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Paul O. Dutcher, 97, of DeRidder, LA passed away peacefully on March 13, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 16, 2014, in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel located in DeRidder, LA with Rev. Wayne Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM and will continue on Sunday, March 16, 2014, from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the funeral home in DeRidder.

During Paul's professional career, he proudly served as a Boy Scouts of America professional for over 25 years, recruiting adult volunteers, promoting youth membership and organizing challenging and character building events. Paul directly impacted the personal development of many boys into responsible young men. He was still interacting with local Scouts in DeRidder as late as 2013. After retiring from Scouting, he continued to serve the youth in his community for several years as a school crossing guard at K. R. Hanchey Elementary.

Paul was born and grew up in Toledo, Ohio. He married Betty Dilley in 1942 and remained married for 71 years until her passing earlier this year. They lived in DeRidder since 1972, with previous residences in Alexandria, LA; Mississippi; Arkansas and Ohio.

Those that have preceded him in death are his wife, Betty; his parents, Otto Cline and Walla Hedwig Warnke Dutcher; sisters, Helen Meister and Ruth Whitworth, and their husbands Melvin Meister and Eugene Whitworth.

Paul's surviving family includes daughters, Janet Hoffpauir, Paula Walker and husband Kenneth; son, David Dutcher and wife Judy; grandsons, Kevin Walker and wife Christie, Andrew Walker and wife Claire and great granddaughters, Bella and Hanna.



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The family wishes to thank DeRidder Retirement and Rehabilitation Center and Brighton Bridge Hospice for their compassionate care.



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Charles Kincade posted:

Mr Paul Dutcher was the Asst Scout Executive in Clarksdale, MS, where I grew up. I was in the Boy Scout program from the time I was 9 to 18 years old. As the Asst Executive, he was in charge of the Scout District's Camping Facility "Camp Tallaha" near Charleston, MS. My first year, in 1959, I ran the camp Trading Post selling snacks and equipment to campers. I returned in 1960 as Quartermaster and took care of the equipment, checked it out, checked it in, and repaired damaged equipment. That was a great job - I really only worked Sunday afternoon for check-out and Saturday morning for check-in. Mr. Dutcher's daughter, Janet, was in my class. Mr Dutcher was a prince to me. During my first tour at the camp, I had an emotional melt-down because of situation that had occurred in camp. He came into the Trading Post, put his arm around me, and walked me out to one of the benches in front of the Mess Hall. He just calmly talked to me for 15 or 20 minutes, as a parent would talk to their child. I'll never forget the humanity he showed. In 2008, I Googled his name and phone number and found that he was living in DeRitter, Louisiana. I called him and we talked for a long time. I doubt that he remembered me or that incident, but he did say that he really liked living in Clarksdale. I believe the Dutcher family moved after I graduated from high school. He became the Scout Executive in Louisiana. There are just a few people in this world who really make a difference. Mr. Dutcher was one.

June 5 at 7:00 PM



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