old guitar case I was cleaning, and thought about contacting him. I got hold of Linda at Local 47 who told me of Paul's passing. I will ever be grateful to him for getting me started playing jazz guitar, and offer my sincerest condolences to his family. His wife may perhaps remember me. I was the red haired kid who Paul introduced to jazz guitar playing when he played Springfield, MO. in the sixties with the Standouts. The club they played was called, The Rendezvous Lounge. Thanks Paul, and may you liven up the Heavenly band.*

*Michael Breid (bride)  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

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**Michael Breid (bride)** - June 15, 2021 at 03:58 PM

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*Paul was one of the best guitarists I ever knew. He was with The Standouts and made such great music. That was the best group. Jean has always been the dearest friend. Paul went to be with Jesus on my birthday. So glad he is not suffering here but Paul is missed by many.*

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**Noreen Jackson** - September 03, 2021 at 09:55 AM