



Dr. Paul Watkins

January 29, 1933 - February 9, 2011

Dr. Paul Douglas Watkins, an extraordinary soul, passed from this life to eternal life on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 surrounded by his family. He went peacefully and with anticipation.

He was born January 29, 1933 in Wilson, Oklahoma, the son of Harry and Grace Watkins. His childhood was spent in Shawnee, Healdton and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school. He was active in athletics where he excelled in football and track.

Paul graduated from the University of Oklahoma and while there he was very active in the Methodist Wesley Foundation. He then continued his education at the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC), earning his Doctorate in Dentistry.

After he married Judith Claire Cook in 1958, he joined the United States Air Force and served as a Captain for five years in Laon, France. While living there they traveled Europe extensively and became regular visitors throughout their lives. Paul's favorite destination was Switzerland.

Upon returning to the United States, he moved to Pauls Valley in 1963 and began his private dental practice. He cared for his patients in Oklahoma for 45 years with a compassionate and charitable heart.

Paul served his community as a long time member and President of the Kiwanis Club, ten years on the Pauls Valley School Board, and spent many hours serving and giving to the underprivileged.

The First United Methodist Church was a focal point of Paul's life. He was a member of the Crusaders Class where he participated in the teachings, was involved with Vacation Bible School, was a member of the choir and served as Chairman of the Church Board. His favorite pastime was playing the banjo and singing with the Ragtime Rascals and the Crazy Daze. He loved to entertain and enjoyed performing at many venues with his beloved band members. He also was an avid OU Sooner football fan and traveled throughout the country to follow them.

Dr. Paul has spent the last thirty years sailing the seas. His son, Scott, served as his first mate and they sailed the Carribean with a passion.

Paul was a man that could always make you laugh, stimulate your intellect and revitalize

your spiritual soul.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Judith. Paul is survived by his children, Steven Watkins of Houston, Texas, Susan and her husband Douglas Norton of McKinney, Texas and Scott Watkins of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, one grandson Stuart Watkins of Houston, Texas, three granddaughters, Grace and Sarah Norton of McKinney, Texas and Tara Smith Gross of Orlando, Florida and one brother-in-law David Cook and his wife Debbie of Lincoln, Missouri. Also to include in the family are Tonya Watkins and Carrigan McKenzie U.S.M.C.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their gifts of flowers, food, visits, concerns, literally hundreds of offers of assistance and most of all for the many, many prayers offered upon his behalf.

Judy is waiting on the banks of the River Jordan drawing pictures in the sand. "I'll be waiting, the angels sing sweeter when Paul is with me."

Previous Events

Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Paul Watkins*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Paul Watkins*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *What a wonderful Man... My thoughts and prayers go out to your Family.##imported-begin##Tony Lugafet ##imported-end##*

February 18, 2011 at 12:23 PM



“ *I sure miss all the little things he did that showed how much he loved people. I will miss him whistling while he did exams, drinking coffee hot and cold, and our many travels. He was an honor to work with and I will never forget all the things he showed me in and out of the office.##imported-begin##Kim Shaw##imported-end##*

February 18, 2011 at 07:33 AM



“ *Goodnight Captain, our friend Dr. Paul Watkins. Thanks for all the protection from OUR mortal enemies-The Cavity Creeps. You probably single-handedly saved me from dentures @ 15..:) You will always & forever be remembered fondly & may the winds carry you safely on your journey...home! Love you dearly, Doc P- Your friend now & ever-Heidi Henderson##imported-begin##Heidi Henderson##imported-end##*

February 17, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ Doug, Susan & Family,

Our deepest condolences for your loss. You will be in our prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Art & Sindy Arambula##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:52 PM



“ Paul, you will be missed! A room was always more fun when you were present; a joke or anecdote was your carrying card, but honesty and integrity will be your legacy. Thanks for being a part of our lives.

Love,

The Hogue Family##imported-begin##Brian Hogue & Family ##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ Our sympathy for your loss. We know this is a difficult time for your family. Just put your trust in the Lord. Pray that you find strength & peace in the Lord. Pray Jesus peace will bring comfort for your family at this time. We love you.
Harold and Stacy Mueller##imported-begin##Stacy Mueller##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 10:06 AM



“ Dear Watkins family,

I just found out about Paul this evening and to say I'm sad is an understatement. He was a man beloved by many, talented banjo player, sailor, great husband and father. I was in bridge clubs with his wife Judith. She would light up a room when she entered it. What a perfect pair they made!!##imported-begin##Carolyn Pearce in Okla. City##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ Uncle Paul was a wonderful man. The only regret I have is not spending more time with him. I did get a chance to see the video and really enjoyed it. Wish we could be there. Love all of you.##imported-begin##Matt and Heather Woodall##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 10:01 PM



“ Dear Scott, Steve and Susan,
I'm so sorry, for your loss of Dr. Paul.
Everytime I saw him we always got to have a good laugh. I will always treasure
the friendship I had with your parents, they will always be very special to me.
You are in my thoughts and prayers, and I will be thinking about you.##imported-
begin##Rob Gowens##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 04:00 PM

RW

I'm so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. My heart goes out to you Steve and Susan.

Rick Walker - November 13, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ To Steve, Scott, Susan and the whole family:
Our deepest condolences on your loss. Of course, your (and our) loss is Judy's
gain, and I'm sure they're happy to be together again. We're thinking of you. Wish
I could deliver each of you a big hug of support at this difficult time.
Take care of each other.
Love,
Jana and Butch##imported-begin##Jana and Butch John##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ He was a great man!!! Our girls loved him dearly!! Our prayers are with you
guys!##imported-begin##Monte, Shelly, Jaylea and Jaycea
Thompson##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear Susan, Scott and Stephen,

Your father is someone we will never forget. He truly was a dear person and fascinating to talk with and learn from. Of course we especially loved his sailing stories.

His obituary is beautiful. He and Judy raised three awesome children all of which made them so proud. I'm certain they are watching over you now and will forever more.

We are very sorry for your great loss.

Love,

Jacqueline and Ken Moon

Fullerton, CA###imported-begin##Jacqueline and Ken Moon###imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 12:45 AM



“ Dear Steve, Susan and Scottie, I was so sorry to hear about your dad. I hate so much that you are going through this, unfortunately, I know exactly how you feel. I'll be thinking about you all in the coming months. I didn't know your parents until I came back to Oklahoma years after I'd left as a teenager but am so glad I got to be around them. Not only were they so sweet to me but to my two little girls who were so far from their own grandparents. Steve and Susan, I love you very much and you are deep in my prayers. Rachel Thompson###imported-begin##Rachel Thompson###imported-end##

February 14, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ Hi Scott-

I just watched the video and what a beautiful tribute to your daddy. I'm trying to type but the tears keep hitting the keyboard. You guys did a wonderful job portraying Dr. Paul's life. Scott --I know you will miss your captain but you will have to "SAIL ON" What a dear friend you have been all these years. I will always cherish fond memories of Dr. Paul. Julie###imported-begin##Julie (McCarty) Rose###imported-end##

February 14, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ To Scott and family--So very sorry for your loss.....we miss him already!##imported-begin##Tony & Jana Leddy##imported-end##

February 13, 2011 at 07:28 PM



“ Steve, Susan and Scott.
Such a kind, gentle spirit your dad.
Enjoyed the years we worked together.
Loved and respected him. So glad I saw him just before Christmas and got one of his great hugs.
Warmest regards.- Neva Blankenship##imported-begin##Neva Blankenship##imported-end##

February 13, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ Thank you Paul for being a part of our life!##imported-begin##David & Becky Bracksieck##imported-end##

February 12, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ Scott,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a nice man. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Tymmie##imported-begin##Tymmie Fuller Boyd##imported-end##

February 12, 2011 at 09:23 AM



“ Steve/Susan/Scott - Very sorry about your dad's passing. I liked him very much and always felt welcomed at your house by him and your mom.##imported-begin##Kevin Agee##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 11:40 PM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paula McCracken##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 09:16 PM



“ I consider myself a better person because Paul & Judy Watkins were a part of my life. Two of the best people you could ever meet! Their class, intellect, sense of fun, and love of life can not be matched. Go to her Paul and may you rest in peace.###imported-begin###Angela Morland###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 07:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. My sympathy to you and your family.
Jason Sprowls
Judy Staggs###imported-begin###Judy Staggs ###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 06:59 PM



“ Sending your family many prayers and much love. May you find peace in all the wonderful memories.###imported-begin###Linda Ramsey Rodriguez###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 06:24 PM



“ I loved Paul so much and am so sad for me that he is not here. I am not sad for him because I know he is happy now that he is with Judy and so is she that he has come to her. I will miss his sweet soul and quick wit. The Kiwanis members have expressed their sorrow and wanted me to relay their condolences. You kids were so blessed to have him as a father. Vicki Rennie###imported-begin###Vicki Rennie###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ Oklahoma has lost a great person who dedicated himself as a role model to others in his service to the Wesley Foundation at the University of Oklahoma.###imported-begin###Sheriff Joe Lester###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 02:51 PM



“ Steven, Scott, Susan, Doug, Rob, Tonya and grandchildren, My heart goes out to all of you. Paul was such a sweet and funny man. I enjoyed knowing him and know you were and are all so blessed to have had him in your family and your lives. What a great legacy he leaves with all of you.###imported-begin###Patsy Watkins###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ Steve,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was a great person. I had many visits to his office. May you find comfort in knowing he will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Cindy Beck##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Paul was our friend. We loved him. There are no words adequate to describe his essence, but as those who knew him, know so well, he was wonderful, winsome, wise and quick witted. His sense of humor was the very best with delivery understated and absolutely superb! He shared his gifts and talents in so many ways...and it made a tremendous difference. He made us smile. He made us laugh. He made us happy. His love and dedication and service to our Lord and Savior was faithful and unwavering. He touched our lives and his friendship was our privilege. Paul knew the Word! Moreover, he lived it! Oh, how he will be missed!!! The faith and love Judy and Paul shared was a great witness. We can celebrate today in spite of our earthly loss because we know that they are together again. Praise be to God!##imported-begin##Joe & Carolyn Thompson##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ Dear Scott and family I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My Sympathy, love and prayers are with you all. You will all have many happy memories to share with each other in the future.
There is a saying that goes like this: They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them. A day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Dr. Paul was that type of person. I can hear him now strumming that banjo and the Angles welcoming him home.
Don't value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life. May God Bless the family during this time of grief.##imported-begin##Harold Bradley##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ Dr. Paul was a great man and a good friend,##imported-begin##Tony Rust##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 07:16 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers have been with you every step of the way.

Much love and many hugs,

Pat and Denny##imported-begin##Denny and Pat Westbrook##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 02:17 AM



“ Steven, Susan and Scott

Your Daddy and Mother were special people. Their friendship to us will always be treasured. I knew your Father as a result of my work and through the Crusaders Sunday School Class. He made and gave me the chance to play the "Tub Bass" with the beginning of the esznntertainment group back in 1973.

We would meet at the OU ballgames and only twice did I walk to the top with Paul. He and I journeyed to Missouri to your grandfather's place on the lake. Now they are together again. May God bless. Jack and Margaret Roper##imported-begin##Margaret and Jack Roper##imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 12:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Dr Paul's passing, I feel blessed to have met him and in the short time I got to know him I am a better person for it. He was wonderful and so proud of his family and super sweet to me! Prayers to all his family.##imported-begin##Holly Delaplain##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ Paul was so dear to my heart. His dry humor made even the darkest of days really fun! Our times of joy with our singing group brought all of us as close as a family. And with that, as one of my family members, he will always be remembered for his wit, talent, charm, and just being a great friend. May God Bless!##imported-begin##Pamala Agnew##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ Pauls Valley just won't be the same.##imported-begin##Mark Hahs##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 07:41 PM



“ Doug, Gerald and I were so sorry to hear of the passing of your father-in-law. You have our deepest condolences. Please let me know if Gerald and I can do anything at all for your family.

Kim###imported-begin###Kim Barber and Gerald Wheeler###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ We will miss you, Paul, and we will remember with great joy the friendship of over 55 years. You were special!

Sending our sympathy and love to all of the family.

"Pete" and Ruth###imported-begin###Dr. Walden and Ruth Peterson###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Susan, Doug and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I feel honored I was fortunate enough to get to know Dr. Paul and his beloved Judy. When I think of the Watkins family and particularly Dr. Paul and his wife, a big smile comes across my face. I naturally think of the first time we met, during a fall weekend in Alabama. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the entire Watkins crew in Tuscaloosa Alabama for the OU vs. UA football game. It was a great weekend except for the outcome of the ballgame! I often think about how much we laughed over the course of that weekend and the fun we had with the game. I also think about the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, Oklahoma vs. Oregon and the time spent on the boat travelling around the harbor. Susan, Debbie and I enjoyed the few occasions we spent with your parents. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and I know Paul is re-united with your mother, and I suspect he will spend this fall teaching all the angels how to yell Boomer Sooner! God bless--- and take care, Roger###imported-begin###Roger Thompson###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ Paul was one of the most delightful people I ever knew. Mom and Dad so cherished his (and your Mom's) friendship. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sharon###imported-begin###Sharon (Cook) Brown###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ We are thinking of you and wishing you the best. Your family means a lot to us.##imported-begin##Arlen and Marsha##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 03:31 PM



“ Dear Scott,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father.... I just wanted you to know that I am thinking of you all and you are in my prayers for God to comfort you and give you peace, strength, and guidance during this time. Your daddy had such a fun sense of humor, was always so nice and friendly, and he will be missed! I'm glad I got to see him at our 20th Reunion at your house.

*God's blessings to you,
April##imported-begin##April Thompson##imported-end##*

February 10, 2011 at 01:41 PM