



Dorayne Melvin Paulson Jr.

December 13, 1946 - July 27, 2025

Dorayne "Skeets" Melvin Paulson Jr., 78, of Ingalls, passed away on July 27, 2025, at his residence following an extended illness. He was born on December 13, 1946, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and resided most his life in the Pendleton area. He was the son of Dorayne Melvin Paulson Sr. and Joanne (Stout) Paulson-Ennis and Donald Ennis. Following graduating High School, he enlisted for service with the United States Army. Skeets, as he was affectionately known by those around him, lived a life of service, honor, and indomitable spirit.

Skeets was a beacon of selflessness, courage, honor, and undoubtedly strength. Those fortunate enough to have known him recall his remarkable sense of humor, his kindness, and his boundless capacity for love and care. He was a steadfast pillar of strength to his loved ones, constantly reminding them that "Family is everything." He taught them to be understanding, to love with all their hearts, to stand tall, fight hard, and be strong.

Skeets's accomplishments were numerous, stamped with heartfelt dedication and commitment. Among them, his remarkable service as a Specialist in the U.S. Army stands as testimony to his courage and valor. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Marksmanship M-14. He was a member of the American Legion and the Association of Owner-Operators Truck Drivers. He enjoyed restoring upholstery, fishing, working on cars,

taking walks, and driving. He also prided himself in his family, a pillar of love and support. One of his cherished memories was driving across the country in his semi, a journey that reflected his adventurous spirit and love for the open road.

Dorayne is survived by his beloved Linda Paulson; baby girl, Brittany (Branden) Sheets; sister, Doreen Paulson; children, Leslie Miles, Tina Noel, Tammy Bolander, and Jerry Miles (Tanda); 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, special friends, and many more.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, mother, Joanne (Donald) Ennis; father, Dorayne Paulson; brothers, Charles (Chick) Paulson and Dennis Ennis; and son-in-law, Richard Crews. Brittany and the rest of the family will lovingly remember the lessons he shared and the love he gave unconditionally. He leaves behind a rich tapestry of memories that will forever be cherished.

Skeets leaves behind a legacy synonymous with hard work and selfless love. He was a man who worked tirelessly, providing for his entire family with no questions asked. His life was a testament to the kind of man he was, and his legacy will continue to inspire those who had the honor of knowing him.

As we mourn the loss of this remarkable man, we also celebrate his life and cherish the memories he has left us with. Dorayne "Skeets" Paulson Jr. may have departed from this world, but his spirit lives on in the stories we share and the lessons he imparted on us. His legacy is one that will remain etched in our hearts, a constant reminder of the man who taught us to love unconditionally, fight valiantly, and live with honor. Rest in Peace, Skeets.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Marion National Cemetery

Marion, IN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 2:03 PM (ET)

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Service will start promptly at 2:00 P.M. No one is allowed in the gate any sooner than 15 Minutes prior to the service.