



Paul Rich

April 12, 1976 - December 7, 2010

Paul David Rich, loving son brother and Uncle.

Born April 12, 1976 and brought joy to all that knew him.

Paul graduated from High School and left for Boot Camp 3 days later, just barely 18. He went to Basic Training, AIT and Airborne school at Fort Benning Georgia. His first deployment was on the DMZ in Korea. Serving his country was his life. His Decorations and Citations include the Afghanistan Campaigning Medal w/ Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal (2 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (6 Awards) Valorous Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (2 Awards) Kosovo Campaigning Medal, Korean, Served in A designated Imminent Danger area, Service in Kosovo, Service in Afghanistan (2 Tours) Service in Iraq, Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaigning Medal w/Campaign Star, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Awards) Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ M Device, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge.

If you knew Paul you knew he would help anyone that needed help, he was a friend to all.

The family thanks you for your prayers and support in this most difficult time. He was safer in War than as a civilian and there will forever be a hole in our lives with his leaving us.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Rich*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Paul Rich*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Paul David Rich.*

December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts are heavy with the loss of you PD, know that we will carry you with us, in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, ALWAYS, Grandma, Aunt Kathy and Aunt Cindy*

Grandma and aunt's kathy & cindy - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *sooo damn sad, i havnt seen my cousin for years. The last time i saw him was in tennessee at grandpa and grandma,s. I was sooo impressed with him, how good he loked in uniform and just the way he carried himself, i looked up to him. Its sad we didnt stay in touch, family is family, i dont care about b.s., i carew i had a cousin who fought for us, protected us and who my mom always laughed about when he was little, I,m sorry it came to this, life is hard, i was here for you, i still am, will talk to you in my thoughts and prayers. Godspeed cuz, Casey James Rich-kelly*

casey james kelly - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Michael Crigger - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *R.I.P. PD GOD KNOWS BEST!!!!
My prayers and love to you Vicky and your family.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!*

Denise Franklin - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Paul, you were always a kind hearted guy. You have touched so many people hearts. RIP Paul, you will be missed.*

Tony and Nicole Wright - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief. Paul is and always will be with you all. My sister Janelle Turner was there to welcome him with open arms.*

Nicole Butler and Turner Family - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Vicky and family:
Jeff and I send our loving thoughts at this time of great loss. My god give you strength at this difficult time.*

Karen and Jeff Kinder - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Paul, words cannot say how sad this makes me. When I spoke to you before Thanksgiving you sounded like your normal sarcastic, yet intelligent self. I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve our country next to you. You always made the field exercises more enjoyable. Always made a bad situation seem not so bad with your positive outlook. This is why I find this so hard to believe..I wish there would have been words of encouragement I could have given you to make you feel better because you always knew the right things to say to others. Ill miss you my brother, but now your an angel watching over all who continue to serve this country. RIP Paul Rich. DUSTOFF!!

Lesli Hanewinkel - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Vicki and Family,My thoughts and prays are with you all,try to stay strong together.

Judy Marcotullio - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Go with angels and keep your finger on the trigger and your thumb on safe. See you in the warriors hall

david simon - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Rest in Peace Brother, you will always be remembered.

CW4 Bobby L. Richardson, Ret - December 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It was a pleasure working and flying with you Rich, may you rest in peace brother.

SFC ROWLEY, CHRISTOPHER - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Miss you brother.*

Jon atcitty - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Paul,*

You will be missed by all

James Parker - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *Vicky & Chris ,your family is in my heart and prayers at this most difficult time. You can be proud of your son,he honored his family and country more than most of us ever will.*

Frances Hooper - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *We had some great conversations and you opened me up to a number of things. You will be remembered. Rest in peace.*

SGT Jason Treadway - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *I knew you as SPC Rich in Germany and always loved your quick wit and shy smile. You've always been one of the good guys. RIP, Paul...and to the family that are left loving you on this side - just know that we will always honor Paul's memory.*

Lauri - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *What a great young Soldier. Paul could always make us laugh, but impressed everyone with his competence. You are greatly missed DUSTOFF!*

Maj. Mike Hughes - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *paul and i met trough my husband (mike byrn) 9 years ago in germany... bestest friend to my husband. never afraid to go get it alone. he was attentive, careful and observant. he was a good thinker with a very methodical mind. he was demonstrative and loving... love him forever. to the family, i keep you all in my heart, for paul david rich was a great friend and will always be -sarah*

sarah byrn - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *I've known you and other DUSTOFF brothers for a long time, and Paul, a commander could not have had a more competent mechanic. It grieves me that your no longer with us.*

All of your fellow 236th DUSTOFFers miss you very much, and may the Lord keep you in restful peace.

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LTC Lee Roupe - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *RIP Paul!*

Justin Hutchison - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be More than a thought apart, Far as long
as there is memory, They'll live on in the heart.*

*Wish there was more we could do. To help ease the pain and
sorrow, We know you are going through.*

*And though our words cannot begin to ease the loss you bear, We
only hope it helps, somehow, to know how much we care.*

You have our deepest sympathy.

Frank and Julie Mezzatesta - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Paul, its sad that a great and intelligent man such as yourself has
left this world. R.I.P. bro...*

Jarrett Matchette - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ *My dear brother, you will forever be in my heart & a constant
reminder of why life is so precious. You will be missed by many, but
never forgotten. I LOVE YOU!*

Sarah Boo

Sarah Hardy (Reveal) - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Paul I miss you Brother. I first met you in AIT at Fort Eustis, VA. We quickly became friends and lucky for me we were assigned the same unit in Germany. I cannot express the feelings I have for you. You impacted me, and my family's life. We loved you Paul and will live out the rest of our days missing you. I spoke with you only a week or so before you left. I feel guilty that I could have not prevented this action. I wish and pray I could have! Paul, I know you are in no more pain. I know you are perfect now. I know Me, Sarah, our children; Bryn, Sylvie, and Kathleen will always miss you. The world will be a colder place without your light. To your family, I am truly sorry for your loss, for you have known him longer than my nine years of friendship...God Bless you and my God welcome Paul through his gates. I know heaven will now be a much better and beautiful place with Paul there. I MISS YOU BRO!!!!!! Love and be in peace, 1LT Mike Byrn.

Mike Byrn - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Paul David Rich c/o Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. funeral home.

December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ To a great mechanic and soldier who made sure others always arrived safely. May he fly to his eternal peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and fellow patriots.

MAJ David Turner - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rest in Peace Brother.

Jonathan Hawkins - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B(

“ *My sincere condolences, Rich was truly one of the best. Rest in Peace brother.*

Brian Gillead MSG (R) - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Brother, Afghanistan was better because of you. Iraq was tolerable only because your wit and wisdom made it so. I miss you and will never forget you. I only wish I could have been home in the states, maybe a phone call or a stupid or funny email could have made things different. I love you Paul. Godspeed, and keep an eye on us here on earth, We can use a watchful eye here in Afghanistan and Iraq.*

RIP SGT Paul Rich, Fellow Soldier, NCO, Friend, and Mustang lover!

SSG Jason Robinson - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Paul Ill never forget the first time we met at the range and Ill never forget the long conversations about absolutly nothing from drinkin beers in the barracks to suckin in the snow you were always a good friend and will always be missed*

Mykle Shaulis - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *You will be sadly missed my brother. May you find everlasting peace and solice. Please guard those pearly gates and do't let the bad guys get through.*

Richard McKee - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I pray you have found peace.*

MAJ George Johnson - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Will be truly missed*

SFC Kennedy, Anthony - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *A true Hero, "Rest in Peace"! You'll be remembered always.*

Joseph Bonish SFC (Ret) - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ A soldier's Last Judgement

The soldier stood and faced his God, which must always come to pass. He hoped his shoes were shining just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier, How shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My Church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't Because those of us who carry guns Can't always be a saint."

"I've had to work most Sundays And at times my talk was rough, And sometimes I've been violent, Because the streets are awfully tough."

"But, I never took a penny That wasn't mine to keep... Though I worked a lot of overtime When the bills just got too steep."

"And I never passed a cry for help, Though at times, I shook with fear, And sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears."

"I know I don't deserve a place Among most people here, as They never wanted me around Except to calm their fears."

"If you've a place for me here, Lord, It needn't be so grand, I never expected or had too much, So if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the throne Where the saints had often trod As the soldier waited quietly, For the judgment of his God,

"Step forward now you soldier, You've borne your burdens well, Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, You've done your time in Hell."

Anonymous

Rest in peace Paul, you will always be missed!

Carlos Duran - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Rich always did it the way he wanted to do it....regardless. Even in the military that attitude was an inspiration to others.*

Derek Alldaffer - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I was a platoon leader with the 236th Medical Company in Germany with Paul. He was a great soldier and a genuinely nice young man. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.*

Casey Howard - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *I am positive that all of us are going to miss you bro. You were a great guy and and a great friend. I hope that you find peace in death that you were unable to find in life. Miss you bro.*

Monty - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *You were great man and a great friend I will miss you*

SSG Christopher w Russell - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *You will be missed very much man....*

SGT (VET) Travis A. Haslett - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Paul, you've touched so many lives. You will be missed!*

Nick Murdock - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Rest in Peace Brother "FOLLOW ME"*

SFC (Ret) Richard B. Rigsby - December 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM