



## Paul Salmon

October 31, 1962 - December 19, 2023

Dr. Paul Allen Salmon, 61, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away quietly in his sleep, while on rest at Mercy Hospital - Perry County on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

He was born on Halloween of 1962 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau to Samuel E. and Patsy Trexler Salmon.

Paul was an exceptional physician, who worked his way up from an orderly in Cairo, Illinois hospital to an Emergency Room Physician at Mercy Hospital in Perryville. He helped countless lives throughout his years of medical practice.

Another passion of his was flying, as he was a well known and respected Helicopter Flight Instructor at Cape Copters in Cape Girardeau. He took any opportunity he could, to get in the air, whether it be spinning rotors or flat wings. He set at least 15 world records. He was also an award winning photographer, capturing many unique and beautiful images.

He met his wife, Denise Haman in 1988 and married April of 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Salmon; three sons, Chris (Kelsey) Salmon, Mike (Melody) Dodd and Matt (Caroline Eom) Dodd; a brother, Bruce Salmon; and three grandchildren, Elle and Parker Dodd and Corrina Fisher.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 1:00 pm Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Carl Palmer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Paul's honor to EAA Young Eagles, American Heart Association, or a charity of choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.*



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January 06, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Mary Kogge Richards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Salmon.*

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**Mary Kogge Richards** - January 06, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *My memories of Dr. Salmon were from my years of sitting at his left in the Emergency Room at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He was always sharing treasured memories of Denise and their son as well as their beloved dogs, his love of flying and his care of his patients. He will be thought of and missed greatly. Denise - I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know my prayers are with you and your family.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Connie L. Nordman (The chihuahua lady)*

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**Connie L. Nordman** - December 28, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *I'm sorry I never met Paul in person. I feel as though I knew him through his videos. I learned a lot from Paul and am fortunate that I found his videos. RIP Dr. Salmon. You will be missed. Dan C, Mesa, AZ*

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**Dan** - December 28, 2023 at 08:29 AM

PJ

“ We're so saddened to hear of your loss and sorry for not being able to attend the service. You're in our prayers for strength and healing.

*Please let us know if you need anything.*

*God bless,*

*Phil, Joy and Samantha Jueckstock*

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**Phil and Joy Jueckstock** - December 27, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.



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December 22, 2023 at 02:47 PM

FF

“ Fred & Melanie Finnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Salmon.

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**Fred & Melanie Finnell** - December 22, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss.

*Love his youtube channel. As a helicopter pilot myself, I have learned a lot from him.*

*Saw the last episode a week ago. Really sad! to know that it was his last one. Will be missed.*

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**Marcio Pinheiro** - December 22, 2023 at 02:28 PM

CS

“ Paul was a great friend and mentor to Mark. They worked together at Lifebeat and flew together. We will greatly miss Paul! We love you Denise, Chris, Matt & Mike and we will keep you in our prayers.

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**Cara Sprigg** - December 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ I know Paul was an excellent physician, anytime a crash occurred at the airport he was the first on the scene to provide first aid and comfort. The frequently repeated axiom around the airport was Paul practiced medicine to support his flying habit! Paul loved flying more than anyone I ever met, he flew from daylight to dark almost every day. He never met a stranger and was very generous with his time and treasure! Fly high my friend!

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**Mike McCrate** - December 22, 2023 at 10:31 AM

MJ

“ I remember when he flew his gyrocopter all the way to Dickson, TN to visit with my dad. (Joe Trexler) He loved Paul Allen soo much! I thought PA was soo cool! lol! And the way he worked his way up through the ranks to MD. This RN has always been soo proud of her MD cousin!!

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**Michelle Trexler Jackson** - December 22, 2023 at 03:02 AM

JK

“ I met Paul in 1994 when he was flying for LifeBeat as a nurse. I ran into him again in 2020 working in the ER at Perry County together. We have relieved each other at least 2 days a week for the last 3 years. You will be deeply missed, friend. You leave a big empty space in all who were your friends.

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**Jerry Karr** - December 21, 2023 at 10:12 PM

TM

“ Dr. Paul was a true success... as defined by Ralph Waldo Emerson.... “To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded “....  
Rest in peace, Doctor.... You define success....

Tom Majer - December 21, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CG

“ The man would give you the shirt off his back in the middle of winter and not even ask for it back. In fact, he would forget he gave it away to you. His mentorship and kindness is now gone but his goodwill lives on in the countless pilot's lives he touched. Charles Goshen, fellow pilot and lucky friend.

Charles Goshen - December 21, 2023 at 09:02 PM

ST

“ Paul was a Flight Nurse at LifeBeat when I first met him and Denise. He was a mentor and a friend. I will miss the stories he told and the many laughs we shared. Fly high, friend. Know you are loved and will be missed by many...



Stacy Tucker - December 21, 2023 at 06:07 PM

CD

“ I've been a friend of Paul's for more years than I can count. A fellow helicopter pilot, I've worked with Paul on some of his helicopter ratings. Few a Robinson R44 back from the factory in CA years ago with Paul. He was a great guy to be around and fly with. Like others, I will truly miss flying and talking with Paul. I was shocked and saddened by his sudden passing. What a great guy and friend. Like many pilots, he really loved flying, I mean REALLY loved flying. The aviation world is greatly diminished by his passing. Hope he's now flying in blue skys at high altitudes with the great aviators who went before him.

*Charlie Duchek, Midwest Helicopters*

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**Charlie Duchek** - December 21, 2023 at 05:54 PM

ZM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Paul when we worked together at Southeast Hospital. Paul was a very kind person. And I did going flying one day with Paul, it was a short trip. My condolence to his wife Denise and family.

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**Zoia A Martin** - December 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ We have so many wonderful memories of Paul from medical school. He was a true friend and mentor. He made the world a better place, and we are honored to have known him. We are sending so much love to his family. -Mark and Chris Barnett

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**Chris Barnett** - December 21, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.



December 21, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.



December 21, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.



December 21, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ Darlene Lutchka, Aaron Worman, Lainey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Salmon.

**Darlene Lutchka, Aaron Worman, Lainey** - December 21, 2023 at 09:13 AM

SI

“ God Bless the entire Salmon family.  
When we were growing up in Cairo.. and  
young.. the Salmon family always Welcomed  
all of the neighborhood kids with open arms.  
We enjoyed many happy times there with  
both Paul and Bruce.  
Rest in peace Paul.. you will be missed.



Sid - December 21, 2023 at 08:40 AM

JB

“ Gentleman extraordinaire! A man making me realize just how little  
I've accomplished. My thoughts and prayers to Denise and family.  
I'm so sorry for your loss!

Jeff B.

Jeff Baylor - December 21, 2023 at 06:19 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss, prayers for all of  
you



Laurie Powers - December 21, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Paul Salmon.



December 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Salmon.*



December 20, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *Cherished colleague. Saddened over his death. He will be missed.*  
*Dr Jones*

**Dr Jones** - December 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM



*So sorry for your loss. We grew up with Paul and Bruce and their parents as neighbors for years, when we looked out our back window, their house was right there. Such a kind and loving family! God bless you all, Paul was such a nice person.*

**BEVERLY COLEMAN-BLAND** - December 23, 2023 at 01:22 PM



*I am saddened by your death. I am sorry that I got busy in November and did not reach out to you again until March, I will miss our conversations cousin. May God Bless your family and give them Peace,*  
*David Heggood*

**David Heggood** - March 21, 2024 at 04:03 PM