



Paul Thomas Waddington

February 14, 1957 - February 6, 2025

Paul Thomas Waddington, 68, of Pennsville, NJ, passed away on Feb 6, 2025. He was born on February 14, 1957, in Mannington, NJ. Paul is survived by his children Doreen Merrick Liggons (Taveres) of SC and Laura Merrick of Scarborough, Maine, Aaron Merrick (Marion) of Georgia, and their mother Donna Tibbetts Waddington, the love of his life. Grandchildren Jordan Merrick, Casarra Abeasi, Natasha Liggons Visitacion (Raymond), Kiarra Liggons Marzan (Fernando), and Terri Lynn Young who brought 3 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Other great grandchildren Lillian Marzan, Celeste Marzan, Althea Marzan, and Aurelia Visitacion. Siblings, Richard Waddington Jr (Carol) of Pennsville, NJ, Joanna Neff (Bob) of Altamonte Springs, FL, Merilyn McKeich (Joe) of Indiantown, FL, Sandie Dyling (Gary) of Pennsville, NJ as well a multitude of nieces and nephews, greats and great-greats, and a large extended family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Paul was predeceased by his parents Richard and Mary (Brainard) Waddington, sister Beth Waddington Pont, brother John Waddington, nephew Tommy Waddington, and niece Rebecca Waddington.

Paul led an adventurous life. He was born and bred to be a land surveyor and learned the family business throughout his childhood. After graduating from PMHS, he attended Salem Community College before joining the military. Paul spent 5 years in the Navy and was proud of his service. He traveled the world and had many stories that he loved to share. He loved to describe the places he had been, the people he met, and of course the antics of him and

his Navy buddies. He received many commendations during his Naval service.

Paul went on to relocate to Maine with his family and worked at Bath Iron Works. Paul later relocated to Jacksonville, FL where he tried his hand at a Lawncare Business, did some land surveying, but he truly enjoyed driving a taxi and becoming an East Coast truck driver for Source Display. He eventually made his way back to his beloved Salem County. He often marveled about Salem County and gave an appreciation to family and friends who failed to see the uniqueness.

Paul loved coffee and he was a great storyteller. When he combined the two, the captive listener would be in for a real treat. Sometimes he would start laughing during a joke or a story he was telling, and he would get to laughing so hard that you couldn't help but laugh with him, even if the joke wasn't funny. He just had that effect on people. He could make a long story even longer and could make a short story into a novel. If you know, you know. We all loved his stories. Some we heard a million times, others we were just getting to learn.

He was baptized by Pastor Jonathan Kershner of First Baptist Church in Salem and later attended Sharptown Church.

He loved spending time with his family up to camp, playing dominoes, cards, or almost any board game. He loved old movies, tv shows, Louis Lamore books, and loved watching the Eagles football games. He will be truly missed by all.

A military graveside service will be held on Wednesday April 9th, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Finn's Point National Cemetery 454 Fort Mott Rd, Pennsville, NJ 08070. A celebration of Paul's life will follow at The Pennsville VFW Post 1952

located at 171 S Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

Cemetery Details

Flnn's Point National Cemetery

454 Fort Mott Rd
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Flnn's Point National Cemetery
454 Fort Mott Rd
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Celebration of Life Memorial Luncheon

APR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pennsville VFW
171 S Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Tribute Wall

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“ After reading all about Paul’s life, I realized he had an adventurous and loving family. I’m glad to have met him through his Sister Sandie Dyling and had short amount of time getting to know him. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Michele Szyborski - March 31, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Waddington.



March 31, 2025 at 10:08 AM

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“ I have been struggling with making this post. Pop Pop is a part of almost every memory I have through my friendship with Laura. A family that opened their arms to me and my son almost 30 years ago. We have had a good run with it. I will miss you Pop Pop. I can hear you say, Hey Celia, how are you today. Do you want some coffee. I miss his stories and his love of life with that big smile every time you walk in the door. His love had no bounds. I already missed seeing my extended family since they moved away from Florida, but knowing I will never get my sweet greeting with a slight flirt (lol) is the hardest part of losing him. Walk on clouds Pop Pop. ❤️

Cellia Acres - March 02, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Paul Thomas Waddington*



Carol Molinari Monks - February 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Condolences to Family and Friends Sleep In Peace Paul*

Deborah Davidson-Stewart - February 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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“ *Deborah Davidson-Stewart lit a candle in memory of Paul Thomas Waddington*



Deborah Davidson-Stewart - February 17, 2025 at 07:36 PM