



Paul Julius Bodi

April 8, 1947 - February 28, 2017

“Don’t get no better than this.”

Paul, age 69, went to be with his Lord on February 28, 2017. Paul was a very outgoing man who enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling, and going to the gym that he managed in Springfield. He was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Springfield. Paul enjoyed playing golf with his family and friends, attending Bible study with his brother, and yelling “Roll Tide!” while watching every LSU football game with his kids. Paul’s family extended to his friends at 24/7 Total Fitness and his many lifelong friends at Tangi Lanes, where he has bowled since he was in high school.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Paula “Putter” Sziber and husband Martin; son, Jarrett Bodi and wife Loretta “Rett”; brother, Dave “Lil’ Brim” Bodi and wife Annette “Lil’ Sis”; granddaughter, Emily Sziber, Nephew Matt Bodi and wife Anna Lee, along with their children Chris, Lilli, and Lainey.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Sandra Bodi; as well as his parents, Julius and Louise Bodi.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Mathew 25 Ministries at m25m.org or Hope for the Warriors at www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral home on Friday, March 3, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. until the Celebration of Life service at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Richard Sandberg will be officiating the services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Dear family, so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Just found out and so sorry I was not in attendance. However, our prayers are with you all. Loved him so much.
Glynn Fendlason

Glynn Fendlason - March 09, 2017 at 03:35 PM

GL

“ Jarrett and family...we at Bill Hood Ford Lincoln are so saddened to learn of the sudden passing of your dad. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We did not know about this until service was over.



Glenda Sharkey/Bill Hood Ford Lincoln - March 07, 2017 at 06:02 PM

JV

“ Paul was a great neighbor and friend. We will miss him with his friendly hello. As a Christian, Paul will be with the Lord to enjoy eternal life. Our prayers are with his family. J.J. and Pat Vincent

J.J. and Pat Vincent - March 03, 2017 at 04:01 PM

“ Paul’s (Big Brim) Eulogy: March 3, 2017

Most of you know that Paul was a picture of health. He was a personal trainer, worked out every day, ate right, and was active playing golf, bowling, fishing, and enjoying time with family. From very early age he was a natural athlete. He started playing football in the third grade and played through his sophomore year in college where he blew his knee and ended his football career. He was the whole package in football, speed, strength and leadership. He was good at anything athletic, bowling, golf, and anything else he did. He was an inspiration to those who had never worked out or ate right and helped many to begin healthy habits.

More than these things, Paul was a fun loving guy with great personality, a big heart, a good husband and a good father. To me, he was a great, loving brother.

After losing his wife four years ago due to a little known debilitating disease that took its toll on him financially and emotionally, he had problems trying to regain stability in his life. He faced daily stress that no one should have to face. I mentored him about the Bible and Jesus. About three years ago, he got re-baptized and committed his life to Jesus Christ. Though God’s help and his healthy habits he was able to enjoy the last years of his life, fully. We spent the last few years fishing, playing golf, and bowling together. We spent many evenings smoking a good cigar while resolving the world’s problems and discussing the Bible. He could not get enough of the Bible. He read it daily, studied commentaries, and viewed videos on its meaning. He went to weekly Bible study and church. He loved to talk about commentaries from Dr. Chuck Missler, Dr. John McArthur, and books from Lee Strobel and the Book of Esther. Over the last several weeks, we spent many hours developing a Bible study on the Case for Easter using Lee Strobel’s book and Dr. Chuck Missler’s book Learn The Bible in 24 Hours. Unfortunately, he will not be able to present this study in person, but will be in spirit. Brother Paul had an unquenchable thirst for God’s word. He loved

the Seven I AM passages in the Book of John and especially verse 8: 57, 58 “The Jews replied ‘You aren’t 50 years old and you’ve seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them “I assure you Before Abraham was, I AM.”” Paul often referred to Exodus 3:14 as well after Moses ask God what to tell the people who sent him; “God said to Moses. ‘I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you’”

Paul knew Christ, period.

*God’s promises of Heaven are an anchor for our souls.
It is THE source of hope for Christians who are dying, and for their loved ones alike.*

Paul is gone from us now. But the HOPE of heaven that girded him and supported us while we watched remains. It’s God’s story. Paul believed Heaven is real. He loved the book Heaven Is For Real. He believed that:

- A place has been prepared for him; and that*
- There will be incredibly scenic landscapes, trees and animals.*
- That he will have a new body to enjoy these things.*
- That there will be no more evil around him.*
- There will be perfect golf courses and great fishing places.*
- And finally, he will get to rejoice with his loved ones, AND HIS CREATOR, forever and ever, amen.*

Dave (Little Brim) - March 03, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Julius Bodi.*



March 02, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ Praying for all of you during this difficult time.

Patti Gregoire - March 02, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ What a shock. Paul was my next door neighbor and an excellent neighbor. He seemed to be very healthy and active. I don't know when he was saved but I am confident he was. I was so proud to see him sitting on the second pew at First Baptist Church, Springfield when I preached there in November. He always had a positive attitude. My prayers are with his family.

les fogleman - March 02, 2017 at 09:35 PM



“ Paul and I were high school friends. Our fathers worked together and cooked together. We shared many good times with our parents. He will be missed.
Diane Fiduccia Camelo

Diane F. Camelo - March 02, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ I loved Mr.Paul he was a great friend. I really enjoyed bowling with him on Friday night. He will be missed. RIP my friend

Connie & Ronnie Douglas - March 02, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ So so sorry for your loss. I'm sorry I did not get to know Paul better as he always seem to be such a nice guy . He was a little younger than me but he was a good athlete at Hammond high school. In spite of the sadness I'm sure the family will cherish the many good memories. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - March 02, 2017 at 04:27 PM

MS

“ We got to know Paul after moving to Springfield about 5 years ago. He was one of the gentlest souls we knew and he always had a big smile and kind words whenever we would see him. He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mike & Linda Simoneaux - March 02, 2017 at 12:47 PM

PM

“ I use to belong to the gym in Springfield where I got to know Paul. It was during this time that his wife was very sick which later resulted in her death. Me and Paul became very good friends. It was during this time that Paul began to develop a close relationship with the Lord. That relationship continued to developed until his death. I later moved and went to the Health Club in Springfield a lot less but every time I did Paul was reading a Christian book and listening to sermons on the internet. Believing as Paul did I have peace knowing that Paul is in Heaven, due to his accepting Jesus's death on the cross for the full payment for his sins and having a relationship with Christ, that I will see him again. Paul was a very compassionate man, who as I saw first hand, help and love many people who belonged to the health club. He mentored and encouraged many of the young people who work out at the health club. He cared deeply for his family and was always concerned about their spiritual condition. In addition Paul took his job very serious and was always cleaning and was attempted to sign new members. But Paul was most of all a Brother in the Lord I loved him and look forward to seeing him in Heaven and am so thankful to Jesus for Paul's salvation. He was one of the kindest man I have every known and a very humble servant of the Lord. He was always willing to help others and to encourage them in the Lord. I use to like to kid him a lot as he was so easy going. He love his cigars and coffee. I will miss him very much and am very sadden by his death. But I do know that he lives.

Pete Mitchell

pete mitchell - March 02, 2017 at 11:26 AM

KM

“ *Mr. Paul was a wonderful person who never met a stranger. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family in this time of loss.*



Kathy McGee - March 02, 2017 at 07:58 AM