



## Paul Gerard Aucoin

June 18, 1946 - October 28, 2024

Paul Gerard Aucoin passed away mere minutes after receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on October 28, 2024. He was the devoted husband of the late Rita Tidwell Aucoin and was the cherished father of Shelley Aucoin Winters (Michael) and Leah Aucoin Regard (Eric). He was the most loving grandfather to Michael Edward Winters, III, Elizabeth Tidwell Winters, Mary Emery Winters, Charlotte Rita Regard, and Corinne Elizabeth Regard.

Born June 18, 1946, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Paul was raised on Goodwill Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana with his six siblings and eight cousins (the children of his mother's twin sister). He attended Saint Stanislaus boarding school and high school, Loyola University New Orleans, and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where he obtained his Juris Doctor.

Paul briefly practiced law in New Orleans before returning to Vacherie to begin his career as a plaintiff's attorney. After an extensive legal career, which included serving as the Port of South Louisiana's legal counsel, Paul served as Executive Director for the Port of South Louisiana from 2013 to 2022.

During his tenure, Paul was instrumental in fostering growth along the River Region, including \$23 billion in capital investments, and leading the port to be the largest port by tonnage in the Western Hemisphere from 2013 to 2018. He was a native and inveterate booster of the River Region and was deeply committed to fostering economic and community growth through both his professional and personal endeavors.

Paul was also dedicated to giving back to the community, serving as Director

and Chairman of various organizations and boards including the St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Pastoral Council, the 29th Judicial District Indigent Defender Board, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the South Central Planning Regional Loan Foundation, the River Parishes Community College, the River Parishes Convention Tourist and Visitors Commission, the River Region Chamber of Commerce, the St. James Bank and Trust Company, the St. James Bank Corporation, the St. James Parish Economic Development Board, and the World Trade Center New Orleans Board from 2015 to 2022, including as Chairman in 2021.

He loved his family more than anything and enjoyed traveling the world with Rita and his daughters. His daughters and grandchildren were his pride and joy. He often spent hours reading to his grandchildren to whom he instilled his love of learning. He will be forever missed.

Paul is survived by his brothers Leonard Henry Aucoin, Sr. (Karla) and Ralph Joseph Aucoin, Sr. (Keiren), and his sister Jeanne Aucoin Hobson (Peter decd.). He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Owen Lonnie Tidwell, Jr. (Esther decd.), and sisters-in-law, Heidemarie Werner Aucoin and D'Anne Loden Aucoin, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents Felix Louis Aucoin, Jr. and Winnie Marie Waguespack Aucoin, and his brothers, Edsel Joseph Aucoin, Sr., Van Louis Aucoin, and Kenneth Joseph Aucoin, Sr. (Constance).

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to River Parishes Tourist Commission, P.O. Box 728, LaPlace, LA 70069 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The funeral service will be on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at St. Philip Catholic Church, 1175 LA-18 in Vacherie, Louisiana, with visitation beginning at 9:00 A.M. and the funeral mass beginning at 11:00 A.M.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Philip Cemetery

1175 Hwy 18  
Vacherie, LA 70090

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church  
1175 LA 18  
Vacherie, LA 70090

## Funeral Mass

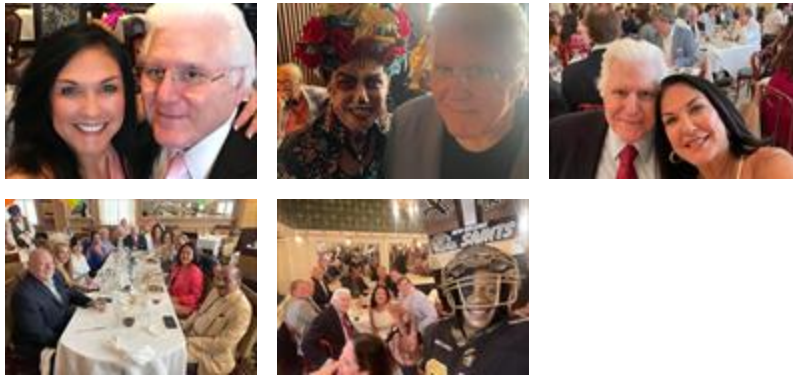
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Life isn't as bright without your light. I have so many beautiful memories of you.. some make me belly laugh and some, of course, make me sad. Sad that I won't hear “Dee brought her weapons”, or “love you, see you later” at the end of each call or gathering. You were not only a brilliant, determined, successful, impressive, intelligent man whom all admired in the business world, but you were the epitome of goodness. A man who loved his wife Rita, beautiful daughters, Leah and Shelly, and your precious grand children! Boy you loved family and friends. Your faith was something that always touched me. As big and successful as you were, your heart was bigger! You were the glue Paul. Clean slate Fridays were so important to you to continue to nurture friendships. You were Mr. EVERYTHING to me and to so many others. You touched my life and made me a better person. I'll miss talking and texting during the week, happy hour oysters at Superior Seafood, Friday lunches, saints game at our house and Henry's. Simply, I'll miss you so so very much. Thank you God for gifting me with your son, Paul G. Aucoin. 13 years of memories I'll cherish forever. Forever in my heart - you are a legend  
Dee Dee Martin Davis



Deanne Martin - November 07, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory.

*Kenny Spellman '84  
Brother Martin High School*

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**Kenny Spellman** - November 04, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Gerard Aucoin.

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November 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Gerard Aucoin.

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October 31, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul Gerard Aucoin.



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“ *Matthews 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is heaven". Paul shared the light of Jesus through his actions and words. Proud Husband, Father, Grandfather and Sibling. You are all in my prayers. Vickie Lewis Clark*

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**Vickie** - October 31, 2024 at 05:32 PM

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*Dear Lord, we entrust our dear friend Paul into Your loving arms. May Christ Jesus welcome him into the promise of heaven, where there is no more pain of loss, only the love of God.*

*Tina Hall  
Paul was a treasured friend*

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**Tina Hall** - October 31, 2024 at 08:16 PM