



## Paul James Lauthen

April 21, 1947 - November 22, 2014

Paul James Lauthen was born April 21, 1947 in Fergus Falls, MN, the son of James and Mary (Peterson) Lauthen. He was baptized and confirmed at East Moe Lutheran Church of Garfield, MN. Paul grew up on a dairy farm.

Following his graduation from Brandon High School Paul attended two years of college at Fergus Falls and two years at Moorhead State University. He graduated with a degree in Health and Physical Education.

Paul served in the United States Army for two years. While on leave he was united in marriage to Margaret Thronson at Erdahl Lutheran Church on November 6, 1971. Paul returned to active duty as a Military Policeman at Camp Zama, Japan. Margaret was able to join him, and the couple lived in Japan for two months before returning to the United States.

After Paul's discharge from the army he began farming the Lauthen home farm near Brandon. Paul loved farming. It was his work and his hobby. He was enthusiastic about all aspects of farming; from raising grain to beef cattle. His work ethic was unmatched.

Paul enjoyed sports and was an avid fan of all Minnesota sports teams, especially basketball. Spending time with his grandchildren was important to Paul. He enjoyed watching Megan and Brian participate in sports, and giving combine rides to his grandchildren. "Papa" Paul lit up when visiting with Isaac on the phone. His loyal golden retriever, Bailey, will miss him dearly.

Paul enjoyed taking various trips with Margaret. He also looked forward to visiting with his cousins and time spent with his coffee buddies in Brandon.

Paul was very community minded. He served several terms as Township Supervisor and snowplow operator. He was active in the Brandon American Legion and the Brandon Lions Club. As a lifelong member of East Moe Lutheran Church, Paul served the congregation in whatever capacity was needed. He was currently serving as church secretary. Paul was very proud of his church.

On Saturday, November 22, 2014 Paul passed away at the age of sixty-seven years. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Joanne Marie. Paul is survived by his devoted wife, Margaret of Brandon; two sons, Tim Lauthen and wife, Kari, of Garfield and Peter Lauthen and wife, Amber, of Moorhead; and three grandchildren, Megan, Brian, and Isaac Lauthen.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at East Moe Lutheran Church. Pastor Sarah Evenson officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Military honors were accorded by the American Legion Post 278 and the Minnesota National Guard.

Arrangements were with Anderson Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## East Moe Lutheran Cemetery

Garfield, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home  
659 Voyager  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

## Prayer Service

NOV **24**. 7:30 PM (CT)

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659 Voyager  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

## Service

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

East Moe Lutheran Church  
3531 East Moe Road NW  
Garfield, MN 56332



# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Cousin Marjorie lit a candle in memory of Paul James Lauthen*



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**Cousin Marjorie** - November 25, 2014 at 10:46 AM

GA

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Paul's family. Paul would always get me to buy Lion's raffle tickets at the parade in Brandon. Also have memories how good the basketball team was when he was a senior in high school. Gary Adamson*

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**Gary Adamson** - November 25, 2014 at 05:28 AM

ML

“ *Paul was a great guy and will be missed by all, God bless*

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**mike lauthen** - November 24, 2014 at 09:32 PM

DC

“ *"Paul was always very warm and kind to us as kids. We will remember him fondly." From Jim and Ruth Thompson's children: Steve, DelRae, Julie, and Kalen.*

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**DelRae Chivers** - November 24, 2014 at 02:12 PM

SD

“ Sanford RT department purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Paul James Lauthen.



Sanford RT department - November 24, 2014 at 01:50 PM

ML

“ REMEMBER ME

*Remember me with smiles and laughter for that's how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears then don't remember me at all.*



Mike Lauthen - November 24, 2014 at 12:20 PM

DC

“ DelRae & Jack Chivers purchased the Exotic Grace for the family of Paul James Lauthen.



DelRae & Jack Chivers - November 24, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Paul James Lauthen.



November 24, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul James Lauthen.* ”



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November 23, 2014 at 05:17 PM