

Paul McDuffie

McDuffie, originally from Hawkinsville, Georgia, became highly noted as the man who led Chevrolet factory racing into NASCAR in the late 50s. McDuffie's cars won the Southern 500 at Darlington with Fireball Roberts in 1958, and the inaugural World 600 at Charlotte with Joe Lee Johnson in 1960. McDuffie was killed, along with two other men, in a tragic accident in Darlington during the 1960 Southern 500. The accident occurred when Bobby Johns' out of control racer spun into the pits, hitting the pit wall. McDuffie, Charles Sweatlund, and Joe Taylor were all killed in the accident.

Late 40's-Worked with others to convert the Hawkinsville horse race track to a dirt track and a forerunner of NASCAR

*1950-Began racing career as a mechanic

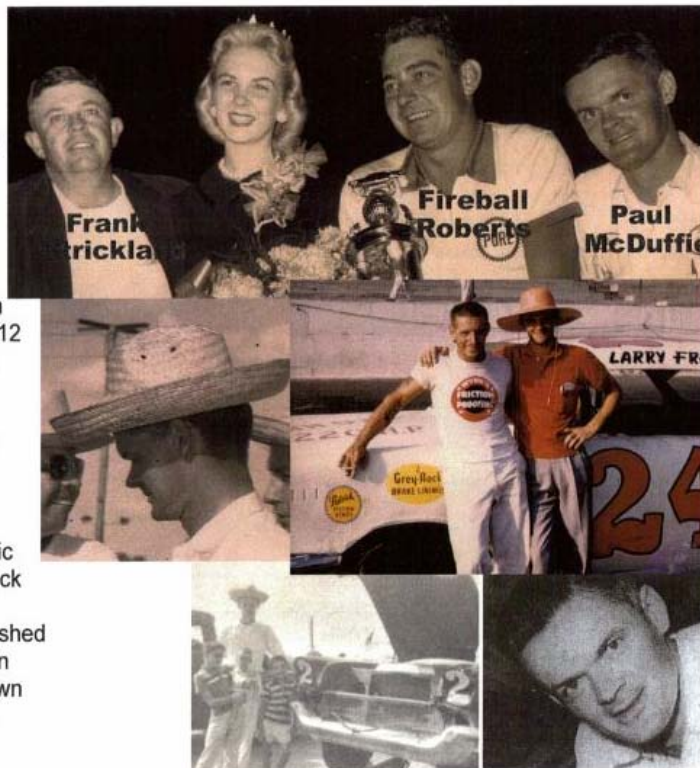
*1956-Teamed with driver Roz Howard and won NASCAR championship

*1957-Opened Atlanta Tune Up Service with Bradley Dennis-he and Bradley won 12 out of 15 starts with Fireball Roberts driving in the Grand Nationals and convertible divisions

*1960-Won first World 600 at Charlotte with driver Joe Lee Johnson

58,59,60-Paul known for his straw hat did research and development work for Chevrolet and was voted NASCAR mechanic of the year 3 times, built race engines for Jack Smith, Bud Lunsford and others

*1960-Lost his life in the pits when a car crashed over the retaining wall at the Southern 500 in Darlington stilling the hands of the man known as the best mechanic to ever turn a wrench



1928-1960

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