



Paul Jay Bryant

January 5, 1962 - June 20, 2025

Paul Jay Bryant passed from this life on Friday, June 20, 2025 in Seminole, OK at the age of 63. He was born in Durant, Oklahoma on Friday January 5th, 1962 to parents W.J. Bryant and Mary (Hogan) Bryant.

Paul was given the name “Bear” based upon his great style of playing football. His football ability helped lead the Lions in 1979 to one of Durant’s few state championships for which he earned all-state honors. Following graduation, Paul attended Cameron University in Lawton, OK on a football scholarship. He later owned and operated his own auto mechanic shop, “Paul’s Auto”, in Durant, OK. It has been said by many, he was one of the best mechanics during this time.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, W.J. Bryant and Mary Bryant, sister Pamela Pollani and grandparents.

He is survived by his brothers, Lewis Bryant and wife Teresa, Nathan Bryant and wife Melissa, sisters Charlotte Franks and “twin sister” Paula Neely.

Memorial services are being planned for a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Paul thank u for always being my friend love u and I will always think of u you always helped everyone even when u wasn't able to rip my friend fly high

Cindy rutherford - June 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM

LD

“ I went to school with Paul I remember him playing ball her was one of the best I am so sorry for your loss you'll are in my thoughts and prayers praters

Luanne Thomas Densmore - June 25, 2025 at 04:39 PM

TR

“ Paul and I work together at Reynolds auto group for several years. Paul was an excellent mechanic no job he couldn't handle and always seem to have the energy to take on whatever was next. This community will miss him greatly. Sorry for the Bryant family loss. God bless you all.

Terry Reynolds - June 23, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Paul was a great believer in God. He will be missed, but in good company.

~our condolences ~

Shelley & Chris Wagoner

Shelley Dawn Wagoner - June 23, 2025 at 12:53 AM

NC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Paul. I know his life was hard, but I always remember him as Charlotte's little brother running around 7th and Beech Church of Christ. May God grant all of you the comfort and peace and strength to get through this immediate time, and walk with you through your new normal! Much love to you all.

Nancy Conner - June 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM

LL

He was always a cutie. I remember him as a young child. I'm sorry about his untimely loss. Charlotte, and Paula, I am particularly thinking of you at this sad time. I'm thinking of him at peace, which seems comforting somehow. Sending love to all of you

Lynn Latham - June 21, 2025 at 07:40 PM

SH

My condolences to all the Bryant family for your loss. Praying God's grace on you for comfort and peace as grieve Paul's absence.

Steve Harlin - June 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

KM

I am so sorry to hear about our classmate's passing. Paul, Bear, was always nice to me and so was Paula. Paula, and your siblings, I'm praying for all of you. May your memories bring you comfort as God comforts you all.

Kerrey Thomas Matlock - June 21, 2025 at 09:28 PM

MJ

So sorry for your loss Paula, Charlotte and your family. Lifting prayers for peace and comfort

MaryAnne Jackson - June 21, 2025 at 11:16 PM

CM

I've known Paul since he was about 11 or 12. I was best friends with his twin Paula! Paul always had such a big heart & soul & so caring. I always felt protected when he was around. He made sure I was safe! I always appreciated that. He had a rough spell & made it thru ... I pray for Paula & all his family (Nathan, Charlotte & Lewis) may he rest in peace! Prayers for all 🙏🙏🙏🙏💔💔

Cindy Cox McDaniel - June 22, 2025 at 12:20 AM

CF

*Condolences to everybody who loved Paul. That includes me.
I'll miss my big brother from Northwest Heights Elementary School.*

chris flanagan - June 22, 2025 at 02:33 AM

TC

My prayers to Paul's family. He was such a good and decent guy.

Tracey Coker - June 23, 2025 at 10:01 PM