



Paul James Blake

June 1, 1925 - May 6, 2018

Paul Blake passed away on May 6, 2018, in Bradenton, Florida. He was born in Fulton, NY and resided in Sarasota Florida for over 50 years.

As a young man in Fulton, he played baseball. He was an avid Tampa Bay Rays fan and went to games at Tropicana Field and Ed Smith Stadium.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II and was honorably discharged on February 16, 1946.

Returning to Fulton, he completed a printer's apprenticeship. In the 1960's he moved to Sarasota and began work for the Sarasota Herald Tribune and worked there until he retired at age 65.

He was a volunteer firefighter for many years, having earned the nickname "Smokey".

Paul was a blood donor in Sarasota for decades.

Paul was an avid golfer and enjoyed many friends and experiences on the local golf courses.

He is pre-deceased by his daughter, Sharon Sheridan and his wife of 50 years, Edythe Blake.

He leaves behind his loving family, stepdaughter Cynthia Simons (Frank), and stepsons, Mark (Virginia) and Bill Herrick (Bonnie) and their children, and also a step-grandson, Darren Ferrell of Providence, RI. Paul had two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Burial will at Sarasota National Cemetery, alongside his beloved wife.

In his memory, please consider a donation to the ASPCA or the American

Cancer Society.

May you rest in peace, dear Paul.