



## Mr. Paul Kent Watkins

June 6, 1958 - November 1, 2015

### Paul Kent Watkins (1958-2015)

Watkins, Paul Kent, 57, of St. Peters, Missouri passed away Sunday, November 1, 2015 at his home. Services: Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, December 5, 2015 followed by a Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. at Church of the Shepherd, 1601 Woodstone, St. Charles, Missouri. Paul was preceded in death by his father, Rev. E.D. Watkins, Jr. Paul was born June 6, 1958 in Higginsville, Missouri. He's the son of Rev. E.D. Watkins, Jr. (deceased) and Virginia Drake Watkins. Paul's survivors are his mother, Virginia Watkins; brothers, Ed Watkins (Janet) of St. Peters, MO; Jim Watkins (Trish) of Baltimore, MD; Ron Watkins (Susan) of Ellisville, MO; Paulette Watkins Davidson (Todd) and son, Andrew Watkins of St. Louis, MO; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Paul was a graduate of Maplewood High School and attended Meramec Community College in St. Louis. He worked for Value City/Grandpa's for 25 years until it closed in 2008. He moved to St. Peters in early 2010 and began work at Boone Center Inc. (BCI) that same year. The mission of BCI is to "To enrich the lives of adults with disabilities and their families by providing a choice of productive and fulfilling employment." Paul was assigned to Cintas and his outstanding work resulted in him being hired by the company in 2011, where he worked until his death. BCI's Director of Employment Services Becky Greening said of Paul, "Paul was always the "story" I use when I explain my role in coming to BCI and community employment. He has been the "opening slide" picture to introduce all of my

presentations since we started focusing on community employment. He allowed me to continue to use his picture and tell his story of success! He was so proud of all of his accomplishments at work and with BCI. He was our walking billboard promoting what he had done through BCI and then his accomplishments at Cintas.” Paul was not defined by his limitations as proven by his lifetime passion to reach people with his guitar singing performances to coffee shops, churches and senior homes throughout the area. Paul studied guitar under the celebrated Mel Bay who was awarded the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the American Federation of Musicians. Paul was born with a limitation but he refused to let that limitation define him. He will be greatly missed by his family, his fellow workers as well as his Church of the Shepherd choir members, his former Salem Ladue Chapel Seekers and his current group, the Lighthouse. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Boone Center, Inc (BCI), 200 Trade Center Dr, St Peters, MO 63376.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Shepherd  
1601 Woodstone Dr  
St Charles, MO 63304

### Memorial Service

DEC 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Paul was my cousin from my father's family. We didn't get to see each other much, as I live in California, but we did share a love of John Denver and enjoyed talking sports together. I took him to a San Francisco Giants game one time when he visited. We so enjoyed listening to him serenading us with his guitar. Such a talent, and what a selection of songs he knew! I have fond memories of our visits, and was able to talk with him a couple times just 2 weeks before his passing, and cherish those conversations, now knowing they were our last. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. What a shock to hear he was gone so suddenly, at such a young age. Love you, Paul.

Your Cousin,  
Andrea

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**Andrea Mammen** - December 25, 2015 at 02:49 PM

RP

“ I was the manager who opened the Grandpa's store on Chippewa, and worked with Paul several years throughout, until Grandpa's closed in 2000. I called Paul when Value City bought Grandpa's and invited him to join me at University City Value City. Paul was the most loyal employee I ever worked alongside. I moved on late in 2000 and was deeply disappointed when I read the Post-Dispatch this past Sunday to learn of his passing. My best days were having conversation with Paul about the Cardinals, Blues or whatever. I was blessed to have known him. My thoughts and prayers with his family.

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**Ronald Perry** - November 30, 2015 at 12:56 PM

RW

“ *Paul was a very fine man. I listened to him sing in the choir for years at Salem Methodist.*

*I enjoyed playing softball in the church league with Paul. Paul was a man of God and kindness, who always had time to say hello or make me feel welcome!*

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**Robert M Whitney** - November 29, 2015 at 08:29 AM