



Paul Eben Crocombe

April 25, 1937 - October 18, 2020

Paul Eben Crocombe died peacefully on Sunday, October 18th, 2020, loved by family and friends. He was 83 years old.

Paul was born at Mercy Hospital in Durango, CO on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1937. He grew up in Denver, Colorado and graduated from Colorado State University, June 4, 1960 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Construction Management. Paul entered the United States Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI in 1960. Lieutenant Commander Paul Crocombe was Honorably discharged from active duty from the USS Shangri-La (CVA-38) in 1963. He also entered the U.S. Naval Reserve and was active until 1979.

On May 25, 1963, Paul married the love of his life, Claudia (Hite) at the Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, FL. They resided in Jacksonville, FL, New Orleans, LA, Tulsa, OK, and Birmingham, AL before moving to Houston, TX in 1970 where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Paul, Claudia, and their family began attending Grace Presbyterian Church in 1970 when services were being held at Walnut Bend Elementary school, while the current Church was under construction. Paul was an usher and enjoyed watching Claudia play handbells and sing in the Grace Choir for more than 35 years.

Paul loved coaching Bruce and Stephen's baseball and football teams at Memorial Ashford Little League and whether coaching or cheering on his sons – he never missed a game. Paul also enjoyed sailing trips with his dear

friends in Galveston Bay and traveling with Claudia.

Paul was a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, coach, and role model to many.

Paul is survived by his two sons Stephen and Bruce. Stephen and his wife Karin of Wichita, Kansas have three children: Zachary (Stacy), Kendall, and Ellen Rose (Nate). Bruce and his wife Courtenay of Spring, Texas and have four children: Chase, Lauren (Joshua), Haley, and Paige, and six grandchildren: Jayden, Jackson, Lennox, Laney, Lily, and Riley Rain. Paul is also survived by his brother Norman (Patricia) of Cheyenne, Wyoming, his sisters Catherine Newton of Denver, CO, Norah Bishop of Taos, New Mexico, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also preceded in death by his father Arthur Eben Crocombe and mother, Nellie Della Kilker.

A Memorial Service celebrating Paul's life will be held Friday, October 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Ln., Houston, TX 77042.

We understand that due to COVID-19 travel may be difficult for many. We certainly understand the need to stay safe. We will make every attempt to record the services for anyone who would like an audio/video copy.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
10221 Ella Lee Lane
Houston, TX 77042

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Eben Crocombe*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



Paul was my brother-law. He was also the nicest person I've ever met along with his wife Claudia. There are many other things I could say, but that about sums it up. Paul have fun on your next adventures. Love you always ❤️❤️❤️🦋🐾🦋🦋🦋

Carolyn B. Hite - October 19, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Paul Eben Crocombe*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Paul Eben Crocombe*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Paul Eben Crocombe*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Bruce*

I'm very sorry for your loss. I remember your dad well for his great sense of humor. Please pass along our condolences to your family.

Cooper Smith

Cooper Smith - October 26, 2020 at 06:44 PM

AK

“ *My sincere condolences to the Crocombe family. I got the sad news from Larry on*

*Oct. 23rd. I met Paul at Morey Jr. HS in Denver in the eight grade and we palled together at East HS. Paul, Larry, and I worked together helping to build a rock filled dam the summer after HS. We lived in an old trailer that Larry's dad hauled up to Alma. CO., we "cooked" our own meals and some times had to work the 1:30 a.m. to noon shift, but it pretty well kept us out of trouble and we had jingle in our pockets! We went in different directions to colleges, but we saw each other in Denver during holidays. The last time I saw Paul was when he visited us in Atlanta in the seventies. Dear friend Paul, rest in peace...
Arvi*

Arvi Kivi - October 25, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 25, 2020 at 03:03 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 25, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 24, 2020 at 05:11 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 24, 2020 at 04:34 PM

ML

Such a sweet photo of these 2ate now back together!!! Such wonderful friends.

Margaret Larson - October 25, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 24, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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Steve Crocombe - October 24, 2020 at 04:22 PM

LS

“ Paul and I were in the same home room in Morey Jr High in Denver Colorado. We went thru Jr High ad High School together. The summer we graduated we lived in my Dad,s Trailer in Alma, Colorado. We worked on the Dam that held the water for the Air Academy in Colorado Springs that was bein built. Paul worked on the surveying crew and I was a laborer. We stayed friends for all these years. Paul was a good friend. I will see you at the eastern gate. Larry Swenson

Larry Swenson - October 23, 2020 at 06:32 PM

CW

“ Paul was my manager at Travelers Insurance for over 15 years. He was a wonderful man and a friend. He always had a smile to share. Now he can be at peace with Claudia, his love.

Cheryl Brabec Watkins - October 23, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Eben Crocombe.



October 23, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JK

“ Perhaps five years ago, I set out to build an Ark for my 3-year old grandson, Andy. That involved spending several nights at Paul's workshop with him and Bruce. We shared a beer or two and more laughs than we would ever find in a comedy club or at the monkey area of the Houston Zoo. Paul was as quick with meticulous carpentry guidance as he was with a good story (truth optional). I will never forget his grace and charm. Paul, I know you are disappointed in Bruce, but we will soldier on, like you and Claudia did with him. He married considerably above himself and has great kids and grandkids, so with your Divine intercession, there is hope. We will ask your intercession in all things carpentry when we struggle.



Jerry Koch - October 23, 2020 at 11:08 AM



Sweet Jerry, thank you for the humor, it is very much appreciated. Love to you and Margie

Courtenay Crocombe - October 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM

KC

“ May God bless the family at this time of loss and send my condolences to the Crocombe Family.

Kenneth Cannon - October 23, 2020 at 10:33 AM

KG

“ My sincere condolences to all of the Crocombe family and friends.

Kevin Gill - October 23, 2020 at 10:24 AM



Elizabeth
Sadiq

“ I know your hearts are heavy during this time of loss. Many thoughts are with you all as you deal with losing your father and grandfather....please be assured of my family's love for each one of you.

Elizabeth Sadiq - October 22, 2020 at 10:07 PM

SC

Thank you Liz that means a lot.

Steve Crocombe - October 25, 2020 at 08:32 AM