



## Paul Earl Carstensen

May 26, 1963 - February 3, 2022

Paul Earl Carstensen, 58, of Loveland, Colorado, died on February 3, 2022.

Paul was born in Port Clinton and raised in Bowling Green, Ohio. He relocated to Colorado over 30 years ago and found his home. Later in life, Paul returned to school for paralegal studies. He worked as a paralegal for ACE Reporting, as well as teaching at MasterDrive, where he taught young people how to drive safely. On May 26, 2016, Paul married Julia Grizzard.

Paul was a craftsman and especially liked making knives, gun stocks and grips. He participated in Civil War reenactment activities. He was also a member of Clearwater Church in Fort Collins.

Paul is survived by his wife, Julia Grizzard Carstensen; mother, Sandy Carstensen; siblings, John (Christine) Carstensen, Jennifer (Edmund) Engelbrecht, and Laura (Steven) Teal; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Paul's visitation and viewing will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, followed by the memorial service at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Clearwater Church in Fort Collins.

The service will also be live streamed on the following Clearwater Church

platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterfc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCij4QeuUhvQSkeywwIkE9Ew/videos>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Clearwater Church  
2700 S Lemay Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

## Memorial Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (MT)

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2700 S Lemay Ave  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Earl Carstensen*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I worked with Paul through ACE Reporting-US, LLC where he worked as a verbatim hearing reporter and I the Office Manager/Scheduling Coordinator. Paul was well-liked by everyone he encountered in this job. He worked with many people at the SSA Office of Hearings Operations - Denver/Fort Collins. Denver is a large office and he had many encounters with multiple administrative law judges, medical experts, lawyers, and claimants. We talked on the phone many times during his 2 years time with us and told me many times he loved this job. This role made him feel like he was giving back/being of service to others. The hearings he recorded were for people who had applied for disability, which can take years for some to get a hearing. He was empathetic and kind. I remember seeing Paul for the first time during an MS Teams Training post-COVID back in May of 2021. He was wearing a large cowboy hat. That made me smile. I'm from the midwest so the cowboy hat to me is indicative of a man who is a gentleman and hard working. He lived up to that notion from my perspective. Most of the people I work with within my role at ACE, I never get to meet. It was nice to see Paul on the screen and put a face to the voice. Every time we talked after that, I had this visual of the man wearing his cowboy hat. I know I can speak for everyone at ACE and probably some folks at the SSA office in Denver; we will miss Paul dearly. I'm tearing up writing this because he left a mark on my heart. Paul was a good man and I will miss talking to him. I will carry the memories and a picture of him in my mind. Julia, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. -- Shauna - ACE Reporting-US, LLC*

Shauna - February 17, 2022 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ I always loved our conversations, such a great story teller and thinker. It was fun to have him sit in with us with the church band on bass. Such a great attitude and a lifter of our spirits. He never missed the opportunity to joke about his absolutely massive hands and fingers that could only fit a fretboard enough to play bass guitar and NEVER a puny 6-string guitar. Amazing, strong, 4-octave voice and multi-talented. A real man's man and we'll miss you around here, Paul. See you on the other side!

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**Jared Clinkscales** - February 17, 2022 at 12:52 AM

CD

“ Paul was a great student when he was at IBMC in the Paralegal program. He was always prepared, asked great questions and was ready to help other students in any way possible.

*Carl Daniel, Paralegal Instructor, IBMC*

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**Carl Daniel** - February 14, 2022 at 03:20 PM

MC

“ He was a friend who was much like a big bear. His hand shakes were great. He was so proud of the sword cane he donated as a prize at our annual party at Rock Rest. I am honored to have it and think of him when I use it nearly each day. He will be missed so much, there is a hole in my heart that will never be filled. Via con Dios my friend, my brother

*Toksa ake waste kola*

*Knife Chief*

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**Martin Knife Chief** - February 13, 2022 at 07:20 PM

LM

“ *Captain Chance, a man that inspired and drew folks to him. I remember how we would chat on the phone at least once a week about anything and everything. I knew what a gem of a friend I had with this wonderful man. He is greatly missed.*

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**Lee Michels** - February 12, 2022 at 05:07 PM