

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH FAMILY



Paul Tix has been a part of the Hampton community for over 93 years. He grew up on the farm where the cattle yard is today near the intersection of Highways 50 and 52, just south of town. His parents, Matt and Anna Tix, had six children; Christine, Ceal, John, Mattie, Julius and Paul. Paul was only six years old when his father died while working in a gravel pit that collapsed. Paul attended St. Mathias School until the eighth grade. Outside of school he remembers working hard to help his family through the Depression years, lucky to make \$1.00 per hour for wages. He also worked on a traveling threshing crew that went from farm to farm helping local farmers harvest their wheat and oats.

During World War II he enlisted in the Army. He fondly remembers driving trucks on the Burma Road between China and India, earning three Battle Stars. After serving in the war, he later married Marlene (Mies), also a Hampton resident. Paul drove school bus for over 30 years and managed the elevator in Hampton until it was destroyed by fire. He then went to Randolph to manage that elevator until his retirement.

Paul has two sons, Mike and Andy. Andy is married to Amy (Deutsch), daughter of Joan (Gores) and Dennis Deutsch, who are members of the St. John the Baptist Church in Vermillion. Andy and Amy have two daughters, Ellie (10) and Annika (8), who attend Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Hastings. Mike is better known to us now as Father Mike. He was actually a classmate at the Seminary with Father Stan and is now Pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Savage. Mike coached the Hampton Little League for years, earning many trophies and wins for the local boys. Like his dad, he also drove bus, and still has his license today.

Paul is currently going through some rehab at the Augustana Health Care Center in Hastings. He enjoys visiting and I'm sure he would like to see some familiar faces from the Hampton area. Stop by and say "Hello".