

Paul Richard Rasor

September 16, 1952 - January 24, 2016

Paul Richard Rasor, (September 16, 1952 – January 24, 2016) a transplanted West side boy, graduate of West High School ('71), graduate of The Ohio State University ('75) with a BA degree in History, Santa Extraordinaire, inspiring singer, loyal OSU, Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Reds fan, avid fisherman, skilled Euchre player and general good guy, transitioned from earth to Heaven following complications of cancer.

As a lifetime member of West Park United Methodist Church, he sang in the choir, lead the Youth Group, taught Sunday School classes, played softball, dartball, flipped pancakes and served His God whenever possible. Paul was also an honorary choir member at Mancelona United Methodist Church (Michigan). He was often asked to sing Special Music for both congregation's Sunday Services. While ill, he joked about being prayed for by the Amish, Baptists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Evangelicals, Lutherans, Methodists, Mennonites, Mormons, Nazarenes, Presbyterians and even a few atheists perhaps causing God to wonder just who is this Paul Rasor guy?

Paul held only two jobs: 14 years at Lazarus in Sporting Goods and 25 years for the City of Worthington, Parks & Recreation Division as a groundskeeper. He also served the Worthington community as a “Helper” Santa for 15+ years. He was a member of The Capitol City Barbershop Chorus for many years. He enjoyed acapella harmonizing, the camaraderie and humor of his fellow vocalists. The 11th Avenue Express quartet is now complete.

Paul learned to fish (largest catch – 19 1/2” small mouth bass; last catch – 16”

largemouth bass) at the knee of his grandfather, Herb Rasor while at the family cabin in Kalkaska, Michigan where Paul has been able to relax every year of his life. There is a placard on the cabin's door which reads: "To fish or not to fish ... dumb question!" Paul taught many a folk how to catch "the big one". He is now fishing with his grandfather in Heaven's spring fed lake where every catch is a keeper and no fish tales are needed.

Those who have gone before include Paul's dad, Richard Rex Rasor, Purple Heart recipient Marine nephew Jesse Balthaser.

We who remain include Paul's great aunt Sitter Rasor, Uncle Gary Rasor (Yovone), mom Jean Rasor, younger brother and fishing partner Terry Rasor (Linda), his much younger sister Nancy Balthaser (Rick), his much, much younger sister Kay Rasor, nephews Mark Rasor (Cara), Todd Rasor (Carrie), wife Annemarie Rasor and treasured son Chad Rasor (Courtney).

A celebration of Paul's life will be held on Sunday February 7 at 3:00 pm at West Park United Methodist Church, 89 West Park Avenue, 43222, where family will welcome friends one hour prior to the service. We know many of you have Super Bowl plans, but please stay for a short while following the service to enjoy some Barbershop Quartet singing and two of Paul's favorite meals: "a tall cold glass of Vernors and some pepperoni pizza" or meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, scalloped potatoes and green beans in the church's fellowship hall on the lower level. You should still be home in time for the kickoff!

In lieu of flowers, please learn to fish so you can tell a whooper of a "fishing tale", listen to Barbershop music, cheer louder at the next OSU game, laugh more with your family, live in the moment, seek to know and serve your God better and /or make a contribution to West Park United Methodist Church in Paul's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

West Park United Methodist Church
89 West Park Avenue
Columbus, OH 43222

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Richard Rasor*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *With Paul singing solo, with his sister Kay, or the choir, I was so touched and bestowed by his voice. I grew up going to Westpark UMC and started coming back last year. My brother Jeff and I remember him well. My thoughts, prayers, God's love and strength be with his family. Jill Schwartz*

Jill Schwartz - February 06, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Rasor.*



February 06, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Rasor.*

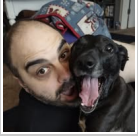


February 06, 2016 at 09:56 AM

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“ Looking forward to joining Paul in the Heavenly Choir. Charlie & Millie McClay

Charles McClay - February 06, 2016 at 06:46 AM



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Chad Razor - February 05, 2016 at 07:14 PM

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“ Paul will be surely missed by all who had the good fortune to have known him. his voice was amazing and I loved to here him sing. He was such a big part of what West Park UMC is all about, caring and sharing ones' love of God. He was taken from us way to soon but his memory will stay with us always. may our prayers and God's love and strength be with his family. Shirley Craig.

Shirley Craig - February 04, 2016 at 08:13 PM



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



February 04, 2016 at 02:32 PM

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“ It is so tough to loose a friend and I'll always remember him. Prayers to the family at this time and the Church lost a wonderful person and the voice that we enjoyed so many times. God Bless.
Bill & Peggy Schwartz

Peggy & Bill Schwartz - February 03, 2016 at 12:29 PM

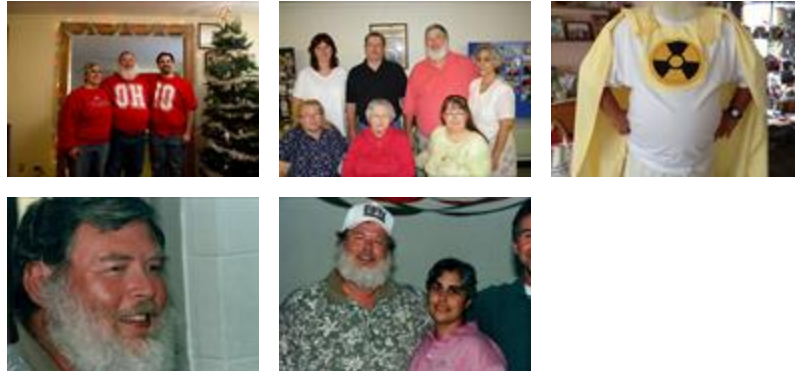
PP

“ I only knew Paul for about 6 years while a choir member at West Park. He was a caring, wonderful man who had one of the most amazing voices I've ever heard. My deepest sympathy to his family on the loss of this special person who is now, I am sure, leading the heavenly choir.

Pat Peacock - February 03, 2016 at 08:14 AM

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Rasor Family - February 02, 2016 at 12:54 PM

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Rasor Family - February 02, 2016 at 12:16 PM