



Paul Stein

April 20, 1970 - July 20, 2022

Paul Stein died July 20, 2022, following a courageous, albeit shockingly short, battle with aggressive kidney cancer complicated by Covid-19.

Paul was born April 20, 1970, to Rick and Flo (Koehn) Stein. He was soon joined by a sister and twin brothers. He grew up on a farm in Harbor Beach and took his well-crafted work ethic to the city after he received a degree in computer science from Eastern Michigan University.

He spent his career helping clients in the insurance industry and later working as a Senior Software Support Specialist in the public sector (police/fire).

There, he worked with both small and large agencies all over the United States and their territories. Wherever Paul went, he made friends and work was no exception. He was truly lucky to work with such a caring and talented group of people at a company he aspired to work at since college.

Paul and Cathy were married Memorial Day weekend in 2000 at Chandler Presbyterian Church. Seven years later, they received their greatest gift in their son Evan. Paul was previously active in his son's Cub Scouts, Science Olympiads, and Robotics Club. He was a life-long Tiger fan and really enjoyed a bad dad joke. If you can, please take a kid to a Detroit Tiger's game in his honor.

Paul also loved a good trip—big or small, by car or plane. No matter what the adventure, he was up for it! He relished travel whether the trip was to Pennsylvania, Oregon, or a big trip to Scotland, England, and Paris. He enjoyed a memorable overnight with his son's cub scout troop to the USS

Ironsides and the Toledo Zoo as much as a trip to Traverse City Film Festival or a hunting trip with his brothers and his dad. One of Paul's favorite memories was a journey in and of itself. He tried desperately to keep up with Dr. and Mrs. Pol (his elementary school teacher) as they guided him in a hail of sheer dust and speed to the restaurant where Paul and Cathy took the Pols for lunch.

Paul was never the kind of guy to leave a Tigers baseball game early. Rain. Snow. Sleet. Hot. Losing miserably. He would stick it out until the bitter end. This cancer took him to first base on this journey, and just two days short of his first treatment he was in sight of second but just couldn't make it around the bases and was called out. He was ready for the fight and did not give up. And boy did he have a lot to fight for.

Paul leaves behind his parents, Rick and Flo Stein; sister Michelle (Mike); brothers Jason (Jill) and Chad (Karen); his siblings' families; his God-daughter Morgan Gallagher; son Evan; wife Cathy; Father-in-law Lee Drummond; Margaret and Charlie Versteeg; DeLoris Notter; and far too many friends and coworkers he considered family to even begin to list. Paul was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Mildred (Pardek) Koehn and Edwin and Irene (O'Neil) Stein; Uncles Richard, Alvin, Charles, Carl, and George; and Aunt Judy and Aunt Alberta and his cousin Bill. He will also be missed by an unruly cat Lou.

Visitation will be at Ramsey Funeral Home on August 3, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and August 4, from 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Services will be held on August 4 at 12:00 p.m. Ramsey Funeral Home is located at 425 State St., Harbor Beach, MI 48411.

Donations can be made to a family discretionary fund in care of Cathy Stein. Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Service

AUG 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Stein*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



August 04, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *Paul cared about others more than he cared about himself. I was going through a really rough time at home and at work and Paul would always ask about how I was doing and offer support through my rough time. I was so caught up in my problems at the time that it wasn't until almost a year later when Paul asked how I was doing. And it wasn't that he asked how I was doing but that he still remembered every little detail about the issues I was dealing with and what my family was going through. It was a very powerful thing and I attribute that moment with Paul as the turning point in my own issues. During a time where I thought no one cared, Paul did. He may not have known it at that time but he saved my life and I will forever be grateful to him for that*

John Hamilton - August 04, 2022 at 07:22 AM

DK

“ Rick.....you may not remember me....we used to vacation at East Lake by Kalkaska years ago and we met there (probably in the early 60s). I have a brother, John.
I saw your son's name on the TV obits and wanted to send my condolences.....I recently lost my youngest son to cancer also, and I can relate to how devastating it is. My son left a wife and 6 beautiful children.....I will be praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you.

Donna Endres Krafft - August 03, 2022 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ I met Paul in August of 2020 starting my new job. He was one of the first people to message me on chat during my first week, asking to introduce himself and welcome me. Occasionally he would make jokes or ask to call me hilarious nicknames.

About a year or so later my sister and I were invited to a gathering with Paul and other employees to meet and greet. He was very kind and glad to have us aboard the team.

During working hours we'd assist each other with questions about our divisions while helping clients. He was extremely knowledgeable in his field and always happy to help.

It has been a pleasure to know him.

Myself and especially my sister will miss him dearly.

Mary Shiner - August 02, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



August 02, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *I was blessed to have to have the pleasure of working with Paul for 16 years. He was always a man of wonderful greetings and horrible jokes. We shared many a laugh, the sad times and just plain working hard to keep our customers concerns first. Working next to him for several years I learned of his love for his parents and siblings, his beautiful wife Cathy and his pride and joy Evan. And yes I even heard about Lee, his father-in-law. I only shared this small part of his life so I cannot imagine the heartbreak for his family. Please accept my condolences on the loss of Paul*

Marcel Barker - August 02, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



August 01, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



August 01, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



August 01, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



July 31, 2022 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ Sincerely very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. We had many good years of friendship back in the day. In high school, we played basketball at lunch in the school gym and my parent's driveway countless times, often while blasting Def Leppard, and I remember having to buy him a pizza once after beating me in a best of 5. I'll never forget the infamous "cow pie" parties behind the cornfield at his parent's house every year. After college, when I lived in St. Clair Shores and he lived in Sterling Heights, we got into racquetball for a bit and Paul was the first of my friends to get into disc golf. Played quite a few rounds at a great 9 hole course near his place. I remember a bunch of us going to a Tiger game once and on the way back, Paul fell asleep in the passenger seat so we pulled a prank on him (pretty sure it was Eric Heiden's idea!) by shutting the headlights off, slamming on the breaks, and all of us screaming at the top of our lungs! He was instantly wide awake! Luckily he thought it was as funny as the rest of us and knew it was all in good fun. Waited for a return prank quite awhile after that one. I remember Paul, Eric, and I going to a bar up north and making the big mistake of trying to do karaoke. "Roxanne" by the Police is probably the worst song to pick when you don't have any vocal range. Yeah, that's the song we tried. Surprised the three of us didn't get kicked off stage but at least we could look back on that and laugh. In this sad time, I pray for his family, friends, and coworkers who have to cope with a world without him. Paul was a good man and will never be forgotten.



Jeff Chastain - July 31, 2022 at 03:24 PM

MM

“ One of my favorite things was calling support, and when Paul would answer I would shout, “Yay!” It was so comforting having that familiar voice to help. We talked about so much during those calls; Football, family, animals, and the problem I actually called about. I will truly miss those conversations. Katy PD appreciates all that Paul did to fix our issues. Thanks for being a friend!

Michele Miller - July 31, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.



July 30, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MB

“ When it comes to reflecting on memories that I have had with Paul the challenging part is to try and keep it shorter than *The Lord of the Rings* book series. The first time I met Paul is a memory that seemed like it happened yesterday. In elementary school we had a bookfair. After getting back to our desks from the library I noticed this dark-haired kid reading a book about baseball. I leaned over and asked, “do you like baseball?” Wow, it didn’t take long to figure out the foolishness of that question. If you had question about the game or a player’s stats, Paul had the answer. From that point on we were on the path to becoming great friends. I couldn’t wait to stay overnight at his house or for him to come to mine. Give us a couple of ball gloves, a baseball and a bat and we would spend the ENTIRE day playing catch, or pithing the ball to each other to see if we could hit it over the barn. As we grew and could drive a car, we went to a big box store in Bad Axe one time. We had one of those little super bouncy balls and would bounce it around the store and across isles etc. One time an employee of the store caught us and we got into a little bit of trouble. Funny thing is her name was Cathy. Even though miles separated us Paul was the best at calling me up to see how I was doing or simply texting me HAPPY EASTER. In fact, last summer Paul and family called me up because they were in the Traverse City area on vacation and asked me to join them for dinner. We did meet and I consider it a real blessing. The last time I had seen Evan he was a baby; it was so nice to see what brilliant young man he is growing up to be. I could go on about the station wagon Paul drove in high school and going down unimproved dirt roads after a rain, or the concerts we went to and many other memories/adventures but I better wrap this up. Whenever I am down in the dumps because I miss him, I will remember the laughs we shared, when he was there for me during some hard times that I faced and even when we got into trouble together. I am fortunate to have known Paul for so many years. Rest in peace my friend! To Paul’s immediate and extended family, you are in my prayers.

Mark Brown - July 30, 2022 at 03:20 PM

TM

“ Paul was truly one of the kindest people I have ever met. I felt lucky when he answered my support calls as a customer and was even more fortunate to later have him as my coworker. Sending prayers to his family and friends at this very difficult time. We all have an angel watching over us.

Tabby McClanahan - July 29, 2022 at 04:29 PM

TK

“ The Kammerzells purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Paul Stein.



The Kammerzells - July 29, 2022 at 03:31 PM

TL

“ Tina Learman lit a candle in memory of Paul Stein



Tina Learman - July 29, 2022 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ David lit a candle in memory of Paul Stein



David - July 29, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



July 29, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



July 28, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Pat Davis, Diane & Dave Hyzer purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Paul Stein.*



Pat Davis, Diane & Dave Hyzer - July 28, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Stein.*



July 28, 2022 at 09:50 AM

DG

“ Some of my favorite memories of Paul while we were growing up were a good game of baseball in the side yard, It was most often playing catch or good game of pickle. Another was that Paul loved his baseball cards and we would always be trading cards back and forth. Growing up in the country it always seemed like it was the Geigers, Steins and Seltzs together. We spent hours playing outside and celebrating birthdays together. Paul was a great friend while I was growing up and his family of Rick ,Flo, Michelle, Chad and Jason are great friends and are still part of my family.

Daniel Geiger - July 27, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ Deb & Dave Morley lit a candle in memory of Paul Stein



Deb & Dave Morley - July 27, 2022 at 07:00 PM

MG

“ Paul was very special man he always had a smile for you he grew up with our son Dan same age and we enjoyed having in around he will be missed thanks as his neighbor across the road we shared much with Paul and his family he will always have special place n our heart God bless Paul and his family

marileen. and gary - July 27, 2022 at 06:24 PM

MC

*“ We are saddened and feel so bad for the whole family at the loss of Paul. He was a sweet guy and always smiling. We pray for all of you and hope you can find some amount of consolation in all of the wonderful memories that you created over the years.
Love and sympathy,
Margie and the Campbell Family*

Margery Campbell - July 27, 2022 at 02:15 PM

SK

*Very sorry for your loss Chad, Jason and family! Our prayers are with you all!
Mark & Sal Klaus*

Sally Klaus - July 27, 2022 at 03:01 PM

CS

He was a friendly person and very kind so sorry for the loss of a good man.

Caroline Swartz - July 28, 2022 at 09:08 AM

CD

Chad and Jason, I am so saddened to hear about your big brother. I am sending you my love, and you are in my prayers.

Carrie Dekoski - August 02, 2022 at 10:19 AM

GH

Paul was a wonderful person and I am blessed to have known him. He was a Good Husband to Cathy and a Good father to Evan. A good friend and a Blessing to be in our lives. The Hunley Family!

gennia hunley - August 04, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JS

I had the pleasure of working with Paul and enjoyed our conversations. He always spoke fondly of his family. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Julie Stimmell - August 04, 2022 at 05:08 PM