



Paul Harry Stangeby

April 3, 1955 - March 8, 2022

Paul Harry Stangeby, 66, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Paul was born April 3, 1955 in Chicago, IL to Anne and Harry Stangeby. He attended Tulsa Will Rogers High School, TCC and OSU Technology, receiving an A.A. in Electrical-Electronics. Paul also received his BA in Education from Northeastern State University and his Master of Music Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Additionally, he received his Oklahoma Teaching Certificate and taught high school band.

He was proud to represent his country serving in both the U.S. Army in Germany and the U.S. Navy in Spain and Maine. While in service he continued to pursue his childhood passion for music. While in the army he was a Chaplain's Assistant and played the organ. Music continued to play a very large role in his life. His first love was the guitar but later in life his passion turned primarily to keyboards because of the versatility.

He worked in various positions including an electronics technician, music professor, computer chip manufacturing, and the transportation industry for J.B. Hunt. During his personal time, he played in several bands, spent time with friends and family and he enjoyed blending his interests in electronics and music by spending long hours reconstructing amplifiers and speakers to produce incredible sound! Paul was always busy but sure enjoyed an afternoon nap. He said it turned 1 day into 2 so he was twice as productive!

He was a simple person who never asked for or needed much besides his musical instruments. He was a keen listener, and sometimes unfiltered in his thoughts, but you always knew what he was thinking. He nurtured lasting friendships with many of his best friends coming from childhood, the military or one of his bands. He was a loyal brother and friend. He always showed up to an invitation! He was rediscovering his childhood church at St Luke's Episcopal Church and mentioned that for several years he had a key to access the organ/piano so he could play music.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Anne Stangeby. He is survived by his five siblings, their spouses and 9 nieces and nephews: Michael (Anne) Stangeby of Tulsa, OK; Colin (Alison) Stangeby of Little Rock, AR; Moya (Dean) Boukacem of Tulsa, OK; Peter (Sandy) Stangeby of Oak Hill, VA; and Patrick (Sonya) Stangeby of Joplin, MO. He was loved and will be sadly missed.

Memorial Service will be 11:00am Thursday March 17, 2022 at Serenity Funerals and Crematory Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Serenity Funerals and Crematory
4170 East Admiral Place
Tulsa, OK 74115

Tribute Wall



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Paul Harry Stangeby.*



March 16, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Harry Stangeby.*



March 15, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Harry Stangeby.*



March 14, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mike - March 12, 2022 at 03:02 PM

TA

“ Uncle Paul was an integral part of my childhood. Too many memories but here are a few...

Paul gave me my first guitar and piano lessons. He taught me the Simpsons theme song on piano and the King of the Hill theme song on guitar. I still play guitar daily because of his influence.

I remember riding in his white Toyota pickup. We would hit a corner fast and he'd yell "Look were on 3 wheels!!!" Ultimately inspired me to save up and buy a standard as my first car even though my father advised against it.

When I was no older than 5 or 6. I brought him my "how-to" paper airplane book. Paul sorted through it for a while looking unimpressed. He then proceeded to create a plane that could literally fly circles around any design in the book. I received a lot of "cool points" throughout my childhood after he taught me how to make it and I still remember to this day.



Tarik - March 11, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Harry Stangeby.



March 11, 2022 at 01:15 PM

MR

“ I've known Paul since I was four years old. He was my older brother's friend. My brother passed in '73 and Paul kept in touch with my parents over the years. My dad became ill in 2019. Paul was there almost daily helping me out in any way I needed. After dad's passing, we became fast and close friends. One night we had hung out with Ronnie (ask me in private who Ronnie is). Then we decided to run to the grocery store. On the way there Paul said, "this is going to be fun"! I say we just going to the grocery store!! We had so much fun!! We just laughed at absolutely nothing in that store!! What a great memory I have there.. I smile everytime I think of that adventure!! I miss him tremendously!!

Marina Rodrigues - March 11, 2022 at 11:44 AM

CO

“ As a kid, Paul asked me to help deliver the Sunday papers for a friend. The papers were to be delivered to a gas station at 3:00am. All the kids delivering newspapers pulled out water pistols (including Paul) and filled them with the remaining gas from the pumps. Shooting gas and fire for the next thirty minuets minutes. I decided to get a paper route that day.

Colin - March 11, 2022 at 09:01 AM

MR

Hilarious!!

Marina Rodrigues - March 11, 2022 at 11:46 AM

CJ

RIP Paul, my friend from the great marching band days at NSU! You were always fun to be around had had a really contagious laugh. You were a brilliant a musician with a brilliant soul to match. Sending peace to your family and loved ones.

Candice Juergens - August 19, 2024 at 01:04 AM