



Paul James Petersen Jr.

July 20, 1956 - January 15, 2020

Paul James Petersen Jr., 63, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, with his loving family by his side. He was born July 20, 1956, the son of Paul James Petersen Sr. and Loretta June (Carnduff) Petersen, in Springfield, Illinois. He married Letitia Rose on November 18, 2006, at the WQNA Radio Station in Springfield, Illinois.

Paul graduated from Springfield High School in 1973 and attended Lincoln College for a year. He worked for the State of Illinois in the Blind Vending Program and retired in 2016 from the Illinois Department of Transportation. He always had a passion for music and radio.

Paul is survived by his wife; two children, Paul James Petersen III of Springfield and Loretta Clarine (husband Chris) Petersen of Springfield; a step daughter, Brittany Nicole Rose of Springfield; nine grandsons and two granddaughters; siblings, Perry "Tuffy" Jon (wife Janet) Petersen of Petersburg, Myra "Muggy" Geraldine Hughes of Cherry Hill, Arkansas and Charles "Pete" Woodrow Petersen of Geneva, Alabama; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jacquelin "Jackie" Lee Chapman.

Paul's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at Paul and Letitia's home, 307 E. Douglas Ave., Petersburg, Illinois, 62675, on Saturday, February 8, 2020, beginning at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Paul's family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society who has helped Paul and his family with lodging expenses throughout his cancer treatments.

Please visit Paul's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories.

Cremation rites were performed by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul James Petersen Jr.*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *April 14. Blue jeans and army boots. Hot dogs and chili. Pink floyd and melanie. Parties on the hill and quiet night by bubbling stream. Dave and lance and tommy and wells. Springfield high and the corner store. Griff and sandy and silly monkey. Lincoln college and diamond rings. Reel to reel and cool cool peace. Almost forever but too young to realize. Lost thru the years but always in my heart. As it said it best, 'i always thought that I'd see you again.' Stay golden, Paulie.*

vicki taylor - June 24, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ *I am sharing the Angel for my dad. It is something my mom would have wanted to share for him.*



James Petersen - January 22, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *James Petersen lit a candle in memory of Paul James Petersen Jr.*



James Petersen - January 22, 2020 at 07:17 PM

WS

“ *Letitia, I am sorry for your loss.*

Wendy Sheppard - January 22, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Letitia Petersen lit a candle in memory of Paul James Petersen Jr.*



Letitia Petersen - January 19, 2020 at 01:03 AM

CB

“ *Tad is my cousin, he always was the sweetest , I stayed a few summers with them and we always had the best time,..he always had that smile for everyone.....rest in peace Tad...you will always be loved...and your Aunt Chickie probably always has her arms around you...I am sure of that*

cheryl blakeman-sneyd - January 18, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Blakeman-sneyd lit a candle in memory of Paul James Petersen Jr.*



cheryl blakeman-sneyd - January 18, 2020 at 02:06 PM

PP

“ *Perry Petersen lit a candle in memory of Paul James Petersen Jr.*



Perry Petersen - January 18, 2020 at 09:55 AM

BB

“ *I met Paul back in the 80's when he ran the newspaper stand in the Capitol rotunda & we became friends. He & I & Dave Daily would get together then Paul & I worked at DOT for a time together & I would go talk to him about the Cardinals, work, his family etc. Paul never seem to let his disabilities bring him down. I found him to be inspiring for the way he went about life. I will always have fond memories of you Paul !
I remember you always saying, It could always be worse !
May you R.I.P.*

Bob Buck - January 18, 2020 at 08:23 AM

LF

Some day never comes. With a heavy heart tonight hearing this news. Rest easy paulie. Will never forget your blue jeans and army boots. Parties on the hill. Long walks rain and shine. Silly melanie and pink floyd. Reel to reels and quiet cool. Shady picnics and gentle streams. Dave and lance and tommy and wells. Hope chests and pot busts. Almost was and never realized. Griff and sandy and a silly monkey. You always did walk like jagger. Stay gold paulie

long lost friend - June 24, 2020 at 02:15 AM

JP

“ Janet Petersen lit a candle in memory of Paul James Petersen Jr.



janet petersen - January 17, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JP

“ in the 43 years he was my brother in law theres more memories then i can remember . but he was the best brother in law i could have had. he will be missed by all that knew him he was one of a kind and was nothing he couldnt do if he wanted r i p tad

janet petersen - January 17, 2020 at 07:52 PM

MW

“ Paul was a great guy. Always ready with a laugh or witty comment. He will be missed by all. Rest In Peace B baby. Michael and Kitty (Hamhocks, Drumsticks)

Michael Westcott - January 17, 2020 at 07:34 PM

AH

“ Tad will be missed :(he was a one of kind, who always made everyone else feel that way

angie haynes - January 17, 2020 at 07:33 PM

 James
Petersen

“ My dad was a very amazing man. He was blind pretty much his whole life, BUT that did not stop him from accomplishing many things in his life. Like his obituary read he loved radio and music. My dad taught me how to listen to a song for what it says and not just a beat. He was a very devoted father as well. He raised my sister all most all by him self. And she turned out to be a very amazing lady. When I was growing up in Greenville Il with my mom and step-dad, my dad made sure to keep in touch with me and he would come down and celebrate holidays and my birthday with us. I would come to Springfield to visit him every other weekend and pretty much my entire summers. He made sure that he always and I mean always had time for his children. After finishing high school, I joined the Marine Corps and even then dad made sure we kept in contact as much as possible. My dad was my HERO! I love and miss him ever so much. Life has already been altered when he left. I really dont have anyone to argue sports with and that was a big part of his and my relationship. I do know this though he loved his grandchildren very much. I cant speak for all the grand kids but I know my boys all five of them LOVED their Saturday Monopoly games with him. Monopoly wont be the same now that dad is gone. Dad pretty much ran Monopoly when we would play. It was and always will be a very lasting memory of mine. Thank you everyone for being there for my dad and knowing he was loved means ever so much to me.

James Petersen - January 17, 2020 at 07:04 PM