



Richard Pauli

January 1, 1968 - April 26, 2009

Pauli, Richard suddenly April 26, 2009, as a result of a tragic accident, age 41 of Canton. Beloved husband of Elisabeth. Loving father of Melanie. Dear son of Robert and Carol Pauli. Dear brother of Ronald Pauli. Also survived by thirteen nephews. Richard was employed as a District Manager with W.W. Grainger. Funeral Service Saturday May 2, 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck). Visitation Thursday April 30, 4-9 PM and Friday May 1 1-9 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Pauli Family Memorial Fund, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home. There will be a luncheon following the Funeral Service at Atlantis (Ann Arbor Rd east of 275). To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please click on the view and send condolence link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Pauli*

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“ *I can still hear your laugh Rich! And, I'll never forget playing D&D w/you all night long. You were someone to look up to!!! I am heartbroken...*

Lennard - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *Rich was always a joy to work with and a great asset to Grainger. I pray for the family that god will comfort them and lift them up in their time of grief. he will be missed but never forgotten.*

Lynda Whitcher - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *We are all very sad. I think I can speak for everyone who knew Rich. He was my manager for several years. He was a good person with a big heart. Oh, and the stories he would tell of his painting days. They were hilarious. I will never forget those stories. To Liz, Melanie and Rich's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of all of you. I have a heavy heart and will for a long time. God bless*

pam manley - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ Although I did not have the opportunity to know Rich a long time, Rich made it a point to always make everyone feel as though you knew him forever. I will miss his humor, friendship, & his outpouring of help. His family are in my thoughts prayers.

Jack Hoagland - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

DH

“ Rich was a good man and I enjoyed working with him. May God comfort you in your grief, we are praying for you Liz, and your beautiful little girl.

David & Laurie Herron - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

L(

“ I previously worked w/ Rich at Grainger and am deeply saddened by these events. He had such an offbeat sense of humor that always made me laugh. He will be missed greatly. I pray God will strengthen and encourage his family at this most sorrowful time.

Lynette Taylor (Womack) - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JV

“ Our hearts and prayers go to Rich's family. He was a joy to work with and a friendly face to see. Though we haven't seen each other much these last few years, his manager Marty kept us informed and we prayed for his recovery from his kidney illness. His loss has left a hole in our hearts.

Janis & Lyle Verrill - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

TS

“ My heart goes out to the family. Rich was a very nice guy that helped me when ever I needed him. I will keep you in my prayers!

Tami Simley - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JV

“ Liz and Melanie, Please know how much you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love is sent to you. Joyce

Joyce Vernon - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

ML

“ I had worked with Rich a few years ago. I am very sad to hear about his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Rich's family and may God bless you and give you the strength you need, through this difficult time.

Mary Jo Ledesma - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ Liz & Melanie - Although I've never met you personally, I've seen your pictures and had many conversations with Rich about you - He was so proud of his family and it showed in all he did at Grainger. My thoughts and prayers are with you - Janice Howse, Grainger

Janice Howse - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

KS

“ Hi, I did not know Rich personally, but I work for Grainger in the Lansing location. I just want to let you know that I am sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen

Karen Showerman - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SD

“ To Rich's Family: I worked with Rich for a number of years at WWG. He was instrumental in WWG's success in the automotive market. He always found a way to "get it done". We'll all miss his smile and sense of humor. Rich and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Sam DiMeo - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LK

“ Dear Lis and Melanie, We are so sorry for your loss. Although we only met Rich briefly during his time here in St. Louis, he was one of those rare individuals who made great impact while in this world. It was clear that he was a caring man who loved his family dearly. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. With affection, Laura and Bob Kurzu

Laura and Bob Kurzu - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ To the family of Rich Pauli, I extend my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences. Rich was my late boss of 2 years and co-worker for 15+ years; I was completely shocked and saddened to hear the news of his sudden & tragic passing. You are in my thoughts & prayers. God Bless, Debbie Ciantar (aka Aniol)!

Debbie Ciantar - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

MA

“ *The first thing I think of when I think of Rich is jovial. He had a sense of humor that never stopped. I remember so many times as my boss him telling me something with an expert poker face and once he knew he had me he would crack up. He had his serious side too and I found him to be compassionate and understanding many times when I needed support. I am no longer employed with Grainger, but I will remember him as a fair boss who motivated and encouraged me to be better at my job. I will remember Rich as someone, who in spite of many challenges in his life remained optimistic and of good cheer--a quality I think I would do well to follow. I am deeply saddened by his passing and will pray that the Lord will comfort the hearts of those he leaves behind most especially Liz and Melanie.*

Michele Allen - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ *I am sure anyone who met Rich will agree, that he had the strangest, yet funniest sense of humor of anyone. I already miss him, and I have alot to say, but I need to save some kind words for my speech. I love you Liz and Mel.*

Joel Swisher - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LH

“ *I'm truly saddened by Rich's passing. It's been years since we last saw each other. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Lennard Hey - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

AF

“ I am so sorry for the tragic news. Although I have not met Richard, I know his wife and beautiful daughter and I know that he was much loved by them as well as all the members of his family. I offer my condolences and pray for your strength during sad these times.

Ann Friend - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JP

“ Liz Im so sorry to hear about Rich, I am taken back to say the least. I love Rich and I know that we hadn"t spoken in what seems as thou Centurys and there is not a good excuse. I am greatful for the time we had to work together and spend with our time on the paint ball team Rich was a loyal Friend and he always gave you the best he had you could always count on him to do what he said he would do, I was always proud of him for taken responsiblity for things that he was doing when he was younger, he was a great big brother to Ron and a wounderful son to his Mom and Dad and my heart breaks for them. Liz I am certian he was a awesome Husband , I do know that he loved you and was concerned for your health, It is easy to see how you tow had a great marriage and he still and will always love you. Rich is a Dad that blesses my heart , thou the time they had together was short she will be the better for the time she had with him and I do look forward to meeting you Rich little Girl. There is only two things that can help all of you thru your time of pain, God and time! Cry out to God , be angry, sad, and so on, he is a big God He can handle it, the second is time , you have to mourn and you have to go thru grieving it is the way that we are made and if not now it will surface some where some time , will the pain ever go completly away, no , no more then your love for Rich will ever go away, but what will happen is like a wounded, it will scar but it will always be there we just learn to adjust, with time and Gods grace. The biggest question now is why? No one on this Earth can give you that answer . I will be praying for you , I will not be able to be there, My grand mother passed away Sunday and her funeral is the exact time as Rich . Love the Parlettes

Jaimie Parlette - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BS

“ Dear Liz, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I am so very sorry for your lose. I am very sad to hear this and I know how hard this is having lost my brother to a tragic car accident. Please know that we care and hope you can find strength in time. God Bless You, Love Barbie

Barbara (Fortney) Smearman - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ Liz and Melanie, My heart is aching for both of you. I am so sorry for your loss and hope your happy memories and fune times will pull you through. Rich was one of the funiest people I knew, he always made me laugh. Hey will be missed. We love you! Jen and family

Jennifer and Brian Bartz - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RB

“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family during this difficult time.

Rick and Barbara Bennett - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

EP

“ Richard, I love you forever and ever, with all my heart- as you know. I wish you didn't leave me. I want you back. I will try my best to take care of our baby and be strong. You weren't suppose to leave me, remember? As you would say, Love you forever and ever. I am trying to do a good job, but it hurts without you. I wish you could help me. I love you more than life. My beautiful man!! Forever, Liz

Elisabeth Pauli - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

WH

“ I will forever remember Reeich (as I called him) as a kind and knowledgeable individual. Rich was a mentor to all who worked with him at WWG. I pray that time, memories, friends and family will help his family during this trying time. Rich will be missed in many ways. Sincerely, Whitney

Whitney Hill - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CH

“ Liz and Melaine, Needless to say I am shocked and saddened by the sudden tragic death of Rich. He was such an inspiration to all lives that he touched. So devoted to his life and family. His love for Melaine and you was contagious. My hope is that more people follow Rich's example of how people should be treated. The way he watched you, the love just oozed from him. He is an Angel watching you now from above. He will never leave your side. God's Kingdom is "richly" blessed to have him home. I hope that the memories you hold in your heart and mind will help you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers, as well as from of the Hilfinger Family. Liz, you have been so courageous these last few days and have made me SO proud of how you have been with Melanie. Both Rich and you are fabulous parents. Melanie is blessed to have you in her life and to be able to call Rich "Daddy". Lean on each other for comfort and support. Whatever we can do to help you, Melanie and your extended family during this time...please let me know. I love you so much! Christine Hilfinger

Christine Hilfinger - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

KR

“ Liz and Melanie, I still can't believe this has happened. I'm so sorry for you loss. I have so many Great memories of Rich and Your family, we have spent alot of wonderful times together. If you need anything Please Call Me anytime. Sierra and Tyler think You, Melanie and Rich as family as Jason and I do . You will be in our thoughts and prayers. All my love, Kim

Kim Ritchie - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CH

“ Dear Pauli Family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find peace and comfort in the Bible and all that it promises. John 5:28,29 "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."

Cheron - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RM

“ Dear Liz, Melanie and the Pauli family, We are saddened to hear about the passing of Rich and pray for you in this time of deep sorrow. Rich was a wonderful man and will be remembered by all who knew him. We are glad that we had the fortune to know him. With Deepest Sympathy, Ron and Sherrie McCurdy

Ron & Sherrie McCurdy - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BH

“ Liz & Melanie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know how much it hurts. I tragically lost my brother in a terrible car accident 10 years ago. He had just turned 25. I know it willl take time to heal, but you will be strong and you will get through it. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With much love, The Hobarts

Brandy, Kevin & Makenna Hobart - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ We would like to express our sincere sympathy and sadness for your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Melanie. Wishing you peace during this difficult time. Jennifer and Emily Rose Manriquez

The Manriquez Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SF

“ Dear Liz and the Pauli Family, It has been a while since I last saw Rich, but the memories of when we were all young and having fun are still so vivid. He was always scheming of ways to pull a prank on some poor unsuspecting soul--like when he told me part of my job was to count all of the chairs in the building and I did. My only consolation was that I was not the only one to have fallen for that. I have no words to ease your pain, only that Rich made this world a better place during the short time he was here. Thinking of you, Sue Dible

Sue Dible and Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LM

“ Rich was the guy that would always lend a hand to us "account managers" that most wouldnt. He was a very caring and dear man. I have never met his wife and daughter but please know, the both of you, that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Be strong

Laura McNew - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM