



Paul Winthrop Streeter

March 15, 1946 - September 13, 2021

Paul W. Streeter, 75, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021.

He was born on March 15, 1946 in Battle Creek, MI to the late Kenneth and Winifred Streeter. Born and raised in Michigan, he attended high school in Parma, MI and graduated from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Paul started his career with Armstrong World Industries in the management training program and went on to work for several Fortune 500 companies before starting his own business in 1986. Roz joined him in 1991 and together they ran their business until selling it in 2006.

Paul was well known for his tireless energy, work ethic, love of spreadsheets, and for his desire to make each day count both in his work and social life. In retirement, Paul divided his time between volunteering, playing sports, (tennis, pickleball, horseback riding and skiing), traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

A sermon by former Davidson United Methodist Church minister, Rev. James Howell in the early 90's, deeply touched Paul and Roz and ignited a commitment and love for volunteer work. Starting as regular Saturday volunteers with Our Towns Habitat, Paul then took the lead on several

Davidson UMC sponsored houses and served on the Our Towns Habitat Board. This led to mission trips to Nicaragua and Guatemala cementing his love and admiration for the Mayan communities.

Paul came home from each mission trip feeling the people he had met and worked with had taught and given him so much more than he had given them. Habitat's model of a "hand up" rather than a "hand out" had truly resonated; he saw how bright and hardworking the people in the rural communities were yet because of where they were born, had not been afforded the same opportunities as those he had enjoyed and taken for granted growing up. Paul wanted to help them fulfill their dreams as he had been able to fulfill his, so they too could provide a better life for their families. With his partner John Quinn, they founded the Sinapi Foundation, their focus being to help transfer cycles of poverty into cycles of prosperity by partnering with Guatemalan NGOs focused on job creation, education, medical and dental care, and safe housing. This work was a huge passion of his until his health prevented him from making trips into the rural communities.

An endoscopy in 2010 revealed the early onset of bile duct cancer; a liver transplant became Paul's best chance of surviving this deadly disease. In December 2012, Roz and Paul received the best Christmas gift ever, the gift of life from an anonymous donor. They have both felt so incredibly blessed and grateful to have been given nine extra years thanks to God's guidance of the incredible team at the Mayo Clinic combined with all the heartfelt love and prayers that surrounded them from family and friends who have continued to love and support them and make this roller coaster of a health journey one heck of a ride!!

Paul is survived by his wife, Rosalind (Roz) Streeter along with two siblings, Joan Moss (Al) and George Streeter (Jan), his three daughters Tamilyn Derryberry (Thomas Kelly), Cristina Batkin (Drew), and Tia Streeter, ten

grandchildren Thomas Derryberry (Beth), Amanda Blair (Hunter), Jonathan Paul Derryberry, Bailey Branning (Kyle), Timothy Derryberry, James Derryberry, Jake Hutchins, Riley Gordon, Maggie Gordon, and Grayson Hutchins as well as three great-grandchildren Charley Kathryn, Henry and Eleanor Derryberry, his cousin, Dick Binder (Verne) a multitude of nieces and nephews and his beloved, crazy pound puppy terrier, Finnegan.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 25 at Davidson United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Serenity House (in honor of their caring and supportive Hospice Nurse, Kyle) at 110 Centre Church Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Streeter family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **25.** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Davidson United Methodist Church
233 South Main Street
Davidson, NC 28036

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul and I shared a special friendship, and many laughs together, beginning in gradeschool. When we saw one another it was like the years in between disappeared.
My heart-felt condolences to Roz and the rest of the family. Paul's passing also leaves a hole in my heart. Rest in peace dear friend.

Kris Peterson - September 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Winthrop Streeter.



September 19, 2021 at 01:29 PM

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“ I first got to know Paul and Roz on a mission trip to Guatemala. He was a very kind and loving man.

Doug Martin - September 18, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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“ Roz, I am saddened at the news of Paul's passing. He made such a positive impact of the lives of so many people - both of you as partners. My deepest sympathy.

Bill Thunberg - September 17, 2021 at 10:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Norman Stewart - September 17, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Paul Winthrop Streeter*.



September 17, 2021 at 02:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Paul Winthrop Streeter*.



September 16, 2021 at 09:40 PM