



## Paul S. Rathmell

January 13, 1949 - April 15, 2020

PAUL S. RATHMELL

JANUARY 13, 1949-APRIL 15, 2020

Paul was born in St Louis, MO to Thomas S. and Grace M. [nee Steinmetz] Rathmell.

Paul graduated from Ritenour High School in St Louis. He later served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

After returning from Vietnam, Paul married Robin (nee Wagstaff) Carter in 1972. They were married for over 25 years and had six children. Paul worked at the Ford Plant in Hazelwood, MO for 35 years. He retired from Ford in 2005 and spent his time working on vintage cars, attending car shows and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Paul loved movies and country music (especially Dolly Parton) and was an avid collector.

Paul was a very loving and active father and grandfather. He is survived by six children: Christina [Cristopher] Cristea, Lisa [Donald Willis] Rathmell, Matthew Rathmell, Amanda [Jeff Reynolds] Rathmell, Andrew [Julianna] Rathmell, Katherine [Tedd] Rathmell Lowe; twelve grandchildren; Alexandre (Brenna) Cristea, Andrew Cristea, Aidan Cristea, Abigail Cristea, Jameson Reynolds,

Joshua Reynolds, Tobias Rathmell, Aurora Rathmell, Connor Lowe, Gabriel Lowe, and Brittany Lowe; one brother: Charles [Sandy] Rathmell; one sister: Deatra [Thomas] McCarroll; cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother: Thomas Rathmell.

Funeral Services are private at Valhalla Chapel of Memories.

A public graveside service, with full Military Honors, will be held at a future date TBD.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Disabled American Veterans

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# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul S. Rathmell.*



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April 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *I could not have asked for a better brother. We were always close even when far apart. So many stories I could tell, the times we joked and laughed with what we called the Rathmell sense of humor. The difference of opinions when it came to fixing something or a how to do it. And the typical political views that did not always coincide. But over all we always agreed "we're family" on that you could depend. Like our father, he always wanted children and loved each of them even when he didn't agree with their choices. But he would never turn them away. I learned a lot from him over the years and have been so glad to have been in his life more these past 12. It breaks my heart to loose him but I know he's in a better place. I will love him always.*

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**Charles Rathmell** - April 19, 2020 at 01:58 PM

AC

“ My grandpa, or as I like to call him Pawpaw was an amazing person. One of my favorite parts of family events was walking inside and seeing him smile. When I walked up to him to say hi and give hugs he would always say “hey Andrew! Oh wait... Abby!”. He would get my name wrong but I never cared because I love him. I glad he can now walk with angels.

-Abby Cristea

Abby Cristea - April 18, 2020 at 05:59 PM



God bless you sweetheart. I love you so much and hope the very best for your life! You are very wise beyond your years. He would have loved to hear you play the piano!

Amanda Rathmell - April 18, 2020 at 11:06 PM

CC

“ My husband and I have known Paul for over 23 years. His oldest daughter Christi became our daughter when she married our son Christopher 23 years ago and has been a blessing to us ever cents. we have known his family all this time and pieces of him shine through each and everyone of them. He had a great sense of humor and was very loved by his family. He will be missed

Cris and Sandy Cristea - April 18, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Paul S. Rathmell.



April 18, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Rathmell - April 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM



*Thank you for these photos Lisa! Love them all!*

Amanda Rathmell - April 18, 2020 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ We both shared the love of the old fords, and enjoyed having lunch now and then and chatting about them. I've known Paul since about 84. We both have Model A's and Flathead fords. I also remember his novel large scale train in his backyard many years ago. One of the treasures of life is getting to know the people you come across in life. Godspeed my friend. Larry shepard

larry shepard - April 18, 2020 at 03:34 PM

CH

“ Although we did not really know Paul Rathmell that well, we know his eldest daughter, Christi who is loving, caring, kind, hard working and fierce. I imagine some of her strength was due to her father. We are sorry for your loss and pray that God gives you and your family great comfort as you grieve.



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**Carolyn Hylan** - April 18, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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**Lisa Rathmell** - April 18, 2020 at 03:09 PM