



Paul E. O'Brien

June 24, 1954 - February 19, 2023

Paul E. O'Brien, 68, passed away suddenly on 2/19/2023.

A lifelong resident of Aurora and graduate of West Aurora High Class of '72', Paul was a truck driver by trade and a man of many talents. An avid car enthusiast, social butterfly, reader, and Jeopardy champion in his own mind, Paul retained all useless knowledge he ever came across, and gladly shared it with those who knew him.

Paul loved to travel by car with his family to national monuments, enjoying historical locations and reading his favorite book the entire time, the Rand McNally Road Atlas. Later in life, Grandpa loved cheering on the kids in sports, academic award ceremonies, teaching about cars, learning about dinosaurs, sharing snacks, and making faces.

Paul was a loyal friend to so many and will be deeply missed by those he touched with his genuine friendship and stories of life's journeys.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Margaret O'Brien.

He is survived by his wife, Gwynne, nee Hart; daughter Hallie O'Brien (Greg Lawton), son Dennis (Alley) O'Brien; grandchildren Rachel, Hudson, and Emerson; siblings Phil (Carolyn) O'Brien, Karen (Jeff) Beallis, Denise (Reynold) Weigelmann, Suzanne (Mark) Phillips and many nieces and nephews.

A luncheon will be held Friday, February 24th at the Phoenix Club, 515 Phoenix Ct, Aurora, IL from 12-3. Family and friends are invited to share a story and remember Paul in his favorite setting.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was a very nice guy I knew from the 3rd Ward Club. May he rest in peace. MaryJane & Zeek Secord

MaryJane Secord - February 21, 2023 at 03:23 PM



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“ Wonderful & loving Paul, Gwynne, Hailey, Dennis, & family, Paul will surely be missed by family & friends, and we will remember his many stories & especially his love for his family. God Bless Paul & we know he is telling all those stories all over again in heaven. Sincerely Pam & Steve Larrison

Pamela Nelson-Larrison - February 21, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Paul's passing always had a great time at their fall party's

lore king - February 20, 2023 at 06:12 PM