



Paul E. Cunningham

March 24, 1950 - June 21, 2022

Paul Edwin Cunningham

Born: March 24, 1950 Died: June 21, 2022

To say that Paul Cunningham lived life to its fullest would be an understatement. His interests were many; cooking, riding his Harley Davidson, spending time with friends and family, traveling abroad. In fact, if there was someplace to go or something new to experience, you didn't have to ask him twice. Paul was always ready to go.

Perhaps the one passion that defined him though, was music. Paul grew up in Jeffersontown, a small suburb of Louisville, and while many of his classmates were content with a game of baseball or a bike ride, Paul knew that playing music was all he really wanted to do. As a teenager, he had experienced the Beatles, and their music, as well as that of the Beach Boys and others would only fan the flame inside him, inspiring a career that would span nearly six decades and leave Paul with the honorary title, "Godfather of music in Louisville".

During those early years Paul played in several local bands like the Rustics, the Rugbys and Company Front. This experience provided him with growth as a musician, but more importantly, it helped him solidify his own idea of the type of entertainer he wanted to be, and the kind of band he thought would

provide him that opportunity. So in 1969, a restless and excited Paul Cunningham channeled his energy to make his dream a reality, and the Wulfe Brothers were born.

With their trademark close harmonies and exceptional musicianship, the Wulfe Brothers quickly became known as one of the top bands in Louisville. From sock hops to senior proms, from county fairs to camps for kids, they had a repertoire for every occasion and they were in big demand. But as the band made its way through the 1980's, many events began providing music by DJ's, who could spin any genre imaginable, and at a much lesser cost than a live band. Almost overnight, Paul watched his dream move closer to the brink of extinction as the demand for live music slipped away. During these desperate times, Paul turned to his wife, Canary for help. In 1992 their idea for a patriotic program took off evolving to six different educational programs. The Wulfe Brothers were back, often traveling to perform as many as three times a day in elementary, middle and high schools throughout Kentucky and Indiana. Add change management and business acumen to Paul's list of skills.

Paul had many favorite songs but probably the one he sang most often while passing the time, was "Let It Be Me", by the Everly Brothers. Perhaps it is because each time he sang it, he imagined the words coming straight from his heart to the love of his life, Canary... "I bless the day I found you, I wanna stay around you, and so I beg you, let it be me".

Paul leaves behind his adoring wife of 52 years, Mary Ann "Canary" Cunningham, and his two sons, Dustin and Sean, both of whom are successful entertainers... Like father, like son.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown
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Louisville, KY 40299
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JUL 10. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so amazingly blessed to get to see Paul and the wulfe brothers back in the mind 90s sometime In elementary school although the band was awesome it was Paul who made the shows what they were with his passion and energy to entertain those of us young and those older adults aka teachers and school staff and parents who came to enjoy the entertainment with the children the world didn't lose a man they lost a spectacular musician and amazing singer as well yes itd a year later but Paul will never be forgotten and this just proves it by a post a year later may the family be able to continue to live in peace and have joy knowing Paul is no longer sick or suffering from anything

Anonymous - December 08, 2023 at 08:19 PM

BL

“ I will always remember Mr. Cunningham and the Wulfe Brothers. He and I always had a good time singing and dancing with my kindergarten class. He was always so kind to me. He will missed.

Becky Lawson - July 11, 2022 at 06:35 PM

LS

“ Lonnie Shriver lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Cunningham



Lonnie Shriver - July 10, 2022 at 09:24 PM

LS

“ I'm sending condolences to you Paul's family and all of his friends and I dedicated my whole show today to Paul and the people in the audience loved it and then I ended the show with Silver Wings and I did my goodbye wave to Paul Cunningham and the people just went crazy it was Unreal but anyway I was there in spirit God bless you all

Lonnie Shriver - July 10, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ Working with Paul in the Wulfe Brothers provided the best years of my life. I love you my brother and may you rest in peace. I send my sincere condolences to Canary, Dustin, Sean and the entire family.

Jerry Gulley - July 10, 2022 at 12:30 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.



July 10, 2022 at 12:20 AM

BP

“ 1 file added to the album Paul Cunningham



Barb Polk - July 09, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ I'll be thinking of all of Paul's family this weekend. For my entire life, I was always happy to see Paul and hear his stories whenever I would see him as I grew up. Then I was blessed to get to enjoy his music and performances at school, nightclubs, and the Kentucky State Fair. My heart goes out to all of you. It is a comfort to know that his spirit will live on in each of you. -- Cousin Carol Ann Cunningham in Virginia

Rainbow Cunningham - July 09, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Paul was such a sweetheart. Every time I saw him no matter the time between visits, he'd give me a big hug and say Billi Bailey good to see ya. No one knew music like he did. Know he is up in heaven playing with Jim and Steve Muench and all the heavenly band. My love goes to Canary and family.

Billi Bailey Miller - July 09, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.



July 08, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.



July 08, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.*



July 08, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Paul was our dear friends, community of music supporter, and cherished husband, father, mentor. Nobody in this city has done more for music or been so brilliant and humble. We cherish the memories and pray for your family.*
Rick and Linda Steidle Sparrow ❤️❤️

Linda Sparrow - July 07, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.*



July 06, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Ben & Frankie Rogers - Jim Porters / PHT purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.*



Ben & Frankie Rogers - Jim Porters / PHT - July 06, 2022 at 08:32 AM

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“ *Angela & Richard purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.*



Angela & Richard - July 05, 2022 at 08:32 AM

CW

“ *We are so blessed to have had Paul in our lives.
We will miss his stories, his laugh, his friendship, love & support of
local music* 🎵

He was one of a kind and deeply loved Canary, Dustin & Sean ❤️❤️
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Cheryl Whitehouse - July 04, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ To Canary, Dustin, Sean, all Wulfe Brothers past and present, and everyone who knew and loved Paul, please accept heartfelt condolences on such a great loss. Paul was truly bigger than life, and he will be missed.

My earliest memories of Paul go back to the 1970's at TOSMA, where we were thrilled by the Wulfe Brothers on many a Sunday night. Over decades they would provide the backdrop for dances, nights on the town and so many family events. Life in Louisville was certainly enriched by Paul and the Wulfe Brothers and we are so fortunate to have experienced them.

Paul savored life but more importantly, he made a great contribution by his exemplary work ethic. He fought through challenges that most people might have found impossible to overcome. In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone who had a bigger "never quit" attitude than Paul. What an inspiring legacy.

Dave Hasch - July 03, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. Cunningham.*



July 01, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“ *i'm not sure if this is the Paul related to my ex, Jim, but I'm sending my condolences for the family anyway. This is Charlotte.*

Charlotte A Cunningham - June 27, 2022 at 11:09 AM

LS

“ *Being in the Wulfe Brothers was the best years in my musical career we were young musicians having a great time and complete respect for each other plus traveled many states the last time I talked with Paul he said once a Wulfe brother always a Wulfe brother rest in peace Paul I love you Buddy*

Lonnie Shriver - June 27, 2022 at 12:51 AM