



Paul Christopher Kattapong

February 2, 1959 - November 2, 2022

Paul Christopher Kattapong, 63 of Houston peacefully passed away November 2, 2022. Paul was born February 2, 1959, in Carmel, California to Paul and Verna Kattapong. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Dr. Vivienne Jane Kattapong. He is survived by his wife Sarah and they recently celebrated 37 wonderful years of marriage; daughters, Kimberly (Kattapong) Dettling and husband Ross, Lauren Kattapong; Grandchild, Harrison Dettling; sister Dr. Kristienne Kattapong and husband Adam Graber; sister-in-law Dorothy Lundy and husband David; nieces and nephews, Dr. Christina Blumer and husband Nick, Jessica Lundy-Wagner and husband Michael, Dr. Ione Locher, Yon Locher, Chaiyo Locher, Voth Locher, Seth Kattapong-Graber, and Evan Kattapong-Graber.

Paul spent his early childhood years in Carmel, California, before his family moved to Okinawa, Japan where he attended grade school at the US Department of Defense school in Kadena Airbase. He graduated from John Marshall High School in San Antonio, TX. He received his Bachelor's in Management from Trinity University and his MBA from the University of Texas San Antonio. While working in San Antonio, he met the love of his life and future wife Sarah, who was still studying at Trinity. Paul and Sarah got married and had two daughters. Paul went on to have a very rewarding career in Human Resources, retiring from M.D. Anderson where he was leading a Human Resources team.

Paul was at his happiest spending time with family and all the fur babies. He loved to spend his Friday nights at Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen, weekend pool parties, and vacation adventures from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was a true history buff and an avid collector of antique war guns. He was a man of so many talents and loved playing tennis with his wife and daughters, shooting bow and arrows in his backyard archery setup, golfing, shooting sporting clays, throwing knives, carpentry projects, and learning new instruments like the saxophone or drums. His zest for life was contagious and Paul never shied away from a challenge at any sport, game, or project around the house. Paul was strong in his faith and was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church. He participated as an usher for church services and always enjoyed teaching Sunday school. Paul didn't take life too seriously, his fun silly nature kept everyone laughing.

He was the most caring and devoted husband, a loving father and grandparent, and was immensely proud of his girls.

A viewing and visitation will be held Sunday November 6, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Dr. Houston, Texas 77079. The funeral service will be Monday November 7, 2022, at Grace Presbyterian Church 10221 Ella Lee Ln. Houston, TX 77042 at 1:00 PM with reception to follow on church grounds. If you feel led to, please consider a charitable donation in Paul's name to the ALS Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
10221 Ella Lee Lane
Houston, TX 77042

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Christopher Kattapong*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Paul Christopher Kattapong*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Paul Christopher Kattapong*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Paul Christopher Kattapong*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Paul and Sarah were our neighbors in San Antonio, our son Matthew who was a young toddler decided Paul was his best buddy and would often walk next door, knock and ask if Paul could play :), Paul was always willing to go into the cul-de-sac and toss the ball. So many fond memories, Sarah I am so very sorry Paul was a very special human. Matthew is the one that told me about Paul's passing, he left his mark. Lisa*

Lisa Wright - November 08, 2022 at 09:41 PM

DR

“ Sarah, I want to extend my condolences to you and your family. May you look to the heavens with a smile on your face and know that you have an Angel watching over you.



Diane Royce - November 08, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CG

“ Sending prayers and my sincerest condolences to Sarah and The Kattapong family.



Corinna Garza - November 07, 2022 at 02:31 PM

CP

“ As Paul’s passing is on the same week many Christians celebrate All Saints Day, I am trying to focus my heart on the beauty Paul brought to so many. In talking with others and reading these posts, it is clear one of Paul’s Godly gifts was being present with each person-making them feel special, heard and honored. While his work on Earth was a shorter duration than we would have liked, we rejoice he is whole again and with loved ones who left before. I feel his life and our memories with him is a reminder to those fortunate to have loved him and to be loved by him to live our lives with meaning, love and kindness, much as he did.

Sarah, Kimberly, & Lauren – Thank you for sharing your Paul with us at work. While he was a dedicated cancer crusader, we all know his highest earthly focus was with you.

Courtney Pope - November 07, 2022 at 12:35 PM

TW

“ Sarah and family,
My deepest sympathy for your loss. Paul and I were on the same HR team and more than peers, we became friends. I could always count on his sound advice and counsel and his smile was contagious. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you move through this grief. Praying God gives you peace that passes all understanding.

Tanya Webb

Tanya Webb - November 07, 2022 at 09:49 AM

ST

“ To The Kattapong Family. I am Praying for your strength on this morning. May God give you comfort and strength on this day. He's the lifter of hung down heads, and has the answer to every unanswered questions. But in the mist of everything, He's still good. Keep your hands in God's unchanging hands. Remember to absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I had the privilege to work with Paul for 10 years. He was a great leader and friend, he is truly missed. RIP Paul

Shelia Thomas

Shelia Thomas - November 07, 2022 at 08:48 AM

PO

“ Pat and Kelly Otero purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



Pat and Kelly Otero - November 07, 2022 at 08:34 AM

ZH

“ To The Kattapong Family,
God knows exactly what we need to make it in this life. He offers to us two indispensable tools for getting us through any of life's situations. He gives us comfort and strength. Comfort calms us. Comfort gives us hope and encourages our faith. Comfort gives us the ability to trust God for the strength to keep going. Strength to help us overcome obstacles. Strength needed for everyday life. God comforts with His hope and then He gives us the strength to press on. Today may God comfort your heart & mind and give you all the strength you need. I am honored to have had Paul as my boss for 10 years at MD Anderson....But more so honored for the friendship that was built which will remain a part of us forever 🕊️

Zina Hayes - November 07, 2022 at 03:52 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



November 06, 2022 at 07:45 PM

NN

“ Norma Voth and Ron & Susan Noda purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



Norma Voth and Ron & Susan Noda - November 06, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sarah, Kim, Ross , and Lauren,*

It's hard to believe that we've lost this wonderful man. Paul was the type of man my mother would and did approve of- kind, respectful, educated, devoted to his family, a gentleman through and through, and handsome to boot(mama loved a good looking man).

We, as parents, we're so happy for our son Ross to have such a fantastic father in law. Paul was the type of man you could learn a lot from. I'll never forget the time he built a cardboard sofa for Kim and Ross so that they could see if their new sofa would fit up the stairs and around the corner at their duplex. Now that's a special Dad.

Personally, I'll never forget Paul's smile. His big smile revealed a man with a zest for life that was contagious. And it appeared he could figure most anything out given time.

Paul had an open heart that just made you want to love him back. Thankfully God has blessed us with a darling grandson, Harrison Paul Dettling. He reminds us so much of Paul. We regret that Paul didn't get more time with Harrison, but we will make sure that he knows his grandfather through us. We will speak of him often so that Harrison will know just what kind of man he was.

*Paul will be greatly missed by so many. He will remain in my daily prayers for the rest of my life. Love to all of you,
Deanne*

Deanne Dettling - November 06, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 06, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 05, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Sarah, Kim and Laurie,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of an amazing husband and father. Paul was my very dear friend and confidante. We had so many conversations where he spoke of his love for you all. I recently asked him what activity made him feel content and he shared that “just being with Sarah” was the place he felt most complete. Paul was a fabulous friend and boss. I will miss him beyond words. All my love, Sharon*

Sharon Soldano - November 04, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Sarah and the Kattapong family. Praying for peace, comfort and love to you all.*

Kaleb Faulk - November 04, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mercer Houston Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



Mercer Houston Team - November 04, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dear Sarah and family:
I am so very saddened to hear of your loss and my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and grief. Praying for God's grace and mercy to be with you all during this time.
Sincerely,
Rebekah Jackson*

Rebekah Jackson - November 04, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 01:37 PM

RJ

“ *Rebekah Jackson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



Rebekah Jackson - November 04, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 04, 2022 at 12:09 PM

JE

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and I will be praying for the family during this time of bereavement. The time I did interact with Paul, he was funny, patient, kind and full of knowledge. It was a great pleasure working with him and he will be missed. Jennifer Y. Evans FEB aka PRS.*

Jennifer Evans - November 04, 2022 at 12:05 PM

SJ

“ Thinking of you and asking God to surround you with perfect peace and love. Paul was caring and helped us all at MDACC.

Sharon James - November 04, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



November 04, 2022 at 11:49 AM

CE

“ Praying for Paul's family and for everyone who loved him! Paul was very kind and always kept us smiling at MD Anderson. May God give you all what you need during this time.

Colette Edwards - November 04, 2022 at 11:48 AM

ST

“ Please accept my sincerest sympathy. Paul Kattapong was truly a sincere and caring gentleman who has made a difference in so many lives. I'm grateful to have worked with him.

Shelley Trepanier - November 04, 2022 at 10:17 AM

RC

“ Sarah, please accept our deepest condolences during this time of loss in your family. We pray that God's tender mercies will lift you during this time of grief and mourning and that He will bless you with peace and comfort as you reflect on cherished memories with Paul.

Rob Chamberlain - November 04, 2022 at 09:54 AM

DB

“ Deanna and AG Barton purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



Deanna and AG Barton - November 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

BB

“ PK was truly one of a kind. Always putting others first and being there to listen when we would struggle. The world just became a bit dimmer after losing such a bright soul. Sincerest condolences to the Kattapong family. Know that our hearts and our prayers are with you all.

Bret Belfer - November 04, 2022 at 09:07 AM

TN

“ Sarah, please accept my most sincere condolences at this time of grief in your family. May this be a time when you support one another and when memories of sweet times together over the years are a tender comfort.

TJ Niko - November 04, 2022 at 06:41 AM

RO

“ ROBERT E OGLE purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.



ROBERT E OGLE - November 04, 2022 at 06:39 AM

LP

“ PK as we called him was the epitome of a servant leader, trusted colleague and most of all good friend. He will be sorely missed. RIP PK!

larry perkins - November 03, 2022 at 07:54 PM

EG

“ Words cannot express the sorrow and sadness in my heart. Paul was by far one of the kindest people I have ever met. Paul was my boss for many years but he was also my friend. He will be missed, but there is a smile in my heart every time I think of him.

Evelyn Graham - November 03, 2022 at 06:42 PM

BB

“ My deepest condolences to Sarah and the Kattapong family. Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Bill Barrett - November 03, 2022 at 05:47 PM



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



November 03, 2022 at 05:04 PM

YT

“ *Your Collection Team purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



Your Collection Team - November 03, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 03, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Kattapong.*



November 03, 2022 at 03:37 PM

CD

“ *Sending my sincerest condolences. Paul was my boss for a few years and I always considered him a friend. He made an impact on many people. He will be missed.*



Celeste Dennis - November 03, 2022 at 03:30 PM

CL

“ I had the honor of working with and for Paul and our conversations, his approach to solving issues, career advice and friendship will never be forgotten. Sarah and family, our prayers are with you and I will always cherish my conversations with Paul.

Chris Loeffler - November 03, 2022 at 01:36 PM