



Paul David Ratzloff

December 26, 1952 - February 12, 2025

Paul David Ratzloff, age 72, passed peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

He was born December 26, 1952 in Kankan, Guinea, West Africa, to Arnold and Anna Mae Ratzloff. His parents were career missionaries with the Christian Missionary Alliance. Paul married Julie Binde on June 14, 1980.

After attending Mamou, the school for missionary children in Guinea, Paul attended high school in Wheaton, Illinois and graduated from Martin Collegiate in Regina, Saskatchewan. He pursued studies in psychology and sociology at the University of Saskatchewan-Regina.

Throughout his life, Paul enjoyed various types of work: in a sawmill, as a butcher, in construction, and driving a school bus. However, his true calling was being a pastor. As a natural teacher, pastoring was an innate expression of his faith. Whether he was working with youth, leading a congregation, or later in life as a bus driver - his pastor heart was at the forefront.

Paul lived in and visited many interesting places, which were often the focus of his storytelling. He believed the journey was as important as the destination. He never got lost, he just took the scenic route. He loved cooking for family and friends. Sports were significant to his life, whether it was

playing, coaching his kids, or watching. He was an enthusiastic Minnesota Vikings fan.

Paul is survived by his wife Julie, son Brian (Mindi), daughter Emily (Ben), sister-in-law Sue, and nephews Alex (Amanda, son Elliot) and David (Shea). He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Don.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. May his life of service, faith, and love for others continue to inspire those whose lives he touched.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life at Washburn McReavy on March 1, 2025 at 2:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. Following the service, everyone is invited to Alloy Brewing to share memories.

If your unable to attend the service in person the memorial service the will be webcast at:

<https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/paul-ratzloff/#!/PhotosVideos>

Washburn-McReavy

1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
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Memorial Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Paul David Ratzloff in memory of Paul David Ratzloff



Washburn-McReavy - February 16, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Linda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul David Ratzloff.

Linda J. - February 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ My cousin Paul is the closest I had to a brother. Only 3 weeks older, he relished his elder role. We had many great adventures in Africa together. We started out roommates at boarding school (Mamou), which was awesome for both of us, but we were such cut-ups, they had to separate us. I remember a particularly humorous situation where someones underwear got stuck hanging from the light. We definitely kept each other laughing. I will miss his thoughtful, caring wisdom in our many discussions. His health was in decline, but he was always grateful to God for His grace and goodness. He was particularly thankful for his dear wife Julie, who stood by him through many trying circumstances.

John Diehl - February 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM

FF

“ From the Diehl and Demolar Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul David Ratzloff.



From the Diehl and Demolar Families - February 27, 2025 at 11:16 AM

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From the Diehl and Demolar Families - February 27, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul David Ratzloff.



February 26, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul David Ratzloff.

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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul David Ratzloff.



February 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM



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February 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ From your friends at Optum purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Paul David Ratzloff.



From your friends at Optum - February 24, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ Julie, I am really sorry to learn of Paul's passing and want you to know you and your family are in my prayers.

Angela Babb - February 18, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ The Xperitas Team purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Paul David Ratzloff.



The Xperitas Team - February 17, 2025 at 12:27 PM

DC

“ Paul was a school mate of mine in Africa. His older brother, Don, was in my class. I am sorry to learn of Paul's passing but his life and wonderful legacy will surely continue to impact all those who come behind him. May you know God's presence and peace in the days ahead.

Dianne Darr Coutts - February 16, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BD

“ I have so many memories of Paul, from the time he was just a little guy until now. He was the same age as my brother and our moms were sisters. We all grew up in Africa. Paul and I had many conversations about growing up as missionary kids; how that shaped our faith, our goals and dreams, our approach to life, and more. I will miss him very much!

Barbara Demolar - February 16, 2025 at 12:02 PM