

*Celebrating The Life Of*



*Paul William Styles*

*Sunrise*  
*October 17, 1926*

*Sunset*  
*February 2, 2011*

*Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.*

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2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

## *Obituary*

Wednesday, February 2, 2011, **Paul William Styles** was admitted into the Henrico Doctor's Hospital, Forest Campus and diagnosed with pneumonia. He never fully recovered and by Saturday, February 5, 2011, Paul had passed on at the age of eighty-four.

Paul was born on Sunday, October 17, 1926 to Norman and Pearl Styles in New York City. He was the second child, a sister Norma (older) and a brother Taylor (younger), to Norman and Pearl. As each of the children reached school age they were sent to Mansfield, OH to attend school and be raised by their aunt, Bessie (Norman's younger sister) who had wed to Edward Stevens.

Paul left school early to travel back to New York to seek his career. As a young man he met Thelma "Sister" Corner (born Thessalonina). After a short courtship they married on Sunday, April 4, 1942, from this union they produced two children, Ronald and Kathaline (better known by the family as "Cookie"). After a time Thelma was having health problems and at the advice of her doctor, Paul took his family back to Mansfield. There he went to work for HUMPHREY Manufacturing Co. of Mansfield, OH, where they produced bath tubs. After a few years he felt the need to return to his home in New York and so off they went.

Paul went to work for Murray who owned a used furniture store. They would purchase furniture from many of the New York City hotels when it came time for the hotel to change over their furniture. Murray would then sell it in his store on 125th Street. Paul got his brother, Taylor, a job there working with him. Paul was close to his brother and looked after him, even introducing him to the young lady that would become his wife, Velma Carney. She was a first cousin to Thelma.

This working relationship continued until Murray decided to retire and sold the business to the Styles brothers. Taylor took over the operation of that store and Paul opened another used furniture store a few blocks away. Paul maintained the business for many years until his wife Thelma became very ill. Paul turned his store over to one of his workers so that he could take care of his ailing wife until she passed away in 1988.

Paul then lived by himself in the Bronx. In June of 2004 Paul suffered his third stroke. His son, Ronald, who had been living in Richmond, VA came to New York and on the advice of the doctor took Paul to Richmond to live with him and his wife, Flora. They lived together until July of 2009 when Paul suffered stroke number four. From that stroke he suffered some paralysis and had to go into therapy for a couple of months before returning home. He then fell and broke his hip and had to get a partial hip replacement. At that time the doctor said he needed to be watched twenty-four hour a day.

November 2009, Paul moved into The Lynmoore Assistant Living Facility and resided there until February 5, 2011 when he went to be with God.

Preceding Paul in death were his sister and brother, Norma Burns and Taylor Styles, his daughter, Kathaline Hall, and nephew, Calvin Burns. He leaves behind, son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Flora Styles; four nieces and nephews; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter and scores of other cousins.

# *Order of Service*

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**Interment**

*Rosehill Cemetery*

*Linden, New Jersey*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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