



## Paul David Cross

June 22, 1977 - October 3, 2025

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Paul was born to Diane and Hal Cross on June 22nd, 1977, at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Paul was 48 years young when he passed away after enduring a lengthy illness and complications from surgery.

Paul lived in Fort Collins for his entire life.

His favorite pastimes were playing video games and gaming with his friends Tara, Al and Nicole once a week. On Fridays he loved watching Anime with a group of friends online. He was also a great fan of Star Wars.

Paul will be remembered for his kindness, sarcastic sense of humor, and wonderful smile. He was also very intelligent and loved to banter with his brother Brad at family gatherings. They were 22 months apart in age with different personalities but always enjoyed each other's company.

Paul was preceded in death by his grandparents, JoAnn and Donald Cannon, and Marilyn Petrocco (great aunt).

He is survived by his mother Diane Idler and father Darwin Idler, brother Brad Cross, the Berger family, Terri (aunt), TS (uncle), and Jeffrey (cousin), Cheryl Beery (aunt), the Cannon family, Jeff (uncle), Diane (aunt), Ryan (cousin), and Tiana (cousin), the VanGalder family, Erin (cousin), Kevin, and daughters Peyton and Ryleigh, and Jerry Petrocco (great uncle).

Memories shared from Terri, TS, and Cheryl:

Paul was a true Renaissance Man because of his many talents. He was kind, unbelievably smart about everything that ranged from trivia, film, and novels to art, pop culture and topics anyone brought up in conversation. He was quick witted, engaging, artistic, and had a sparkle in his eye when he was teasing you. In short, he was special. He put up with his aunts serenading him and was known to say, "Oh, gawd..." when he heard a ridiculous remark or a story when we recalled moments from his youth while rolling his eyes. He particularly loved the Hershey's kiss story when we took him to the movies and bought him candy. His uncle asked for a kiss, meaning the candy, but Paul gave him a kiss. His aunt took Paul and his brother, Brad, to the library as youngster. Paul checked the same book out over and over. It was about the planets. These are memories we will have forever of our Tall Paul. Our grief is deep and overwhelming, but we feel we are better people because we loved Paul and was his family.

Winnie the Pooh quotation:

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever."

Paul will always be in our hearts.

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ I met Paul online and no matter what Paul lit up the virtual room. Listening to Paul's jokes and puns were always a joy. Even though I disappeared for a bit because of work Paul still made time to comment on my posts. Any time I see a fox, I will think of Paul

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**Dee** - May 05 at 06:03 PM

AL

“ Paul and I were online friends for most of my adult life. Through the awkwardness of my 19 year old self, into my 30s, Paul was always bright and intelligent, brimming with humor and eager to share the lessons of their own life experience. Our online group has a Paul shaped hole, and we fill it our memories, fox pictures, and silly memes. Miss you, buddy <3

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**Alice Lockett** - May 03 at 11:18 AM

PW

“ I knew Paul for years online, we shared writing, and I see things they'd have loved. I picked up new crafts thinking about how enthusiastic Paul would've been. I am better for having met them.

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**Pippin Caroline Adrian Walker** - May 03 at 09:27 AM

TE

“ I am still saddened by Paul's passing. I think of many things I would know Paul would laugh at, be tickled by, or just interested in, and I cannot talk to him about any of this. The unfairness of his death at such a young age causes pain for us all. I miss his wickedly funny sense of humor and his kindness. He loved us all, put up with us loving him, and allowed us to care for him. It cannot be understated that he mattered very much to me and those who knew and loved him.

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**Terri** - April 01 at 05:18 PM