



Paul Douglas Gsell

October 23, 1938 - November 17, 2025

Paul Douglas Gsell of Crumpton, MD passed away on November 17, 2025, at Corsica Hills in Centreville. He was 87 years old.

Paul was born in Wilmington, DE on October 23, 1938, the son of the late Silver and Alice Gsell. He attended Chestertown High School and worked at his family farm, where he fell in love with horses. He fox hunted with his father and owned his horse Friday from the age of 11.

His passion for horses developed into a lifelong career in horse training and fox hunting. He worked with Wilbur Hubbard and later Lana Dupont Wright. He also worked as a Stallion Handler for Northern Dancer at Winfield Farms.

After his retirement, Paul and his wife Carolyn owned, trained, and raced standardbreds. Paul had an amazing way with horses, his favorite being All About Town, who he called "Honey Bee".

He was a member of the United Standardbred Association. He also enjoyed crabbing, rabbit hunting, beagle field trials, and coached little league baseball. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, William Gsell, in 2023, and a granddaughter Christinia Gsell.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn, he is survived by his son, Paul Gsell, Jr. of Elkton, MD; daughter, Judy Gsell of Dover, DE; as well as three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, November 20 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road Chestertown, MD. Interment will be held privately.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home

130 Speer Road

Chestertown, MD 21620

<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Douglas Gsell*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 07:38 AM

BW

*Go with the wind Uncle Paul.
Barbara Ellen*

Barbara Wallace - November 23, 2025 at 03:36 PM

SJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and the children.*



Suzanne Jackson - November 25, 2025 at 03:21 PM

ME

“ My mom wanted to share this picture of Paul and family from his nephew’s wedding

Pictured: Uncle Paul with his sisters Ruth and Mary (Laddie), mother Alice, and niece Mary Ann at nephew Marty Sr.’s wedding



Mariellen Edinburg - November 20, 2025 at 11:42 AM

CB

This was Mart's wedding from 1975.. Uncle Paul, Mary Good, Alice Gsell, Ruth Heinefield and Maryann Heinefield was the flower girl

Cynthia G Beam - November 20, 2025 at 05:45 PM

KC

“ I am sure going to miss Uncle Pauls visits and his crazy sense of humor. Just so grateful to have had he and Aunt Carolyn in my life and will miss him dearly. Rest in peace, I love you. Say hi to my people!



Kimberly G Cochran - November 20, 2025 at 09:11 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Hurd lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Gsell



Cheryl Hurd - November 19, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ Tracy Abram lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Gsell



Tracy Abram - November 19, 2025 at 07:38 PM

RW

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Paul passing he is in heaven with all his animals that he loved. He will see my Bessie Mae the beagle he gave to me!

Ruth Wilds - November 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM

AA

“ Pop gusell u thought me alot how to b strong n b a hard working man the days of windswept farms u b like u damn boys get ur shit together u made me feel like one of yours

Andy argoe - November 18, 2025 at 10:45 PM

PS

“ Sending my most sincere condolences and keeping the Gsells in my thoughts and prayers. Paul was like a grandfather to me, and his stories and humor will stay with me always.

Presly Sanier - November 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ I wouldn't be who I am today if it weren't for you. You taught me how to be a man and how a man should carry himself I always looked up to you and will be forever grateful you raised me when it wasn't your job to. You never sugar coated anything and I now know where I get my stubbornness from

Daniel Gsell - November 18, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CT

“ Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Gsell



Carroll Thompson - November 18, 2025 at 03:38 PM

CT

Always looked forward to seeing Paul & hearing his wonderful stories. I will miss him. RIP 🙏

Carroll Thompson - November 18, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *The Guessford’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Douglas Gsell.* ”



The Guessford’s - November 18, 2025 at 02:59 PM