



## Paul Andrew Rusiewski

July 3, 1971 - June 8, 2024

Paul Andrew Rusiewski, 52, of Centralia, passed away unexpectedly at home on Sunday, June 9, 2024, with his devoted dog, Tank, by his side.

He was born July 3, 1971 in Centralia to Yvonne Marie Yusko Rusiewski. She preceded him in death on June 29, 2010. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Mamie Yusko, and other family members.

Paul is survived by two very special Aunts - Cecilia Miller and Geraldine Lear, and several other Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Most of all, he is survived by so many friends that were his FAMILY in Centralia and the surrounding area. Most notably Morgan Nichols, Steve Prather, the Alli brothers - Billy, Jason, and Matt and neighbor, Ed Dodson.

Paul attended St. Mary Catholic School and was a member of the graduating Class of 1989 from Centralia High School. He was active in many sports but, football was his favorite. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After his time in the Army, he graduated from Kaskaskia College with a degree in Respiratory Therapy. He had been employed by SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon for many years and at the time of his passing.

Paul was a man of many interests and talents. He was a member of the Centralia Elk's Lodge 493 and served as the Grand Exalted Ruler and the

executive board for many years. He enjoyed grilling any and all kinds of meat. He took great pride in his backyard vegetable garden. He will rest in peace next to his mother and was greeted by his faithful friend, Stryker, on his passing. Paul was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, and Notre Dame.

Cremation Rites will be accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held Friday, June 21, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. A Private Family Burial will be held at a later date at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in West Frankfort, Illinois. In honor of Paul and as he often did, please offer an act of kindness to someone in need. Also the next time you have a drink, salute him with a toast! Per the family's request, St. Louis Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Notre Dame, camo and shorts are all appropriate attire for Paul's last get together! Military Honors will be accorded at the Funeral Home by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to Paul's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ *Susette Uluhogian lit a candle in memory of Paul Andrew Rusiewski*



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**Susette Uluhogian** - July 16, 2024 at 11:11 PM

SG

“ *Stephen Gallatin lit a candle in memory of Paul Andrew Rusiewski*



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**Stephen Gallatin** - June 20, 2024 at 09:17 PM

HD

“ *Paul was a great person to know when he had your back he had your back definitely learned that playing football and wrestling with Paul and the Ali's as well with Morgan Nicholes and Jamey Ramsey. From one veteran to another SALUTE and Rest Easy Brother!!!*

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**Howard Dean** - June 18, 2024 at 10:17 PM

CB

“ *I have known Paul since he was 4 years old . His wonderful mother, Yvonne was a very dear friend of mine and he was ring bearer in my wedding . So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for his family and friends.*

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**Crystel Beckmann** - June 18, 2024 at 06:56 PM

FF

“ From the Brorby Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul Andrew Rusiewski.



From the Brorby Family - June 18, 2024 at 12:57 PM

MN

“ I knew Paul since T-Ball. He was a great competitor and a loyal friend to many.

Morgan Nichols - June 18, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ “Come, now!”  
RIP, buddy.

John Bannister - June 18, 2024 at 12:21 AM

GL

“ Georgia Lambert lit a candle in memory of Paul Andrew Rusiewski



Georgia Lambert - June 17, 2024 at 07:16 PM

GL

Rest easy Paul, you will be missed

Georgia Lambert - June 17, 2024 at 07:17 PM

MW

“ Another good one gone too soon. 🙏



Misty Ferrell Walker - June 17, 2024 at 04:01 PM

BR

“ Although your time on earth is done—your new life in heaven has just begun—and I know that there is one special lady that was waiting for you to walk through those gates with a big smile on her face and a cold one in each hand—one for you & one for her—and I know the hugs have just begun!

Brian Rusiewski - June 15, 2024 at 06:10 PM

KD

“ I'm going to miss hearing you say, I knew it was you tonight. It's a shit show every time you work. Your work family will miss you Paul. Another good thing gone.

Kathy Devous - June 14, 2024 at 02:21 AM

TS

“ Tracy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Paul Andrew Rusiewski



Tracy sanders - June 13, 2024 at 11:14 PM

TS

We love you and will be missed. You are a great co-worker

Tracy sanders - June 13, 2024 at 11:15 PM

LT

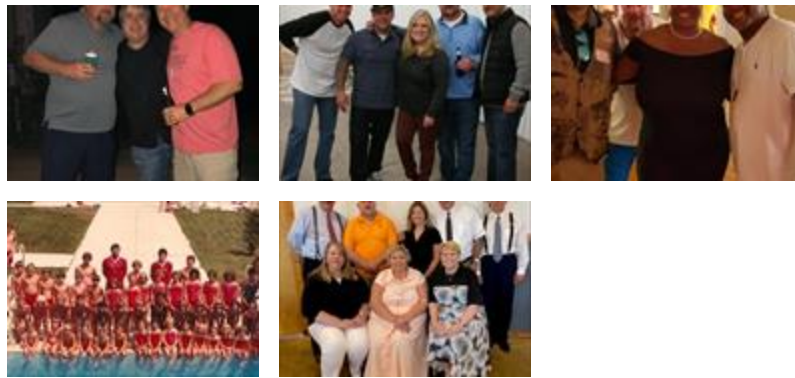
“ Paul lives on as a kind, loving spirit. He had a special place in our hearts. I remember catching up with him at events like Thanksgiving. He always shared lovely stories, and deer sausage! May his love endure on with those who love Paul.

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**Louis Tambellini** - June 13, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DR

“ 5 files added to the album Friends and Family



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**Diana Rees** - June 13, 2024 at 12:32 PM