



## Paul Asbury

August 30, 1928 - November 30, 2021

A. Paul Asbury was born August 30, 1928, in Holtville, CA, to Arch and Rosa Asbury. Paul was born in a tourist cabin, while his parents and their seven daughters were returning to Taft, CA from their farm under development near Pearce, AZ.

Arch worked for Standard Oil of California near Taft, but he and the family worked a farm near Buttonwillow, CA. Paul's mother, Rosa, was killed in an automobile accident before his third birthday. He was sitting on her lap. Standard Oil made Arch Asbury a night watchman, so he could be with his bereaved family daytimes. The oldest girls were nearly grown and minded the younger children. The family grew very close. They loved camping and holding church services in their home. Paul did not choose Jesus Christ as his Savior until he was seventeen, but then chose resolutely.

Paul showed an early interest in farming. He was schooled at Buttonwillow, then Taft H.S., and completed a year of agricultural studies at then Bakersfield Jr. College.

Paul married Luveney Towery on August 26, 1948. Paul and Veney had two sons and three daughters.

Paul farmed near Brawley, California, supplementing his income at Imperial Irrigation District as an apprentice lineman. When Arch Asbury was seriously injured by a horse, at Peace, AZ, Paul's family moved to Arch's farm. In 1955, Paul was hired at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative as an apprentice lineman. He enjoyed his nearly 36 years of service at SSVEC,

retiring in 1991 as Technical Services Supervisor. Paul and his associates, advanced the metering program and developed some of the necessary test instruments for meters and transformers.

A wonderful husband and father, Paul was also very devoted to Jesus Christ. He helped build Grace Chapel, an independent church, in Willcox, teaching a Bible class there about 25 years. After Paul retired from SSVEC, he and Veney helped with Prison Fellowship in the Graham County state prisons, and after retirement moved to the Safford area to be closer to his ministries. He taught a Bible class for about a decade at Church at Safford. For over forty five years Paul served in the Gideons International, which distributes Bibles to hotels, hospitals, medical waiting rooms, and to healthcare providers. He spoke at many churches and was for a time State of Arizona Gideon Chaplain.

Paul passed away at Mount Graham Regional Medical Center, November 30, 2021, after a very brief illness, in his 94th year. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Luveney Asbury, his son Phillip Asbury (Rebecca) of Willcox, daughter Sharon Honeycutt (Steve) of Los Chaves, NM, daughter Paula Asbury of Willcox, and daughter Mary Hunter (Dave) of Tucson, AZ, and by six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his older son Michael, by his parents, and all seven sisters: Fay, May, Phoebe, Ruth, Pearl, Opal, and Dorcas. Paul loved each of the immediate and extended families, and his many friends. Graveside services were 2:00 pm on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Memorial Services will be 10:30 am on Friday, April 1, 2022, at Grace Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 21. 2:00 PM (MT)

Sunset Cemetery  
N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

## Memorial

APR 1. 10:30 AM (MT)

Grace Chapel  
753 W. Maley Street  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Asbury*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Paul Asbury.*



December 19, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JT

“ One of my favorite memories of my uncle Paul took place after my grandmother Towery’s funeral. It was a very emotional day, my grandmother’s brother had heartbreakingly struggled at the service and tried to climb into the coffin with her. Several men had to rush in to hold him back. That was so shocking to me, the grief and pain on his face and in his deep guttural sobs. My grandmother lying there was the first time I remember seeing someone that had past. After the service the extended family got together for a picnic at a park near the gravesite. I remember my Uncle Paul and I taking a walk. It was a sunny but not scorching day for Bakersfield/Shafter California. This is around 1970/71. I remember holding his hand, I was around six years old. I was always fascinated by his hands because he was missing fingers on both of them from an electrical accident from before I was born. His hands didn’t bother me at all like you might think a young kid would pull back from or be afraid of such hands. I think it’s because he had a very measured and serene presence, very handsome, with kind eyes. He always seemed put together, pressed shirt and pants. He always appeared to have a fresh haircut, with his thick dark rimmed glasses. I thought he was very handsome and very nice. I remember looking up at him and telling my Uncle Paul on our walk that he was my favorite uncle. When we would see each other or talk after that he would remind me of our walk and my confession. It’s been a long long long time since I’ve seen him. The last time we were together was about 15 years ago at my Uncle Harmons funeral in Missouri. He gave me quite a compliment on the pinstriped gray and black suit I was wearing. He told me he used to have one just like it, that made me happy, and he said it was very sharp and looked great on me. We have not had a big presence in each others life but I will always remember him with love in my heart. I’m sending our love and condolences to my Aunt Luveney and their children and family. Rest in peace my favorite Uncle.

*Love your nephew Joseph Collins-Towery & family*

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Joseph Towery - December 19, 2021 at 12:53 PM

CH

“ Oh Paula, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. I only met him a few times, but you could just tell what a good man he was to be in his presence. Sending my love and a big hug. Carin

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**Carin Hiatt** - December 14, 2021 at 10:11 PM

VA

“ Paula and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Paul. He was such a sweet man with a ready smile any time I saw him. Next to the Lord, he loved his family so much. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain. What a wonderful day it will be when we can see him and our other loved ones again. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you love and virtual hugs!

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**Verlene Anderson** - December 14, 2021 at 10:06 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Paul's family and the many people whose lives he touched with his Christian teachings and example. I worked with Paul at SSVEC until he retired! He always had a smile, a hello and a kind word! He was a good man! Our loss is Heaven's gain!

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**LaDonna Burgess** - December 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM

CB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Sending love and prayers.

*Cheryl Bowlby*

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**Cheryl Bowlby** - December 02, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ *Paul you will be greatly missed. May God grant peace and comfort to your family*

**Lisa Marie Humphries** - December 02, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Paul Asbury*



**Kathy Thatcher** - December 01, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *Noel And Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Paul Asbury*



**Noel and Arlene Forsyth** - December 01, 2021 at 08:36 PM



*our deepest sympathy to the family thinking of our memories of Paul, may you feel the comfort only Christ can give.*

**Dan and sandra Ousley** - December 02, 2021 at 12:00 PM



*Paula, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. I know how much your dad meant to you and how much you meant to him. Sending positivity and prayers your way. -Tom*

**Tom Thompson** - December 14, 2021 at 10:36 PM