



Paul Daniel Thomas

August 18, 1955 - February 25, 2016

Paul Daniel Thomas (Also known as Pauli and sometimes Boo, among many other all-in-fun nick names) Paul dropped his earth body at age 60, on February 25th.

Paul's Life:

Paul's life exemplified the Artistic and Musical Expression of "The Great Love". Paul is a free spirit, both with and without his earth body. His life is one of great passion, love, humor and curiosity, which he expresses in boundless creativity in his actions, his art and in his music. He lives consciously, deliberately, joyfully, kindly and in the moment. He has related his story of his realization of "The Great Love" to close friends and family, an event which happened when he was 17, and he later researched it to find that this was called "Satori". His desire to share this realization flows through everything he does, especially through his artistic expressions. His great humor is integral to this expression of "The Great Love", and he is always challenging everyone he meets to get beyond their mental pre-occupations and conditioned thinking, otherwise known as every-day life.

Paul's earth body was born August 18th, 1955 in Charlotte, NC, in the care of Martha Ann Thomas and Claude G. Thomas. Growing up, Paul received a number of recognitions for outstanding achievements in music, art and scholastics (1969 National Junior Honor Society), received his Diploma at

Winter Park High School in 1973, and became a life learner in art, music, and audio engineering.

Paul and Sandy fell in love in 1969, went separate ways and came back together in 1994, with two daughters, Nicole and Erica, one each from previous marriages. Paul and Sandy were engaged in 1999 and married in 2005; together for 22 consecutive Valentine Days. He is a devoted husband to Sandy and a devoted father to his daughter Nicole and step-daughter Erica, and a devoted grandfather to Cadence Pease.

He was employed as a maître de and server at Freddie's Steak House, was a server at Steak and Ale and Portobello Yacht Club restaurants. In addition, and in parallel, he set up music studios wherever he lived, in partnership or by himself, to create, record and produce music. He had a solo musical act in 1987 at the Olde World Restaurant and Lounge in Winter Park. By 1990, Paul had collaborated with lifelong friend, Greg Williamson, on a number of songs that he produced in later CDs, including Briarwood, Fox in the Dark, "Scent" and "Rays of Light". In the 1990's, he produced a series of comedy videos, called Geap Theater, which consisted of improvisational skits that starred himself, friends and daughters, Nicole and Erica. In 1994 and 1995, he spearheaded a songwriting team with Eric Klingler and Tom Waters, called "Screaming Beef", and then formed another songwriting team with himself and Eric Klingler, called "Big Blue", producing a number of copyrighted songs. Paul has over a hundred copyrighted songs to his credit, either in partnership or solo. In 1999, he partnered with Marty Good at Marty's Escondido Studio, together creating the "Swamp" CD. By 2002, Paul founded his own company, Specialty Recording and Music, from which he produced, recorded and mixed a number of CDs for local bands and artists, including his own studio-produced CD's: Two CDs called Fox in the Dark, "Scent" and "Rays of Light", in addition to "What Am I", among other CDs in conjunction with other artists. In 2015, Paul started Crystal Crown Cards, a greeting card company that

features Paul's unique style of art.

Paul resided in the Central Florida area for most of his time here, but also enjoyed California, Arizona, Tennessee, Massachusetts, North Carolina and travelled up the east coast to Canada. He lived in Champions Gate, FL for the past two years, with his wife, Sandy.

Family and close friends, still in their earth bodies, are wife, Sandra A. Watson (Sandy), mother Martha Ann Boos Thomas, mother-in-law Marguerite Rignall, sisters Shannon Thomas Lohrman and Claudia G. Thomas, brother John L. Thomas, daughter Nicole Ashley Thomas, granddaughter Cadence Pease, step-daughter Erica Watson Carter, sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws: Dan Lohrman, Stacey Seikel, Greg Watson, Ingrid Watson, Kathy Watson Stanley, Keith Stanley, Connie Watson Aleck, and Tom Aleck in addition to the Boos family and many nieces and nephews. Last but not least are his closest friends, who are family to Paul: Eric Klingler and McGregor Williamson.

Memorial Services:

To celebrate and honor Paul, there will be two memorials, one on April 1st in Winter Park for close friends and family, and the other in Champions Gate, FL (south of Disney World) on May 28th for anyone who knew Paul and has an interest in celebrating his life.

Please email sandywatson1@earthlink.net if you are interested in attending either or both venues. Your names will need to be on a list for the May 28th memorial since the venue is in a gated community and a headcount is needed. Please email even if you are not 100% sure you will be there – a maximum headcount is needed. You will be updated and given specific instructions.