



## Paul Richard Bergaust

August 23, 1955 - August 16, 2013

Mr. Paul Richard Bergaust, age 57, of Marietta, GA passed away on Friday, August 16, 2013. A “Life Celebration” will be held Friday, August 23 from 10:00 – 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 95 Holt Road NE, Marietta, GA 30068.

This “Life Celebration” is open for all that wish to come and remember Paul Bergaust. There will be a light lunch served directly after the service. It is appropriate and encouraged to wear bright colors.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Bergaust moved to Marietta, GA 22 years ago. He worked as a software engineer for many companies throughout his career, and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Paul was preceded in life by:

Father:

Erik Bergaust

Mother:

Jean Bergaust

Brother:

Bob Bergaust

Son-in-Law:

Jacom Larson

Survivors include:

Spouse:

Laura Bergaust, Marietta, GA

5 Children:

Christopher (Norma) Bergaust, Quito, Ecuador

Beka Larson, Manassass, VA

Lauren Bergaust, Laie, Hawaii

Gerri Guthrie, Payson, UT

Heather Merrill, Elk Ridge, UT

2 Sisters:

Christine Bergaust, Charleston, SC

Jane Bergaust, McLean, VA

11 Grandchildren

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project @ [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or the Atlanta Community Food Bank @ [www.acfb.org](http://www.acfb.org).  
Online guestbook @ [www.westcobbfuneralhome.com](http://www.westcobbfuneralhome.com).

# Comments

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“ Paul has always been there for me since I was a teenager. I was his first girl who gave him a run for his money. I broke him in for the rest of his kids. He was always teaching me something any time we would be together. He taught me to be a lady and have high expectations and how a lady should be treated. He taught me to enjoy off roading. He taught me to respect myself and to love my family no matter what. He was always there when I had a question about anything. He would either know the answer or look it up and find out for me or sometimes he would just make it up but it didnt matter because he would say it with such conviction I would believe it. I miss him so much. I want to be able to talk to him and share my day with him and hear him laugh at the silly things I do during the day. He always knew how to make me smile. I miss you Paul. I hope you are riding the Harleys in the clouds.

**Gerri Guthrie** - September 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laura and family, know that you are still in our prayers. We loved Paul. During our last trip to Georgia we enjoyed going to a football game with him. You are a great family. Paul will be sorely missed.

**Nancy Van Slooten** - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laura and family - We share with you this time of mourning as well as the most certain assurance of a glorious resurrection and the fact that eternal covenants made on earth do have validity for everyone. We love you and do pray that the Comforter will attend each of you. 2 Nephi 31:16-21 and Mosiah 5:15 come to mind for all of us to follow while we wait for the reunion with Paul - it will be so excellent!

**David & Tonya Bascom** - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss our dear friend.

**Fred and Susan Miller** - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I shall think of you often as I make decisions in my life. "What would Paul say?" I will be exercising my "lighten up" attitude to do better. I am grateful for all you have taught me. Even though I was super stubborn. I love you, Pablo. You were a giant among men. A true man of God. I will love you eternally my dear friend.

**Sophia Crenshaw** - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To my dearest friend Christine, and to Jane, and Paul's wonderful wife Laura and to his adoring family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Paul was blessed to have such a strong, caring and loving family. It is a tribute to his life and his memory. With love, Karen

**KAREN CHAMBERS** - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We mourn with Laura the passing of Paul. We know he is without pain and cheering the hearts of those on the other side. His service to God and Country was not done for show but out of love. His example of Christ-like compassion and service touched us both. He will be missed but we will meet again.

**David and Vonae Tanner** - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Bergaust Family:

I'd like to send you my deepest sympathy and condolences. I will continually pray for your family.

I only knew Paul since the end of April this year. Angie Wilson at The Herb Shop in Smyrna referred me to him because they thought that his VIBE machine would help my rare and bizarre disease. However in the short time that I was his client he was one of the most influential people in my life. He taught me more about life in 2 weeks than I had learned in the past 20 years. Late in April I was SO SO sick and Paul told me that he was sent to me for intervention so I called him Angel Paul. Today my life has turned 360 degrees. Paul taught me how to live not just exist. "An attitude of gratitude" I will never forget.

I know that he was in a great deal of pain and he made it clear in no uncertain terms that he was ready to meet his maker. Although I know that everyone will miss him almost unbearably at least he is no longer in pain.

Deepest regards,

Kim

**Kim Peake** - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Laura,

My prayers and love to you and your family during this time. I am here if you need anything at all.

Love

Karen

**Karen Bolt** - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My love to you, Laura, and your family. Although I did not know Paul personally, from reading about him I almost feel as though I know him. He obviously was very kind and caring and loved by all. I know you will miss him tremendously. He did leave you and your family a treasury of beautiful memories of experiences with him and of his courage. If only there were more men like Paul.

**Elizabeth Gibbons** - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Laura and family,  
Your family is very special to me and I will come on Friday morning for a life celebrated. I hope I can extend my love for you and Paul, Laura, somehow. God be with you.  
Deanna

**Deanna Howard** - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul, you touched my heart even in the short time that I was your friend. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Vito

**Vito Casella** - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are praying for the Bergaust family and we appreciate the love that you all have shown us. Jermaine still has the book mark Paul gave him before his mission. It said "One more door." It is a message of perseverance that still resonates today in our family and in our service in the church.

**Kembe and Jermaine Sullivan** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please except our Sympathy for your loss.

I thank, you and your family for sharing your true love and respect for each other and continue to grow in love.

Thank you and Paul for your great mentorship.

"No Knees" will be with me forever.

**Earl and Gwen Baldwin** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have always loved and admired Paul. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always there for anyone who came his way. We send our love to your whole family even though we are so far away. Hope you can feel it!

**Dale and Carolyn Schramm** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Family's deepest condolences are with the Bergaust Family. Please feel free to contact us if there is anything we can help with.

**Joni Bethea** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Laura and Family...  
We are so glad to have been able to know Paul. We send prayers of comfort and peace during this difficult time. Much love to the whole family. Much love to you Laura, you are deeply in hearts. Love Jenina , Dan, Bailey, Brady and Kayla Smith

**Jenina Smith** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Even though I only have known Paul for 7 months he seemed like a long lost friend that had just returned.

**Walt Rodenberger** - August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul was always there for me and (with Laura) helped see me through the agony of losing my husband, Bill, to cancer. Paul would console me even after Bill's death, give me blessings and lots of advice. He was an expert on what to do when feeling stressed. I know he had a lot of practice dealing with stress. Even so, he was available to help me and many others. At Church I would always tell him that it was good to see him, and he would always reply, "It's good to be seen". I won't be seeing Paul in this life, but his memory will be engraved on my heart eternally. Thank you, Paul, for all that you have done for Bill and for me. I love you dearly. June

**June Casella** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Paul was a heck of a guy.

**Tom and Pat Wilder** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our love and thoughts to you, Laura, and your wonderful family. Paul always met you with something interesting and thoughtful to share. We will miss him.

**Pat and Tom Wilder** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul's wry sense of humor was always a delight and we shall miss him. I am sure he is passing on his humor and love of all to those beyond the veil.

**Georjeanne Mott** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember when Grandpa Paul was making a necklace hanger for me he took me to pick out the wood stain and helped me make sure I loved the color then on the drive home he pretended we were driving a race car :) one of my favorite memories with him.

**Megan Merrill** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Bergaust family: I was so saddened to hear of brother Bergaust's passing. I will always remember the last time I spoke to him when Meghan was having Emma. He gave me some kind words and I will always remember him. He will be greatly missed

**Laura Evans** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to you Laura and the rest of the family. I thought so much of Paul and for his generous and giving heart, no matter what was going on, he always managed reach out and assist others in their time of need. I trust he is celebrating his journey home and the ability to leave his physical pains here. He will be greatly missed. May your memories and your faith carry you through the days ahead. Much Love Julie

**Julie Shepherd** - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We send out love and prayers to the Bergaust family. We will miss Paul. He was always kind and thoughtful towards each member of our family. He has been a good friend to us and was always there during our family challenges with genuine concern and support. He set an example for us all and was a man of great faith and courage.

**Sardy, Jane Bernard and Family** - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Beka I don't even know what to say. I have so many memories with your family. Your father was the father I always wish I had had, and I am so glad that you had the relationship that you did with him. He always had so many wisdoms and lessons to share, and like I said on facebook, his life force was so strong that i thought he would be here forever. Many thoughts and prayers to Laura, you, and your family. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

**Sarah (Grenleski) Forbes** - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ When he baptized me in October of 1998 he became my father. I loved him fiercely. I made mistakes like people do but he continued to love me as his daughter. When I got pregnant he was there for me every step of the way. When I had my daughter he was there he gave me a blessing. He held my daughter and felt such a deep love for her and as he was my father he became her Gramps he didn't want to be Grandpa, Granddad or Grandfather he wanted to be Gramps. He was so proud of me he loved me and I love him. He will never be far from my mind and heart. He will always be loved.

**Meghan Crenshaw** - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM