



## Paul M. Showalter

May 10, 1917 - June 23, 2008

Paul McCullough Showalter, 91, passed away, Monday, June 23, 2008 in Topeka. He was born in Wichita, KS on May 10, 1917. He was raised in Darlow, KS by his parents, John H. and Barbara Ann Martin Showalter. He was united in marriage on June 8, 1941 in Garnett, KS by the Rev. Charles Miller, to Catherine M. Miller who predeceased him on October 15, 2006. Both Paul and Catherine graduated from Partridge Rural High School. Over the years, Paul and Catherine served as co- presidents of their local National Campers and Hikers Assoc. and their Airstream Camp Club. He and Catherine loved to travel with their camp clubs, and in later years, on bus trips to Alaska, Nova Scotia as well as closer to home. He and Catherine thoroughly enjoyed being camp hosts for the Kansas State Fair Campgrounds for several years. In his youth Paul served in the Army Reserve. He worked as an optician for 45 years primarily in Hutchinson. He was the founding member of the Opticians Association of Kansas. Paul was a member of the Brethren Church all of his life and a member of Community Church of the Brethren in Hutchinson since 1953 serving as a deacon and on numerous committees. Paul is survived by his son, Calvin Showalter and his wife Sue, Albert, KS, daughter, Paula Hinshaw and her husband Rex, Jefferson City, MO, daughter, Barbara Watkins and her husband Steven, Topeka, son, Jim Showalter and his wife Bobbi, Topeka; grandchildren, Diane, Steve Jr. and Caroline Watkins, Vicky Ruth (Mitchell), Cindy Trawicki (John), Joey Ondrak (Ben), Margaret Lewis, Paul Showalter (Sandra), Travis Showalter, Bryce Miller (Sara), Kathryn

Showalter and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John, Russell, Leighton and a sister, Nellie. Memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. July 19, 2008 at the Community Church of the Brethren in Hutchinson. Inurnment will follow at the Partridge Cemetery at Partridge, KS. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Church of the Brethren, 1600 N Severance St., Hutchinson, KS, 67501.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul M. Showalter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Paula, Barbara, Calvin, Jim and families - My sympathies to you on the loss of your father, Paul. I have such great memories of he and Catherine and our childhood. Wishing you all peace and wonderful memories. Hope to see you at the memorial in Hutchinson. Take care and God Bless. Karon (Strickland) Rohr*

**Karon Rohr** - July 11, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“ *Calvin,*

*My condolences on the death of your father. I saw the obit in the Topeka paper. I worked with you many years ago at the KPL Tecumseh Plant.*

*Joe*

**Joe Cronin** - July 01, 2008 at 11:34 AM



“ *On behalf of the Ritterhouses, I want to offer our condolences. We'll SURE MISS Paul! He was a great guy! I hope to see you all at the memorial service in Hutch in July. Take care!*  
*Terry Christner*

**Terry Christner** - June 26, 2008 at 08:10 AM

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“ Jim,  
*I was so sorry to hear about your father's death. He was such a sweet man. I will always have fond memories of our visits when I worked at First National bank downtown. I always looked forward to him stopping in. Please know that I'll have you in my thoughts in the coming days. I hope all is well with you and your family.*

*Susan*

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**Susan Green-Haddad** - June 25, 2008 at 11:20 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy and love to the entire family. His last journey will be the best one.*

*Peace and love to you all.*

*Dwayne*

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**Dwayne Showalter** - June 25, 2008 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Barbara & Dr. Watkins,*

*Mason and I wanted to send you our sympathy during this time of mourning the loss of your father. We hope that you find peace during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Carrie Billbe & Mason Shields*

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**Carrie Billbe & Mason Shields** - June 25, 2008 at 03:47 PM