



*In  
Loving Memory  
Of  
Herschel A. Pahl*

*Seamen's Version of the 23rd Psalm*

*"The Lord is my pilot. I shall not drift. He lighteth me across the deep waters; He steereth me in deep channels; He keepeth my log. He guideth me by the star of holiness for his name sake. Ya, though I sale "mid the thunders and tempests of life, I shall dread no danger; for Thou art near me; Thy love and Thy care shelter me. Thou prepares a harbor before me in the homeland of eternity; Thou annointist the waves with oil; my ship rideth calmly. Surley sunlight and starlight shall favor me on the voyage I take, and I will rest in the port of my God forever"*

***Herschel A. Pahl***

***ENTERED INTO REST***

*October 17, 2010*

***AGE***

*90 Years, 6 Months, 2 Days*

***SERVICE***

*Thursday, October 21, 2009*

*2:00 P.M.*

*Ava United Methodist Church*

*Ava, Missouri*

***OFFICIATING***

*Pastor Marty Blakey*

***INTERMENT***

*Ava Cemetery*

*Ava, Missouri*





***ESCORTS***

***MUSIC***

*Devin & Jane Cogdill, Jim Cravens*

*Men's United Methodist Quartet:*

*Owen Garris, Russell Hunt*

*Darrell Wray & Marty Blakey*

***MILITARY HONORS***

*U.S. Navy*

*Ava American Legion #112 & VFW #5993*

**Herschel Arnold Pahl,  
Captain U. S. Navy (retired)**

Retired U.S. Navy Captain Herschel Arnold Pahl passed away Sunday, October 17, 2010 at Heart of the Ozarks Care Center in Ava, Mo.

Herschel was born April 15, 1920 on a farm east of Cambridge, Neb. He was one of six children born to Arnold E. "Art" and Mary (Keene) Pahl.

Herschel survived the Depression and the terrible dust storm of the 1930's. He retired as a Naval Aviator in 1973 after 31 and a half years of active duty. Hersch and wife Bonnie B. (Lawrence) Pahl made their home in Douglas County, Mo. on a farm east of the city of Ava. There they enjoyed tree farming, raising cattle, grass and grand children and producing lumber for furniture. They have also been faithful members of Ava United Methodist Church.

During World War II, Herschel was a fighter pilot flying the F6F Hellcat fighter plane from four different aircraft carriers in the Pacific: *USS Independence*, *USS Cowpens*, *USS Intrepid* and *USS Hancock*. He had three combat tours of duty. After World War II he continued to serve on aircraft carriers *USS Hornet*, *USS Coral Sea* and *USS Wasp*.

Hersch's last duty assignment was on the faculty at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he had previously completed his undergraduate work.

Herschel has written and published four historical books, two of which are available at [www.herschpahlbooks.com](http://www.herschpahlbooks.com). His historical site is dedicated to preserving the aircraft carrier history of World War II and the stories of the many unsung heroes that gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

Herschel is survived by his wife Bonnie of over 67 years, sons Neel Pahl, Aurora, Colo. and Dale Pahl, Highlands Ranch, Colo. and siblings Phyllis Mitchell and Glenda Schultz of Seatac, Wa. Herschel was further survived by eight grandchildren: Julie Cogdill, Paige Pahl, Maclaine Pahl, Stephanie Pahl, Neel Williams Pahl, Dale "Ted" Pahl, Erin Pahl and Lesley Pahl and five great-grandchildren: Josh, Devin, Ethan and Noah Cogdill and Heidi Pahl.

In addition to parents, Herschel was preceded in death by son Terrence "Randy" Pahl and siblings Harold Pahl, Camilla Orvis and Melva Rucker.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Assoc. or Ava United Methodist Church.

Services conducted By  
**Clinkingbeard Funeral Home**  
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