



Paul Graham

October 16, 1962 - March 6, 2025

GRAHAM, PAUL Age 62 March 6, 2025. Loving father of David Graham & Rachel Graham. Beloved son of David & Sharon Graham. Dear brother of Mark Graham, John (Christine) Graham & Daniel (Shawn) Graham.

Paul was excitedly welcomed as the first child of David and Sharon Graham on Oct. 16, 1962. Paul grew up in Richmond, Michigan where he attended St. Augustine Elementary School. He attended Holy Cross High School in Marine City, Michigan where he excelled in his studies. Paul loved playing sports, fishing and waterskiing as well as spending time taking apart anything mechanical. Being the oldest of four boys, Paul was the de facto (self-proclaimed) leader of all activities and games – this is where Paul first developed his leadership and management skills! Growing up, Paul was known to have a mischievous side but it was always well-balanced with kindness and love for others.

After graduating High School Paul attended General Motors Institute in Flint and worked as a student coop at the Flint Truck Assembly plant making him a GMI "lifer". His true passion at college was his fraternity, ATO. Paul pledged as a freshman and worked tirelessly for the fraternity as the house manager and was ultimately voted President of his ATO chapter, twice. There are many stories about the numerous adventures and misadventures of Paul and his pals. His bond with the friends he met during college have continued and

grown over the last 45 years. Truly, his ATO brothers are his best friends.

Upon graduating from GMI, Paul began a career at General Motors, spanning over four decades, holding numerous positions in both Manufacturing Engineering & Manufacturing Assembly. Paul started in the Fort Wayne Truck Assembly facility and had supervisory and maintenance roles. He transferred to the Body Manufacturing group in Pontiac and held numerous engineering roles while in the group. Paul was promoted into his first leadership role at the Baltimore Truck Assembly plant as a Maintenance & Paint Superintendent. Marian and Paul were married in 1994. She moved to Maryland to support him in his GM adventures. Paul was promoted again and returned to Fort Wayne as the Body Shop Area Manager in 1996.

Paul was then given the opportunity to lead the project launch of the new full-size Truck platform in Silao, Mexico. During this international assignment, he acted as the focal point between GM de Mexico and GM Product Engineering in Warren. After repatriating to the US three years later, Paul became the Area Manager at the Truck Assembly plant in Shreveport, Louisiana. Paul had a short stint in the Oklahoma City plant prior to its closing. He then moved to the Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Missouri.

Paul was appointed as the Director of the Corvette plant in 2008. He was the face of Corvette at many fan events, including the Indy 500 when the Corvette was the pace car. He then moved to his dream job as the Plant Executive Director of the full size SUV Arlington, Texas facility. Paul finished his career as the Global Body Manufacturing Engineering Executive Director in Warren, Michigan. Paul retired from General Motors in 2024, During Paul's career, he mentored many manufacturing & engineering employees, ensuring they had the tools & competencies needed for them personally to grow and succeed. Paul Graham has left a legacy within GM Manufacturing.

In his most important role, Paul was the proud father of two wonderful children. Many of the favorite memories David and Rachel share include the times spent in and around the water. There was always a pool in the backyard or down the street. David could swim before he could walk and Rachel was famous for being one of the youngest to ever jump off the high diving board with Paul's help and encouragement. Paul also shared his love of boating with his kids, spending weekends tubing at Grapevine Lake in Texas and going on day trips in their boat in Cape Coral, Florida. Recently, Rachel acted as the captain of Paul's boat at her cousin Kerry's Bridal Weekend.

Another fun family activity was traveling by trains, planes and automobiles! On these trips, the kids were introduced to natural wonders at parks, amazing animals at zoos and aquariums, and many fascinating things at science museums. They also had lots of active fun skiing, hiking and playing at beaches and lakes. The family made it to 49 states – missing only Hawaii due first to COVID, then volcanos, and then fires.

The family traveled back to see family in Michigan each summer and every Christmas. There was lots of holiday food and fun. Each year Paul's brothers – Mark, John (Christine), Dan (Shawn), and their families met on Christmas day often included sledding and snowball fights, and always games and card playing. In the summer, there were many Graham camping trips with biking, boating, and nighttime fires. They also had great times at Uncle Keith's house with boating, swimming and pie eating contests. It was wonderful that David and Rachel were able to create such great relationships with their grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who lived far away from them.

Paul and Marian were divorced in January of this year.

David and Rachel were both involved in the Cybercats Robotics team at

Stoney Creek High School following the lead of some of their cousins who were involved in FIRST robotics. Paul used his technical talents to provide coaching and encouragement. Paul enjoyed helping them build the robot and cheering on the team at the competitions. It is a point of family pride that David was the Robot driver the first time the team qualified for the World Championships and Rachel was the coach on the field when the team earned their first blue banner. Go Cybercats!

Paul was always ready to share his engineering knowledge with David during his Mechanical Engineering studies at Purdue and during his career at General Motors. He has encouraged Rachel as she completes her Chemical Engineering education at Michigan State and during her internships. Paul was always a proud papa, bragging about their successes.

Paul relocated to Cape Coral after retiring and was able to spend much time with his brothers who also had homes in the area. Paul's parents, Dave and Sharon, were able to have an extended visit this winter with their children. They enjoyed the quality time in the nice weather with many family dinners and sunsets by the water. Paul's parents will cherish this last time they had together.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 11:00am until time of Memorial Service at 1:00pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP).

In lieu of flowers donations are welcome to Cyber Cats Foundation for STEM, and they can be mailed to 6640 Cobb Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @
WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
54880 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Memorial Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Graham*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - March 21, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MC

“ *I believe I submitted a memory a few weeks ago, but I don't see it in the list. Paul was a student of mine while I was a teacher/principal at St. Augustine School in Richmond, Michigan. He was a great student and a very mature and thoughtful person. He was active in school activities and a wonderful young man with whom to carry on a conversation. Paul's parents were always very involved in family and school. Their profound influence on Paul was evident. Having moved to California in 1977, my wife (Patty Doane, a Richmond native) have missed watching Paul grow and develop into the fine man he became. We send our prayers and with the family the very best. Mario and Patty Contini.*

Mario and Patty Contini - May 17, 2025 at 05:46 PM

RL

“ *Rich and cheri Letourneau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Graham.*



Rich and cheri Letourneau - March 22, 2025 at 01:59 PM

ST

“ Sending much love to Marian, David, and Rachel as you say your final goodbyes. Hold fast to the many years of good times and loving memories.

Susan Thwing - March 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

BK

“ I have great memories from Baltimore and count Paul as one of my oldest friends from back in the early 90's. We had great times at work and as friends and families. Then more great memories of the friends and colleagues I met through Paul in Mexico and even more in Shreveport. I admired him and I learned from him. He had a great mind and a great way with people. He was so insightful and always a step ahead of everyone in his thinking. I'm very sad we have lost him. I sincerely wish I could be there with all Paul's family and friends and colleagues, to recall so many of the times we had with Paul. Loving kindness to David and Rachel and Marian and everyone who was a significant part of Paul's life. I feel your loss. Condolences and my very best to the Graham family.

Bill Kokochak - March 21, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JL

“ I met Paul when we were both working for GM in Silao, Mexico more than 25 years ago. He was always a great person to work with and I would seek his counsel at work for many years. We enjoyed so many great times in Mexico and after. You'll be missed!! - Jeff and Shannon Lamarche

Jeffrey Lamarche - March 20, 2025 at 01:12 PM

GT

“ GM ME BODY TEAM purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Paul Graham.



GM ME BODY TEAM - March 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Graham.



March 19, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Graham.

March 19, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JK

“ I've know Paul for more than 30 years. He had a significant role in our lives both professionally and personally. From Baltimore to Mexico to Louisiana and reuniting in Detroit in 2016. So many good times. He won't soon be forgotten. I will remember his laugh most. Sincerest sympathies to Marion and the entire Graham family. To David and Rachel - your dad was truly remarkable.
Jean Kokochak

Jean Kokochak - March 19, 2025 at 11:07 AM

RB

“ Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Paul's family. May God bless you at this difficult time.

We have known Paul for a very long time since the creation of the Truck Group, Paul was O.G. Truck, he is one of the smartest and brightest I've known. More importantly he was our friend aside from our boss and mentor.

Rob & Kim Bucchi

Eternal rest grant unto Paul, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rob Bucchi - March 19, 2025 at 10:51 AM

CW

Thank you for the kind words! Paul was so proud of you and so many others. He was in awe of your talents. I can't count the number of times I heard I need to call Bucchi or Bucchi's got it. ❤️

Cherry Weiland - March 19, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AS

“ Sending my prayers and deepest condolences the family during this difficult time. I have so many fond memories of Paul—his professionalism, combined with his personal touch, truly set him apart. I admired him not only for his technical sharpness but also for his exceptional people skills. He had the ability to connect with others and make them feel valued. People are often judged by how they make you feel, and Paul was one of the great leaders who left a lasting and pleasant impression on me. He will be truly missed.

Anbu Subramaniyan

Anbu Subramaniyan - March 17, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JR

“ Paul was great - an awesome leader and friend - someone who always had your back and could trust! He was not only smart and technically astute, but always very personable - making you feel welcome and that you mattered! I was lucky to have worked with and for him at multiple locations over the years - he will be missed but never forgotten! Thoughts and prayers for Paul's family. 🙏

Jeff Rios - March 16, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CW

Thank you Jeff! He just spoke of you recently. Please know he has a ton of respect for you! 🥰

Cherry Weiland - March 19, 2025 at 03:48 PM

KM

“ 1 file added to the album GM Memories



Krishna Murali - March 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM

DG

“ We are deeply saddened by this news. Paul was a friend, classmate, and colleague who I've known for more than 40 years. Our sincere condolences to Paul's family in this difficult time. Dave and Joyce Gibbons

Dave Gibbons - March 14, 2025 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ Paul, I appreciate your willingness to listen, coach, and support me and my teams in many different capacities over the years. You always made me feel important and capable, especially as we challenged each other to improve results. Beyond just work, you have always been kind and generous with your time. Sending my condolences to the entire Graham family in this very difficult time.

Darci Marcum - March 14, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CW

Thank you Darci! We appreciate the kind words!!💔

Cherry Weiland - March 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

BS

“ Im so thankful to have known Paul. He was my boss, my mentor, but, most importantly, he was my friend. He always took the time to advise and coach me. He will be missed by many. May God grant your family peace during this difficult time.
Brad Smith

Brad Smith - March 13, 2025 at 09:51 PM

CW

Oh Brad! You know how much he loved you! Thanks for the kind words! Miss you!

Cherry Weiland - March 19, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Graham.



March 13, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Graham.

March 13, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Graham.



March 13, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Graham.

March 13, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Sending along our deepest condolences to Paul's family. Paul always had kind words and encouragement in all of my interactions with him. RIP Paul.

Ken Ward - March 13, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ I had the honor of working with Paul. He was not only a wonderful leader but also a truly good person. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.

Jerrie Belavy - March 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Paul's family. As I'm sure you know, Paul was an incredible leader, and more importantly, an incredible human. He made a legendary impact at GM, both personally and professionally, and he made us all strive to be the best version of each other that we could be. Thanks for sharing him with us!*

Sharon Reeves - March 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MS

“ *Sending Heartfelt Condolences to the entire Graham Family Rest Peacefully in Paradise Paul and Thank You for Everything.*

Marla J Session - March 13, 2025 at 09:23 AM