



Paul William Smith

November 8, 1950 - September 1, 2025

This quirky hippie child of the 60s embraced the life of a fruit grower working in the orchards alongside his father Howard. As he learned and thrived, their collective efforts resulted in many blue ribbons for the fruit they produced. Paul was particularly proud of his peaches, which were renowned for being some of the sweetest, juiciest available.

Paul was a staple at many Capital Region farmers markets and developed a natural rapport with customers and fellow vendors alike. His times working the markets were some of his fondest memories.

He had a passion for fishing, reading, storytelling and Captain Morgan's rum.

He loved his three nephews and always made time to tease, play and teach them even after a long day in the orchard.

Paul's true legacy was the ability to make people laugh. He could always lighten a rainy day with his grandiose stories and was many times the unsuspecting life of the party at family functions.

He will be missed by all who knew him. He passed away after a brief battle with cancer and is survived by his three sisters, Roberta Cichetti of Hudson, NY, Lorraine DiNozzi of Ossining, NY, Diana Krawczynski of West Hills, CA

and his three nephews Jason, Adam and Charles and many other family members.

Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home will be Friday September 5, from 4:00-7:00pm
Interment will be private at the convenience of Paul's family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Columbia Greene Humane Society, AnimalKind and Hudson Paws.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RU

“ I met Paul at the market in Albany and we became friends. He was the victim of many a practical joke by my hands and he loved it . He quickly recruited me to help with the rush during my lunch break and I have been his sidekick in Delmar for a many years. He offered to pay me but it was about our friendship and of course some fruit. He was a true friend. Always asking about my family, things I delt with and so on. We had so many great times at the market and so many stories we shared. One that I will share was the time I lost a favorite sweatshirt of mine. Well I walked up to the Concorse market and there it was with Paul wearing it. Another favorite involved a co workers help at the Albany market. I hid watching while my friend went up to the stand, picked up a bag of apples and walked away. Paul yelled hey you need to pay for those and my friend turned and said no I don't think so. I was laughing and Paul spotted me. He knew instantly that I set it up. My condolences to the family and please known that I would have been there as I could if I had known.

Rich Urys

Richard Urys - September 06, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DI

Brother Paul definitely respected a good practical joke. His era with his mail order hillbilly teeth was especially memorable and funny, always funny. Thank you for being his sidekick all these years. Paul's sisters

Diana - September 18, 2025 at 08:33 AM

DS

“ So sorry for the loss of your brother Paul. I never find peaches at the store that taste as good as farm fresh ones. Paul, Your dad, Ernest and Lou are having a grand eternal chat about farming! Condolences from the Bramkamp family.

diane sacco - September 03, 2025 at 08:08 AM

DI

Thank you Diane and we agree, the gang is chatting up a storm.

Diana - September 04, 2025 at 09:05 AM

SG

“ Stopping by the Farm was a treat, Charlie & I would have some great conversations about many different topics. Paul always took time from his busy day for a visit. To me he will always be out there in the orchards with a dog or dogs close by. We will miss you Paul, Love Charlie & Sandra 🍎🍎

Sandra Lee Geitz - September 03, 2025 at 06:59 AM

DI

Thank you Sandra. Brother Paul always loved seeing you & Charlie and appreciated your many acts of kindness, especially making him sodium-free sausage. 😊 Love you, the Smith sisters.

Diana - September 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ This news saddens my heart. Such a gentle, kind hearted man! Always a smile, an infectious smile...ear to ear kind of smile. Yea, we talked fishing...he'll be missed by all that we're lucky enough to know him...I know I will. Tight Lines Paul. 🎣 Peace, Out. Ross Warren TWFM

Ross Warren - September 02, 2025 at 11:33 PM

DI

Thank you for your kind words Ross. We will all miss his smile and sense of humor. The Sisters

Diana - September 04, 2025 at 09:07 AM

BL

Our condolences to Paul's sisters and their family's for the loss of their brother and uncle. We've had many meals and some good fishing trips together. My wife Beverly always called Paul the brother she never had. Though he's in heaven, he will always be in our hearts and memory's. Harry and Beverly Lyons.

Beverly J Lyons - September 05, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DI

Thank you for being such loving friends to Brother Paul all these years. We will all miss him. Paul's sisters.

Diana - September 18, 2025 at 08:29 AM