



## Paul Catron

August 6, 1983 - May 26, 2024

Paul Mathew Catron, whose smile could light up any room and whose laughter was truly contagious, passed away on May 26, 2024. Beloved by all who knew him, Paul's humor and genuine spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Paul was born to Minnette and Larry Catron, grandson of Norma and Ron Catron, all of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife, Crystal Catron; his sons, Mathew Catron, Hayden Reid, Josh Cobb (Averi Litherland), and Zach Cobb (Lexus Helming); and his treasured grandchildren, Everleigh and Jameson, who is due earthside on Paul's birthday Aug 6th. He also leaves behind his sister, Jenn Butler (Andrew Butler); his Aunt Kelli Catron (Tracey Mikes); and countless brothers and sisters in arms, as well as friends too numerous to count.

Paul served honorably in the Army and the Missouri Army National Guard for most of his adult life. It was during his service that he met Crystal, and together they dedicated their lives to serving their family and country with honor and dignity.

Paul reveled in watching his boys play and grow, always cheering them on with perhaps a little too much volume and lack of tactful words. He was the embodiment of the spirit that if you want something done right, "ask a Catron." His ability to work miracles, whether in his professional life or when helping a friend in need, was legendary.

Paul was much more than his uniform; he was the life of any party, a

relentless sports enthusiast, and a devoted family man. He was always there to lift his boys up after a fall, most of the time with a chuckle and a joke, helping them learn to laugh at life's small defeats and to cherish its victories. Reflecting on his life, one might recall Robin Williams' poignant words: "The funniest people are often fighting the toughest battles." Paul fought many battles, both seen and unseen, with bravery and a smile.

As we remember Paul, let us not dwell on our loss but celebrate the man who brought so much joy and light into our lives. We will honor his legacy by living our lives with the same generosity and zest that he did.

A memorial service will be held at Apple Creek Farm 620 Murphy Ford Rd. Centertown, MO 65023 on Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 2pm - 5pm. Rest in peace, Paul. Your smile will light our hearts forever.

If you are struggling and need someone to call, 988 is the National Suicide Hotline. Option 1 for Veterans and Service Members.

A Celebration of life Service will be Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Lexington Auditorium located at 111 South 11 th Street Service begins at 3:30 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Apple Creek Farm  
620 Murphy Ford Rd.  
Centertown, MO 65023  
[info@applecreekfarmmo.com](mailto:info@applecreekfarmmo.com)

## Celebration of Life

JUN 23. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

The Lexington Auditorium  
111 South 11th St.  
Lexington , MO 64067

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Curtis L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Catron.

Curtis L. - June 02, 2024 at 03:11 PM

LG

“ Lopez and the 1107th AVN GRP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Catron.

Lopez and the 1107th AVN GRP - June 02, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LG

“ Lopez and the 1107th AVN GRP purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paul Catron.



Lopez and the 1107th AVN GRP - June 02, 2024 at 11:25 AM

MD

“ Paul was a light in the room. May he rest in peace.

Mary Davis - June 01, 2024 at 08:57 PM

TP

“ Therese P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Catron.

Therese P. - May 31, 2024 at 10:50 PM

BC

“ Sending our prayers to the Catron family and all who knew him. My daughter Jillian became fast friends with Matthew at Cedar Hill and they remain close today. I pray for all of you as you navigate a path forward through this immeasurable loss. Peace be with you.

Becky Cripe - May 31, 2024 at 09:37 AM

Mark Gash

“ Mark Gash lit a candle in memory of Paul Catron



Mark Gash - May 30, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Catron.



May 30, 2024 at 02:13 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Catron.



May 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

SF

“ Snodell family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Catron.

Snodell family - May 29, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul Catron.



May 29, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DA

“ I remember when he was about 8 years old and would make me play No Sleep Till Brooklyn by The Beastie Boys on repeat and taco dinners every Saturday night.

Darin Astry - May 29, 2024 at 08:22 PM

CC

He loved that Band ❤️ and Mexican food was always on our menu at home

Crystal Catron - May 30, 2024 at 07:40 AM



Mark Gash

My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Mark Gash - May 30, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BW

“ I watched Paul play baseball with my grandson so many times he was a great kid .My grandson is Brandon Giammalva they went to school and ran around in Lexington . He will be missed .

Barbara Wood - May 29, 2024 at 06:46 PM

CC

*Thank you for sharing your memory.*

**Crystal Catron** - May 30, 2024 at 07:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Catron.*



May 29, 2024 at 04:26 PM

EL

“ *My favorite memories of Paul all involve shenanigans where someone should have been seriously injured. No one could make my kids laugh like Uncle Paul. Til Valhalla, my brother. You're deeply missed.*



**Elizabeth** - May 29, 2024 at 03:14 PM