



Paul John Ehmen

March 20, 1925 - February 5, 2015

Paul John Ehmen, known to his friends and colleagues as PJ and called John by his wife, passed away at the age of 89 on Thursday, February 5, 2015.

A long time resident of Orlando, PJ, born in Union City, New Jersey, was the only child of Paul H. Ehmen and Frieda Wilhelm Ehmen. From infancy, he was raised by his maternal grandmother in a small town outside of Berlin, Germany. There he apprenticed and completed a designation as Master Baker from the Culinary Arts School of Berlin. At the age of 17 he was drafted into the German army where he was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. He spent a year in recovery, and in 1949 he was able to return to his home country.

He worked as a baker in New York City where he met and married Marion, his wife of 64 years. Only months later he received a draft notice and consequently became a member of the US Army for 27 years.

Serving in both Korea and Vietnam, PJ earned numerous accommodations, awards, and medals, including the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal First Oak Leaf Cluster. PJ retired from active duty in 1973 at the rank of Master Sergeant.

Following his distinguished military career, he accepted a position as Manager

of Food and Beverage Operations at the Sheraton Twin Towers hotel in Orlando. He was a founding member of the Central Florida Chefs Association, and at the time one of only 100 certified executive chefs in all of America.

In a 1975, PJ became the new Food Service Director of Lucerne General Hospital in Orlando, where he revolutionized all aspects of the food service operations including for the first time gourmet meals for the patients and staff. PJ retired in 1990.

Greatly respected and profoundly loved by his surviving wife, five children and their spouses, three grandchildren, extended family, and friends, PJ will be deeply missed.

Parts of his life history and military service were recorded in an audio interview available at the Library of Congress Veterans History Project available at:

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/bib/loc.natlib.afc2001001.84474>

In Lieu of flowers, make any and all donations to Disabled Veterans Association, www.DAV.org in the name of Paul John Ehmen.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ 2 files added to the album PJ & Marion



Derek - October 26, 2016 at 12:22 PM

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“ Derek lit a candle in memory of Paul John Ehmen



Derek - April 15, 2015 at 05:22 PM

CL

“ Caprice and latoya



caprice @ latoya - February 26, 2015 at 05:09 PM

CL

PJ was a very good man and rolmodel who I looked up to and adore and I'm gone miss PJ u will always be miss I love u

caprice @ latoya - February 26, 2015 at 05:13 PM

JJ

“ Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Paul John Ehmen



Jackie Johnson - February 25, 2015 at 06:53 PM

LJ

“ Lavonte And Janiecya lit a candle in memory of Paul John Ehmen



Lavonte and Janiecya - February 25, 2015 at 06:52 PM

PS

“ Porchia, Lavonte, Shantasia lit a candle in memory of Paul John Ehmen



Porchia, Lavonte, Shantasia - February 25, 2015 at 06:51 PM

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Porchia, Lavonte, Shantasia - February 25, 2015 at 06:50 PM

JJ

“ Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Paul John Ehmen



Jackie Johnson - February 25, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JJ

“ My name is Jackie Johnson. You all dont know me but PJ was a good friend of my family for 23 yrs. He was there for me and my 3 kids when my mom passed in 2012. We are going to miss him very much.You truly have my condolences. Jackie Johnson, 407-952-7744.

jackie johnson - February 25, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JB

“ Condolences to my cousins Derek and Gloria Ehmen on the passing of Derek's father. Sending prayers and best wishes for the Ehmen family. -Jeremy & Karla Boehl

jeremy boehl - February 10, 2015 at 11:33 AM

CP

“ Bon Voyage PJ

With the fondest of memories and love to all the family.

Carol and Adrian

Carol Pountain - February 09, 2015 at 04:52 PM

JF

“ John and Betty Anne Fritsche purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul John Ehmen.



John and Betty Anne Fritsche - February 09, 2015 at 08:57 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album PJ & Marion



Derek - February 08, 2015 at 02:49 PM

HV

Thanks for sharing those pictures, Derek. Regards from Germany, Harry

Harry Viesel - February 13, 2015 at 06:07 PM

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Derek - February 08, 2015 at 02:48 PM



Wow what a great picture. Our condolences go out to the family of Mr. EHMEN aka PJ. A Great Man who will be missed. RIP Love Alec, Kristen, Madison, and Fletcher McDonald

Alec McDonald - February 09, 2015 at 06:52 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



derek - February 08, 2015 at 02:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul John Ehmen.



February 07, 2015 at 10:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Derek - February 07, 2015 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ *Best to Fred and family. My deepest condolences.*

Sean Hughes - February 07, 2015 at 06:09 PM

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“ *10 files added to the album New Album Name*



Derek - February 07, 2015 at 11:34 AM



Now this is my kind of beer.

Alec McDonald - February 09, 2015 at 05:25 PM

EH

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Ehmen - February 06, 2015 at 07:43 PM

EH

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Ehmen - February 06, 2015 at 07:18 PM

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*Corrected internet link for P.J.'s audio interview:
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.84474/>*

Derek - February 07, 2015 at 07:52 PM