



## Paul Goring

January 25, 1928 - April 8, 2010

Paul Albert Carl Grotius Goring, 82, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died April 8, 2010, at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Born January 25, 1928, in Uniontown, Ohio, he was the son of Albert Hans Goring and Ida B. Grotius Goring. He was an Army veteran. He was a graduate of John Brown University in Siloam Springs and received his PhD from the University of Missouri, in Kansas City. Paul worked 18 years as a professor at the University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia. He lived 34 years in Colombia where he was a missionary with Christian Missions in Many Lands. He moved to Siloam Springs 9 years ago from Wheaton, Illinois. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Paul married Janet Coates Lancaster on September 15, 2001, in Siloam Springs. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alma Sue Harris, in 2000. Survivors include his wife, Janet, of the home; six daughters: Christine Goring Kepner and her husband Richard of Wheaton, Illinois; Ruth Goring and Daniel de la Pava of Chicago, Illinois; Martha Goring Munoz and husband Gilberto of Inglewood, California; Mary Beth Goring and husband Carl J. Hahn III of Inglewood, California; Jeannette R. Masters and husband Bruce of Lincoln, Nebraska; Esther Goring Galan and husband Juan of Wheaton, Illinois; two sons, Timothy P. Goring of Dallas, Texas, and Daniel J. Goring of Kansas City, Missouri; 21 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 188 foster children throughout the world. Local services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Rev. Breck Castleman officiating.

Visitation will be 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2010, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services in Illinois will be at Bethany Chapel, 404 N President, Wheaton, on Tuesday, April 13: 1:00 p.m. viewing, 2:00 funeral, followed by a 3:30 interment with a brief graveside ceremony at Wheaton Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to John Brown University, 2000 West University Street, Siloam Springs, AR 72761-2121 or to Christian Missions in Many Lands, P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake, NJ 07762-0013.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“*Dear Jan, We were saddened to hear of your loss. We have only heard wonderful things about your husband and know you will miss him. We pray God's blessing and comfort in this difficult time.*

*My sisters and I send our love,  
Jan*

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**Jan (Schimpf) Peck** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

TG

“*I'm so glad you and Jan have been within driving distance these past years, and that my kids got to know and experience you, Dad.*

*I enjoyed the projects we did together in Arkansas. The box of tools you and Mom gave me when I was 7 and the scrap lumber and can of bent nails that were always available for my use set me up with a very useful hobby and the sense that nearly any repair or remodeling project was within my reach. The countless hours of sanding, staining, and varnishing in Casa Shalom helped me discover how lovely wood could be if handled well.*

*I am grateful for the heritage you have left us. Our lives have meaning and purpose because you brought us up to know and follow God. You also taught us to respect the culture around us, to speak the language well, to enjoy nature, to love a beautiful home.*

*Thank you, God, for my dad.*

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**Tim Goring** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

AC

“ *Paul was a very valued colleague and a great friend and brother in the Lord. We enjoyed great fellowship and shared the ministry of a Reading Room in Medellin Colombia 1962-1971. Our kids attended the George Washington School together. Our prayers are with you in these very difficult days, but you have been blessed to have been reared in that home of faith.*

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**Arnold Cook** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ As long as I can remember, Paul and Susy were a big part of our lives. We were missionaries in the Philippines and they were missionaries in South America. The kids were about the same ages as my siblings and I were so we played together when we were on furlough at the same time.

*I remember Paul being strong and very very smart. (My mother always reminded us of how intelligent all of the Goring kids were, thanks to their parents IQs.)*

*Then - before I met my husband, Vern, he spent some time in Colombia, South America and met Paul, Susy, and the family while he did some wiring in their home. That became the first thing that Vern and I had in common after meeting. From that point on, Paul and Susy were very special to Vern.*

*I am so thankful for the legacy that Paul and Susy left for all of us. Their faith and love brought them through so many hard times. I never heard Susy complain about her rheumatoid arthritis and I watched Paul take such good care of her in her final years.*

*What a wonderful joy it is to know that he is in heaven with Jesus and that Susy can walk again - perfectly formed without arthritis.*

*We love you, Paul.*

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**Candy Wilson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JJ

“ I first met Paul Goring on a visit to their home in Medellin with his daughter, Mary Beth and his sons, Tim and Danny in 1974 (I believe that was the year). I recognized right away what a close and loving family I had just met. Paul was a devoted father and I could tell, a loving husband. I enjoyed my time with them very much that Spring break. We met again the summer of 1976 in Kansas City, KS when our family stopped to see their family while doing some deputation work in the USA as we were both missionary families. It was my pleasure to see Mary Beth, Tim and Danny again, after way too long of a passage of time, in February 2009. I mourn the loss of your dear Dad and will definitely be praying for you during this time and in the months ahead. I'll be praying that you sense God's Presence and peace in just the ways that you need.

*Blessings and tears,*

*Janice (aka Janny)*

*PS...I LOVED the video tribute and can't get over how much Tim looks like his Dad!!*

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**Janice Ehrenberg Jundanian** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JW

“ Dear Chris, Martha, Mary Beth, Tim and Danny,  
We have many memories of your dear Dad from our association with him and your mom in Medellin. However we have not been able to keep up on news about your family, except occasionally through Ruthie. First you lost your mother, and now your father. But have you really lost him? He is more alive now then ever, isn't he!!  
We're praying for you as you grieve for your beloved Dad. We know that you miss him so very much. Now with both of your parents gone, it leaves one with a huge emptiness. May you be comforted by our Lord, and by all the wonderful memories of a Dad that loved Him, and you so much.

*With our love, Joe and Jan*

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**Joe and Jan Walter** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

LH

“ *Papa Paul, your compassion, love for humanity, dedication to our Lord, passion for learning and teaching, care for countless individuals, humility, resilience, work ethic, sense of adventure and fun and deep love for our family are among the many things I admire and love about you. I marvel at all of your accomplishments and the lives you have touched. You and Mama Susy are two of my greatest inspirations. Querido viejo, I'm honored to be your favorite first grandchild.*

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**Laura Andrea Munoz Humphreys** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

WD

“ *Don Pablo es un ser irremplazable, afortunados quienes compartieron su vida en esta tierra, afortunados quienes llegaron a conocerlo*

*Hay muchas cosas por decir, espero decírtelas cara a cara. :(*

*Somos peregrinos en el mundo, desde el dulce pasto hasta el árbol más grande... transitamos de eternidad en eternidad...*

*Paul Goring G. 25/01/1.928 - 08/04/2.010*

*Estimada es a los ojos de Jehová la muerte de sus santos - Sal. 116:15*

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**Wilmer Devany** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

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**Wilmer Devany** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JF

“ *I did not know Paul but Ruth is one of the most loving, gentle, passionate and creative people I know. She is an inspiration for putting your money where your mouth is, being an activist for causes that mean something to you. Clearly she must have had a wonderful and passionate father.*

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**Jill Feldman** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

CB

“ *Apreciados hermanos, no queremos que ignoren lo que va a pasar con los que ya han muerto, Dios resucitará con Jesús a los que han muerto en unión con él. Reciban nuestras más sinceras condolencias, él Señor les conforte, jamás olvidaremos a nuestro hermano Paul, su vida y testimonio dejaron huellas en nosotros y él nos mostro el camino de la vida: Jesús. Les amamos y les amaremos por siempre. Gracias*

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**Carolina García, Flia. Carmona Cañas, Liliana B.** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

MM

“ My dad raised eight children, plus several others who were not his by birth or adoption. Somehow he managed to make each one of us feel uniquely loved. He was a passionate man who was faithful to his ideals and his Lord. As we heard at one of his memorial services, "Paul Goring was a preacher but also a doer."

*I'm thankful to be Paul's "favorite redhaired daughter."*

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**Martha Goring Munoz** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

HG

“ Paul Goring was a servant of God on earth. He followed His calling as a caring father not just of his own children but of those who were abandoned and shunned by society. Paul's life shone as a personification of God's love to human kind. Paul Goring was an example to those of us who had the privilege of knowing him. He taught us respect first for ourselves and as a result respect for others.

*May Paul live in our hearts and minds so we can honor his legacy.*

*To his family our deepest feelings of sympathy for your loss. May God bless you all.*

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**Hillmer & Yohan Granados** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

RM

“ I remember you dad well, and thought the most of him while growing up. The times the whole family would be back in KC, and then off again to Columbia. He always was soft spoken, and interesting to listen to. As guess as we get older we think more about the life we had growing up. I was very lucky and privileged to know him. I pray that the hurt will not hold any of the family back.

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**Richard C. McGowan** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

PD

“ Dear Goring family, I was very saddened to hear of the death of Paul.

*It is the passing of a man who loved God and loved his family. He lived his convictions. It is funny what things we attach to people. What I attach to Paul is that he invited our family over to your house in Medellin to watch the astronauts land on the moon. You all had a TV!! I only knew Paul as a dad, but I'm sure he was a great grandpa too. By now I'm sure a great-grandpa. I'm sorry for the passing of an era with him. I will have to get reacquainted with him in heaven.*  
*Much love, Patty*

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**Patty Walter DenHartog** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

GS

“ Paul, you saw what others could do and boosted them up on your shoulders so they could try and do some things they might not have tried otherwise. Lao Tsu, the Chinese philosopher and author of the Tao te Ching, says the poor leader is despised by his people, the good leader is loved by his people, and the GREAT leader's people say "Look! We did it ourselves!" That's the kind of leadership Paul often showed: nudging people to do stuff and then quietly standing back and applauding as if he had nothing to do with it. So many , many lives one person touched, and made better by that touch. I'm so glad I'm one of them. Thanks, Lord, for giving us Pablo.

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**Gino Smillie** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

AH

“ *My dear Ruth,*

*Thank you so much for including me to let me know of the sad news. I am so sorry that I was unable to be there to give you a hug. I will be praying for you as I think of you and your Father.*

*May God hold you in the center of His warm embrace. May you sense His powerful presence. May you feel His tremendous comfort.*

*Much love,  
Alice*

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**Alice M. Hayward** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

OE

“ *Pablo Goring is the most multicultural American citizen I've ever met. Nobody like him helped too many people in Colombia. He taught me how to improve my life and how to become a good father.*

*I love him and love all his family.*

*Oscar Escobar*

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**Oscar Escobar** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

RG

“ *I am missing Dad so much. It just doesn't feel right to have a family gathering without him. Siblings, children, cousins, nieces, nephews & friends: let's comfort each other.*

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**Ruth Goring** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JG

“ YO SOY FRUTO DE TU MINISTERIO EN COLOMBIA, TODO LO HICISTE MUY BIEN, ESPERO ENCONTARTE ALGUN DIA CON TUS CORONAS GOBERNANDO CON JESUCRISTO. GRACIAS HERMANO PABLO POR TODO LO QUE COMPARTIMOS EN EL MINISTERIO.

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**JESUS GONZALO** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

LV

“ *To Paul,  
A man we always honored for his gentlemanship and willingness to serve, share and empathize with others.  
"Don Pablo", we shall remember you for ever as a true mentor, functional substituting father and spiritual sheppard.  
Your deeds of kindness shall bring forth much more fruit and your role modeling shall continue shaping the lives of many people still to be touched by your transcendental influence.  
Enjoy your eternal mansion by your Lord and Savior!*

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**Lucho & Lorna Velez** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

HP

“ *We praise the Lord for all the abilities He has given you and now you are in Heaven enjoying the Love of our Lord. Uncle Howard & Aunt Virginia*

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**Howard & Virginia ppler** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JC

“ *¡Dios ubique a Paul Goring muy cerca de sí!*

*Yo lo recordaré como a una persona que amó a sus congéneres, y que con alto grado de entrega, luchó por los niños desvalidos de mi país, aún a costa de su propio bienestar.*

*Paul Goring entendía las debilidades humanas, y en él siempre había un apoyo.*

*Mi consideración y aprecio para los que sufren por esta pérdida tan cercana a Medellín y a San Cristóbal, el pequeño poblado de Colombia donde vivió muchos años con su familia*

*JULIO CÉSAR*

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**Julio César Duque Cardona** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

CF

“ *En Bolivia tuvimos la oportunidad de ser ministrados por el Dr. Pablo Goring. Lamentamos su partida y damos gracias a Dios por habernos concedido la oportunidad de conocerlo y apreciarlo. Extendemos nuestras palabras de consuelo para toda la familia.*

*Napoleon Ardaya  
Presidente Misión EPLABOL*

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**Chuck Floyd** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

SH

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family in your time of sorrow. Our family knew and loved the Goring family in Medellin, Colombia when we lived in Colombia as missionaries. Our parents worked together and we children went to school together. Paul Goring was a patient man with a good sense of humor. He was greatly loved by his family and the Colombian people whom he so humbly served.

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**Sharman Ruth Hankins** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

PA

“ I remember my Uncle Paul as a kind, intelligent caring person with a great gentle sense of humor. Although we never spent much time together in person, in spite of my mother, Dorothy being his wife Susie's dear sister - as we were apart by place but never parted in heart or spirit.

*I am always grateful for his legacy of a family of cousins that share his best traits and qualities.*

*With blessings on those family members who remain with us and thanksgiving for all Uncle Paul and Aunt Susie have left us in pleasant memories and their example of service to others.*

*With thanksgiving to God for the gift of eternal life through his son Jesus Christ and Uncle Paul's release from the cares of this life and abundant entrance to the glories of heaven. We will miss Uncle Paul here, but he now can visit in joy and rejoicing with Susy and Dorothy.*

*With my best regards to all of the family,  
Philip Paul Anderson  
Second son of Dorothy (Harris) Anderson*

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**Philip Anderson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JH

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the Goring family. Love, Joe and Lilian

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**Joe and Lilian Hahn** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

DK

“ We wish to express our deepest condolences on Pauls passing. I really appreciated Paul and Susie taking me in when I had no one else to turn to at the time. We are very thankful for the influence that Paul had in our lives.

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**David E King** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JH

“ Paul was always a man of giving action.

*When he came to visit us in our new home, he could not bring himself to sit down and relax with a good book, or go sightseeing in sunny Southern California. Instead, while I was away at work, he went to the hardware store and bought paints and supplies, borrowed my neighbors ladder, and proceeded to repaint the trim on our house. There was no stopping him.*

*He was that way in his faith as well. It was not all about teaching and preaching, but it was about doing as well.*

*"But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25*

*Paul and the generations that follow him continue to be blessed in all he did.*

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**Jodie Hahn** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

RH

“ I feel so blessed to be descended from Papa Paul, and can only hope I have inherited his strength, commitment, and caring. He will always be a part of me, and I am truly grateful for that. I am amazed by how many lives he touched - he set a standard that I now can strive to reach of making the lives of all he knew better. I wish he didn't have to go so early, but he accomplished much more than a lifetime's worth. I love you Papa Paul, thanks for making my family.

Rachel Hahn - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

MG

“ Dad, you are a stellar example of resilience, a spiritual giant, a man who has accomplished more in your lifetime than several people combined. Thank you for loving me, raising me, and bringing Jesus into our family. Thank you for the adventures, fun, family traditions and rituals, countless memories and great joy that is my legacy. I honor and love you.

Mary Beth Goring - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

ME

“ Jan, I am so sorry to hear about Paul's death. I am glad that you and he were able to share the years you did, and to enjoy each other and your many common interests. I hope you are finding comfort in your many friends, and know that I am keeping you in my prayers from afar.

Mary Frances Edwards - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

DD

“ Jan, You have my deepest sympathy. Paul was a gentle, kind man. I know you will miss him so very much. My thoughts and Prayers are with you through this difficult time. Love Deloris

Deloris Douthit - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

ES

“ *Our sweet Jan, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Paul was a wonderful man and he is now resting in the arms of our Lord. Jan, you and the family are certainly in my prayers.*

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**Elaine Sbanotto** - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM