



Paul Martin Petrucka

December 9, 1943 - May 3, 2024

Paul Martin Petrucka passed away in his home in Spanish Fork, UT on May 3rd, 2024 at the age of 80. Paul was born in Shenandoah, PA on December 9th, 1943 to Martin Petrucka and Mary Szuler. He married his High School sweetheart Marby Kernan on June 25th, 1966 in the Congregational Church in Mohanoy City, PA. He and his wife joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on July 1st 1970 and were sealed for time and all eternity in the Manti, UT temple on August 11th, 1972.

Paul was an athlete as a young man and excelled at football and basketball. After graduating high school, he attended The US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He became a helicopter pilot for the Navy and served as a rescue pilot in Vietnam. Paul received his Masters degree in Physical Education from Brigham Young University and coached football and the High School and Collegiate levels. Paul was an avid fisherman and in his later years took up fly tying. He said the most satisfying feeling was catching a trout on a fly that he tied himself.

Paul loved his family deeply and is survived by his beloved wife Marby, 5 children, Jim, Page, Mark David and Seth along with 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with a sixth on the way. Preceded in death by his parents and sister Kathy.

The viewing will be at the Canyon Point Ward Chapel on Friday, May 10th, 2024 from 8:00 - 8:30 AM with Funeral Services at 8:45 AM at the same location. He will be interred at Veteran's Memorial Park in Bluffdale, UT with Military Honors at 11:00 AM.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 10. 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM (MT)

Canyon Point Ward
2162 E Canyon Rd
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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2162 E Canyon Rd
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Interment - Military Honors

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams
17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marby and family,*

On behalf of the Naval Academy Class of 1966, please accept our condolences and deepest respect on the loss of your husband and father. He was a valued friend and member of the class and served honorably and bravely. Of special note, his service in the Viet Nam conflict epitomized and reflected our class's unique sacrifice, having lost more killed in action (KIA) than any other USNA class since World War II. I pray the Lord will grant you all His peace and comfort.

*Hon. John Scott Redd
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.)
President, U. S. Naval Academy Class of 1966*

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