



Paul Eugene Keister

October 19, 1945 - March 13, 2022

Paul Eugene Keister, age 76, of Worcester, MA, passed into eternal peace on March 13, 2022, at the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Worcester.

Paul was born on October 19, 1945, in Washington, DC, to Mark Eugene Keister and Ethel Agnes (Bateman) Keister, both of whom preceded him in death. He grew up in Montgomery County, MD, and lived for a time in the Poughkeepsie, NY, area, where he learned to ride motorcycles and fly planes.

Paul embraced life with joy, music, and humor, even though he endured many health problems. In the 1980s, with an adventuresome spirit, he moved his family first to California and then to London, England, where, for four years, they enjoyed exploring many countries in Europe and Africa. After he became legally blind in 1989, he continued to work, travel, and embrace life as he always had. He completed two university degrees, survived a kidney transplant, and continued to bring laughter to people with his sense of humor. As a professional in the computer software industry, he traveled widely, spreading his humor (and bad puns) all over the world. He held a deep respect for all God's people and, through his day-to-day living, supported human rights and social justice.

Even as dementia took away many of Paul's gifts, he continued to enjoy a

gathering of friends and family around the dining room table. And, even as dementia took away his ability to communicate, he continued to occasionally flash that smile that said he just thought of a good pun.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Linda Sue (Wolfe) Keister, Worcester, MA; daughter Sheryll Ann (Keister) Jones, Acworth, GA; stepdaughter Melinda Sue (Crank) Stephens, Greenville, NC; stepdaughter Jennifer Leigh (Crank) Potts and her husband Warren, Worcester, MA; and stepson Stewart Allen Crank, Jr. (who donated a kidney to Paul in 2005), Bunker Hill, WV. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, who have benefited from their "GrandPaul's" love and sense of humor: Alston Wade Collins Potts and wife Gloria, Worcester, MA; Alexandra Katherine Potts, Austin, TX; Meghan Paula Lefebvre, Worcester, MA; Marley Annika Crank, Annapolis, MD; Jessica Leigh Potts, Brighton, MA; Kyler Bailen Crank and wife Lindsay, Lexington Park, MD; Warren Niles Potts, Worcester, MA; and John David Stephens, Raleigh, NC. He is also survived by four grandchildren who live in Georgia: Jaime Brannon, Jesse Bagley, Jennifer Chandler, and Justin Adams and six great-grandchildren: Claire Brannon, Chloe Brannon, Jayden Bagley, Cullen Collins, Addi Chandler, and Dawson Adams.

Visitation hours will be on Thursday, March 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Bishop Funeral Home, 71 Pleasant Street, Worcester. A service to celebrate Paul's life will be on Friday, March 18, 11:00 am, at Wesley United Methodist Church. Paul loved his church and church family and would be happy to know that, in lieu of flowers, his friends and family made donations in his memory to Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bishop Funeral Home
71 Pleasant St
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 752-4000
info@bishopfh.com
<http://www.bishopfh.com>

Funeral

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church
114 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am so grateful to have known Paul for a few years at church. He befriended me with his great intellect and wit. What a wonderful guy.

Mark Muncey - March 18, 2022 at 09:55 AM

BI

“ We were so honored and blessed to meet Paul and Linda at Wesley United Methodist Church. We hold special memories and celebrate Paul's life and gifts.

Love, Barb and Tom Ingrassia

Barb Ingrassia - March 17, 2022 at 10:50 PM

JT

“ I am pretty sure Paul just made a joke in this picture that has Senator Chandler laughing. Paul was relentless with his corny jokes and a week wouldn't go by without him sending me one. Loved his sense of humor

Jayna Turcek - March 16, 2022 at 02:30 PM

JT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jayna Turcek - March 16, 2022 at 02:25 PM

PS

“ I first met Paul in the Keister’s home in London in the mid-1990s and was privileged to be a houseguest in two of their DC homes too. I will always remember Paul’s great courage, his refusal to be defeated by enormous health challenges, his determined helpfulness and of course, his whacky humour. Dearest Linda, my thoughts are with you at this time and I honour you for your consistent love and care for your husband of so many years. Much love, Peter

Peter Storey - March 16, 2022 at 01:27 PM

TF

“ Linda , Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time . We only knew Paul in his later years and reflect back on his positive attitude . Dick & Betty Nevers {FL}

The Nevers , Fort Pierce FL - March 16, 2022 at 09:43 AM

JH

“ A nice man who was easy to be with! We’re friends with Paul & Linda when I lived in Hagerstown Maryland.

Judith Hagen - March 15, 2022 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ Randy Stephens lit a candle in memory of Paul Eugene Keister



Randy Stephens - March 15, 2022 at 10:36 AM