

Christopher Paul Pearson

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Paul was one of the best people I have ever met. An extremely hard worker in all he did. He never ceased to make me laugh, challenged me to new ideas and I will miss him immensely. I am truly sorry for your loss of such an amazing person. Know he was loved by so many people.

- Ty Eckles

I can’t believe how much I miss this guy. Paul was a great friend to me. As a young professional, Paul’s encouragement and optimism have had a huge impact on my career. Beyond what started as a professional relationship, Paul became a close family friend. He was dependable, generous and ever mindful. The last thing he did was send our family some of his business’ premium dog food for our German Shepherds (who also very much loved Paul). I’ll always remember how Paul took me to Home Depot to buy me a couple of drills when I bought my first house or the random text messages asking how I was and what my plans were. I think a lot of people wanted to reciprocate Paul’s kindness but arrived at the same conclusion as I did: Paul was just better than anybody else at being kind. If kindness was a competition Paul took first place every time. Some of us in the world were just fortunate enough to accept a gift that we were insufficient to return in like kind. I’ll miss Paul dearly. I offer my sincerest condolences to the Pearson family and have you in my thoughts and prayers. The world needs more people like Paul. May we all carry on his legacy of friendship, kindness and love. God bless.

- Will Rose

So sorry for your loss. Sending supportive love and prayers.

- Helen Hegsted Aguilar

Paul was a good friend to me throughout High School..He was there when I received the priesthood back in 2000. We lost touch for years and had just reconnected this past November. I am going to miss him deeply. Always such a great guy! Love you, Paul!

- Adam Shelley

Paul was an amazing guy, a great human being, way way above the curve. His kindness and light could be felt from miles away whenever he was present, definitely one of the greatest guys I've ever met. He will be extremely missed. 'Till we meet again my friend.

- Cesar Milder

Paul absolutely lit the room with his presence. His smile and laugh were like sunshine, and he did give the best hugs. I cannot think of one other person who was as absolutely kind, genuine and gentle in all their doings like Paul was. He was a tremendous example of how to live life, how to lift those around you, and how to leave a person better than you found them. We felt so lucky to have had his friendship in our lives.

- Clark and Amber Tayler

Dear George and Linda, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find the peace and love you need in the Gospel. Paul certainly will be welcomed by grandparents and uncles he never got to meet. What a happy day that was for them. You are in our prayers. Elder and Sister Ballif. St. Louis Missouri Mission

- Lynne Bryner Ballif

I briefly overlapped with Paul in croatia. I started my mission a few months before he went home. You are right about one thing---everyone in Croatia loved him. This was because he exuded Christlike love right back at them. I'll always remember his smile and chuckle. Till we meet again, Elder Pearson.

- Alex Leeman

I was Paul’s language MTC teacher. I loved serving in Croatia and decided to teach at the MTC so I could still have a connection with the missionaries headed there and also to continue my love of the language and culture. Paul always had a smile on his face and picked up the language so quickly. He was so excited to be a missionary. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him and was so happy he had the honor and blessing of going to Croatia.

- Holly Moore Mansur

I am very sorry for the passing of a good friend. I am sure that you are in a better place surrounded by your loved ones. I will always remember you as a super dedicated person in everything you did, you never stopped until the problem was resolved. Rest easy friend. my deepest condolences to Paul's family.

- Edgar Hernandez

Paul is one of the greatest people i've ever known. God truly blessed him with the ability to make people smile. His compassion for others showed no end. He was the one person that people always wanted to be around, Whether it was for his contagious Laughter, or ihis ability to be genuinely interested in others. One thing I've come to realize in talking to people about this tragic event and seeing comments made, Paul truly was the best friend to everybody who came in contact with him. The world will miss him.

- Nick Struhs

There was nobody nicer than Paul, and that is no hyperbole. I couldn't tell you how it evolved, but we became a close knit group that has talked almost daily for the last 4 years; Paul essentially being the center of our friend group. Paul worked in mysterious ways, he just had a way of bringing people together and easily making friends. I'm going to miss his daily memes, puns (a classic Paul pun exists somewhere in the Goldilocks zone between clever and almost too much of a stretch), and hearing his hearty laugh in our Friday Discord group calls. Nobody celebrated a friend's success more sincerely than Paul. Nobody made you feel so genuinely supported like Paul could. And nobody encouraged us to save for our retirements more than Paul :) Paul always returned your friendship tenfold, there was no leveling the scale. When we showed up at his house to bring him a small gift after we heard about his heart attack, he spent a whole year designing and handmaking three intricate bracelets as a thank you gift for the three of us (Jamie Hulon and Danny Glover). Paul used such a miniscule amount of his time thinking about himself (usually only to plan his next endeavor to reach financial independence to get out of "W2 life" and buy his dream ranch). 99% of his time was spent thinking about the people around him. Paul leaves behind a very tall void with his passing, but he left an even bigger impact that will never be forgotten. My condolences to Paul's family, I can't imagine how hard this is for you and I pray for comfort for all of you during this time.

- Kayli Anderson

Paul was a great person, when I meet him he greeted me with a big smile and happiness, something that I personally must learn from him. We will miss you very much, it is very sad that the world loses a great human being. Blessings on your journey my friend and condolences to his family. God bless you all.

- Luis Veliz

Paul was a fine individual. I only knew him during high school, but I can honestly say he was always kind, honorable, intelligent, funny, and just a person you wanted as a friend. He was a blessing to me, and I regret losing contact. What a stellar individual. I can only assume that he brightened every one's lives for all 48 years like he did mine for four.

- Benji Harry

Why Lord why. ■My dearest friend brother. I'm shocked can't believe you gone. We just spoke and laughed shared all my crazy stories of my travels who is going to laugh at me now. That laugh always made my day. Double P you hear me I will miss our chats and video calls. You in a beautiful place rest well my brother. Your african friend from Zimbabwe. Flavia

- Flavia Chatterjee

I am going to miss a wonderful man. Paul was always gracious and kind. He had a smile on his face every time we visited. He always greeted me with a fist bump and wanted to know how I was doing. I’m grateful and blessed to have been friends with Paul. My condolences to a special kind of man. He will be greatly missed!

- Tony Workman

Genuine and kind. These two words are completely Paul. You felt it the second he would see you and break into the biggest smile. His smile. It was the best. I feel so lucky that I was able have his friendship and kindness during highschool. The world would be the happiest place if everyone could have a Paul in their lives. He was funny, clever and so talented at many things. He would show his love for others with big hugs and handmade gifts. He touched my life in so many ways and I will be forever grateful for the time I was able to spend with him. My heart is so sad and I know he will be missed by so many because he loved others so completely. He truly was the best of the best. Love you Paul.

- Emily Tayler Woolley

I haven't had the opportunity to bump into Paul for a long time. We were in the same graduating class at East high school. But I remember every interaction with Paul was positive, uplifting, and he had such a mellow, good vibe about him that I look back and feel like he was mature beyond the years of the rest of us. I served a mission between 1996 and 1998 when Paul did. Someone from East high started a journal for all of us that went to East, to pass along throughout our stay in the MTC for each other to read each other's testimonies, and leave our own and continue to pass it along. I haven't opened my mission journal since I finished writing it in April 1998. I received a message earlier today from dear friends about Paul's passing. For some reason, I opened up my mission journal for the first time today and the first page I opened to, at the top of the first page I read my passage from May 12,1996 that read: Something I learned today by reading Paul Pearson's testimony in the journal. "If you want to invite the spirit into the room, bear your testimony! I without a doubt know we will all get to see Paul again. It was one night during my stay in the MTC that I received the most powerful once in a lifetime type experience with confirmation that the gospel is true. Thanks Paul for your example and giving me a goal of exactly how I want to be remembered. Love you so much!

- Ryan Lynn Farr

Sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. I served with Paul a couple times in Croatia. He was truly a caring soul, one to help those in need. He loved all and was loved by all.

- Devin Christensen

I am deeply saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was truly one of the kindest individuals I have ever known, always uplifting those around him and genuinely wanting others to succeed. His compassion and support touched the lives of so many, and his absence will be profoundly felt. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends during this difficult time. May his spirit of kindness and encouragement continue to inspire us all.

- Irina Spence

I only knew Paul a short time but he had a big influence on our office. His expertise and skill has had an impact in our business and he became a great friend to all of us. We saw him as a gentle giant, a kind-of wizard who would come in and fix all our computer issues. He always had a smile and his kindness in communication was a blessing. He will be missed.

- Steve Murdock

Paul was the most authentically kind person I've ever met. I had the privilege of working with Paul for many years and his example of 'serving others is something I think about on a regular basis. Years after we stopped working

together, Paul would continue to reach out and check in on me, always asking what he could to do to help me in my journey. I am heartbroken to hear we have lost Paul, but I'm certain he will continue to serve and help others in his next journey. I look forward to the day when I get to hear that infectious laugh and shake that bear claw of a hand. Paul, thank you for making my world a much better place. I am, undoubtedly, a much better version of myself because of your influence in my life. I will miss the hilarious texts and the Chili's lunches. They nourished my soul. I love you brother.

- Brad Hansen

Dear Pearson Family, We met Paul 27 years ago as he served a mission in Croatia. He was welcomed into our home many times as we were learning about the gospel. That friendship continued throughout life. Moments spent with him were ways filled with joy, Croatian jokes and songs. As hardworking person as he was, there was always time in his schedule to visit us and renew memories. He left many stories untold and a great emptiness in our hearts. We find comfort in the knowledge of eternal families and pray for your family as you grieve. Please receive our deepest condolences and love. The Bzik Family (Stjepan, Davor, Edita and children)

- Davor Bzik

I was blessed to know Paul in high school and wished we had kept in better touch. I have loved reading these messages and memories about him. They only confirm what I felt when I first met Paul; that he was an incredibly rare and special person. He was so kind to me and that smile...I will never forget that smile that he offered so freely to all of us who were lucky enough to call him our friend. My life is so much better for having known him; Thank you, Paul for every kind word, every joke that made me laugh and the countless times that you blessed me and everyone around you through service, your smile and your incredible example of genuine goodness. You will be greatly missed.

- Sara Anderson

Paul is that one coworker who becomes a friend and you still keep in touch for many years after. I had my ups and downs in career, business and life in general. Paul was always there to listen. Happy for my wins and supportive when things were not going so great. He was the most welcoming person I have ever met. A true friend I wish I had met sooner in life. An entrepreneur at heart, fearless and ready to start a new project. I will forever miss the conversations we had and mourn the ones we can no longer have. His heart is made of gold and he will forever live in my memories. Rest in love my friend.

- Bryan Cruz

To all of the Pearson family, I send my wishes that you will find peace at this time. It is difficult to think that you won't be able to talk to them in the new future and it leaves an empty place in your heart. May the Lord bless you at this time.

- Arla Funk