

Paul St. John Fleming

June 7, 1946 ~ February 5, 2023

Paul St. John Fleming passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 5, 2023.

Paul was a proud Scouser born on June 7, 1946, in Liverpool, England to George Alfred and Ada Evelyn. Tragically, he lost his father at a young age to tuberculosis. After his father's death, Paul's mum gathered her young family for a new opportunity across The Pond and they arrived in Salt Lake City, UT on Paul's 15th birthday. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Stephen, and sisters Vivienne and Debbie. His sister, Alma, is the lone survivor of the family who ventured across the Atlantic aboard the RMS Sylvania.

Neil Allred was one of Paul's first friends in America and remained a lifelong friend until he passed away in 2021. After arriving in Salt Lake City, Paul was enrolled at East High School where he was an outstanding soccer player. It was soon discovered that Paul had already qualified to graduate high school after his years of attending the Bankfield School for Boys in Liverpool. In need of good soccer players, the University of Utah recruited Paul where he was a member of the club for two seasons spanning 1961 to 1963 where he wore his lucky #13 as a goalkeeper.

Paul married Barbara Monson on August 12, 1970, after he met Barbara on State Street. Barbara was looking for a Beatle and this young man with a British accent swept her off her feet. They have two daughters, Leigh Banks (Lou) and Hillary Cahoon. Paul was known as Poppy to his 6 grandchildren – Bryan, Paul, Brett (preceded in death), Michael, Kara, and Marinn.

Paul was a Beatle at heart, he met them at the Cavern Club in Liverpool before the Beatles were famous. Once in The States, he continued with his passion for music, playing in several bands and working as a DJ for the radio station KRSP where he was known as Paul St. John.

He was immensely proud of his 20 years of service as a Salt Lake County Sherriff where he worked on the vice squad, as a detective, and as a corporal. Police work is very difficult, but Paul took great joy in the countless numbers of lives that he saved. He went on to write a weekly column for The Salt Lake Tribune recounting his diverse experiences as a police officer and published a compilation of those incidents in a book called "Between Donuts".

We will miss Our Poppy, but we find peace knowing that he is with his family and friends that have gone before him.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 10 at 2 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 E. 10600 S. Sandy, UT) with interment following at Larkin Sunset Gardens. A viewing/gathering will be held prior to the services starting at 12pm.

Those wishing to view the Completed service via Zoom can click "Watch Services" or follow the link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tMbX5LWbDxAwTqLPCrxt2hkCt6lHDqW5cb84ZCcHp1Ht2h25aJkS3LDgGXqmeEqK.l