



Paul Morris Rosander

February 18, 1952 - February 1, 2014

Paul Morris Rosander was born February 18, 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Paul William Rosander and Wanda Marchant. He passed away due to liver transplant rejection on February 1, 2014.

Paul lived in the Liberty Park area until age twelve when his family of nine moved to the Holladay area. He was always close to his parents and siblings and proud of his heritage. Paul enjoyed a life of playing ball, hanging out with his brother Russ, riding in go-carts, taking drum lessons and driving a VW Carmegia. After graduating with the Olympus High School class of 1970 Paul served an honorable mission in Brussels Belgium for two years. In a previous marriage, Paul had two fine sons, Brian and Preston, whom he dearly loved and admired for their devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Brian expressed it best by describing Paul's lifelong commitment to two institutions, the University of Utah and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Paul loved to share his testimony and said his favorite calling was serving as a stake missionary.

In 1991, after a whirl-wind romance, Paul married his eternal companion, Diane, and helped raise her children, Steven, Anna and Laura. Paul spent the first twenty years of his professional life in sales—primarily selling cars and insurance. After his marriage to Diane, Paul returned to college to get his degree, earning a Bachelor's of Arts from Westminster College and a teaching certification from the State of Utah in 1996. While attending college Paul drove taxi for Ute Cab. He loved meeting people and had a gift for knowing the Salt Lake geography. Never needing a GPS, Paul could find the quickest route to any address. Changing careers late in life, Paul loved teaching Jr. High History and Geography in the Granite School District until his health prohibited his ability to work.

In 2008 Paul had a liver transplant which changed his life. He was deeply grateful for this miraculous procedure. The transplant took a toll on Paul, limiting what he could do. Before his transplant Paul was a gregarious and fun-loving man. A spontaneous and outgoing disposition was his hallmark. Paul was adventuresome and famous for his bigger-than-life moods. After his transplant Paul's temperament changed to a more reserved and introverted personality. His ill health morphed his natural tendency to live life on the edge. He spent the last seven years as a spectator in life, compared to his previous experience of being either in the game or coaching from the sidelines.

Paul loved sports. He played high school baseball and basketball, as well as excelled in church sports. While teaching in the Granite School District he coached volleyball, basketball and track. Staying true to the Rosander tradition Paul's allegiance to the Utes was evident in his ability to break out in the Ute fight song, at any time. Once while in the ICU at IMC Paul started singing "I am a Utah Man" so loud he could be heard all the way to the nurse's station.

Paul is survived by his wife Diane (Johnson), 5 of his siblings, Sharon McMullin, Becky (Clark) Nielsen, Russ (Kathi Brown), Diana Hamilton and John (Toni Houston). He will also be missed by his blended family members Brian (Tara Beckstead) Rosander, Preston (Alecia Harris) Rosander, Steven Gough, Anna (Rob) Woodruff, and Laura Gough. Paul and Diane shared 8 grandchildren together. Paul is being reunited in the next life with his sister Wendy and his beloved father Paul Sr. Paul never stopped grieving for his father who passed away just a few months ago.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the LDS Chapel at 1433 East Old Mission Road, Sandy, Utah with a viewing prior to services and at the church Friday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Interment at the Granite Cemetery

Comments



“ It broke my heart to read about Paul's passing. You, Diane, and Paul, were two of our favorite neighbors for the many years we lived down the street from you. Paul was always cheerful and had an encouraging word for James. You cannot know how much I appreciated that!

Although we know he is in a better place, this world will be a little less bright without Paul's light.

We fully intended to attend the funeral, and then, klutz that I am, I dislocated my knee (duh!) which has grounded us for the time being. See, Diane, with me for a mom, James was doomed from birth! Hope the levity isn't too inappropriate.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We both adore you.

Anne and James Johnson - February 08, 2014 at 07:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayer go out to you Diane and Family. We love you dearly.
Dan & MaryKay Stober

Dan and MaryKay Stober - February 08, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ Paul often referred to himself as "Rosie," which fit him perfectly. Having lived out of state for most of my post-Olympus/U of U years I hadn't seen him forever - we were acquainted but not 'hang out together' friends but he is one guy I remember well and fondly as a person whose warmth was infectious.

Well done, Rosie.

Greg Carter Oly, Class of '70

Greg Carter - February 07, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Diane and the rest of the family. Paul was and has always been a good friend. Opportunities for him now are boundless. Goodbye old friend.
Dennis

Dennis Glade - February 03, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ Diane, I am saddened to hear about Paul's death and at the loss of your sweetheart. I did not really know him, but I know you and how much you two were meant to be together. Know that you are loved and his long physical battle is finally over. He is embracing everything again from the other side and he will most certainly will be with you always, a bigger than life guardian angel if you will. Love you, Lynda Cornia

Lynda Cornia - February 02, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ Diane, My sincere condolences on Paul's death. Gina

Gina Samson Johns - February 02, 2014 at 12:59 PM



“ Diane, I am so sorry for your loss. What a beautiful remembrance of Paul's life! Dennis & I have fond memories of sharing a table with you and Paul at the SOS Christmas parties. He made us feel so welcome and we loved his stories! I am thinking of you, my dear friend, and praying for you. Love you!
Leanna Tolman

Leanna Tolman - February 02, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Much Love, The Mitchell's

John and Shannon Mitchell - February 02, 2014 at 10:39 AM