



## Paul Downs

April 3, 1950 - May 27, 2025

Dateline: Alice, Texas

Paul Frances Downs, 75, passed away peacefully in Houston, TX, on May 27, 2025, after a courageous battle with illness.

Born on April 3, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Paul was the son of Frances and Mildred Downs. He was raised with a strong Christian faith, an unwavering work ethic, deep compassion for others, and a devoted love for his family, friends, Jesus, and the Cross Trails Church community.

Paul is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Annie; his son, Matt Downs, and daughter-in-law, Trisha Christian; his daughter, Alison Waltrip, and son-in-law, Shayne Waltrip; and four beloved grandchildren: Mason Waltrip, Elyse Downs, Harper Waltrip, and Laken Downs; who brought him endless joy. He is also survived by his siblings, Patty Jackson (Ronnie) and Jeff Downs (Lynn), as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Frances Downs; his mother, Mildred Parks; and his stepfather, Harding Parks.

At age 11, Paul moved with his family from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Corpus Christi, TX, where he attended Richard King High School (Class of 1968) and later attended Del Mar College. In 1982, he opened a Hose of South Texas branch and relocated the family to Alice, TX. Paul held various roles throughout his oilfield career, eventually retiring as a pressure control operator. He was respected for his hands-on skill, tireless work ethic, and the admiration he earned from both colleagues and customers alike.

Paul was an active member of the Cowboy Church in Orange Grove, TX, known for his sharp wit, unforgettable one-liners, and devoted faith. He had a gift for making others feel welcome, valued, and loved. He had a memorable smile, and he knew how to have fun. Whether he was relaxing at the lake, fishing, listening to country music, or cheering on his grandchildren, Paul always found joy in life's simple moments, especially during weekends at his cherished lake cabin on Lake Corpus Christi in Mathis, TX, where he felt closest to God, nature, and family.

Known affectionately as Pablo, Dad, and Papo, Paul was also the self-proclaimed king of the inappropriate one-liners. His humor was never far from reach, whether to break the ice, lighten the mood, or get someone to laugh when they needed it most. Paul's ways of loving deeply were cracking jokes, making people laugh, and being fully present. He found purpose in his cabin at the lake, church, family, and the Savior he served.

Special thanks to the compassionate friends, family, and medical professionals who walked alongside Paul and his family during his final journey.

To celebrate Paul's life, a memorial service will be held on June 2, 2025, at Cross Trails Cowboy Church, 1911 E FM 624, Orange Grove, TX 78372. A reception and lunch will follow at the church.

Honorary Pallbearers: Mason Waltrip, Elyse Downs, Harper Waltrip, and Laken Downs.

Nothing brought Paul more joy than time with his family. Whether gathered around a table, cheering on a grandchild, or sitting quietly at the lake, he was happiest when surrounded by the people he loved most.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7

I've gone to be with Jesus, and I'm probably already telling Him my best one-liners. Save me a seat at the lake. Until then, love each other well, and don't sweat the small stuff.

Services will conclude in the church.

Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home Alice.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross Trails Cowboy Church  
1911 FM624  
Orange Grove, TX 78372  
(361) 384-9593

# Tribute Wall

NF

“ Paul a beautiful soul leaving lasting memories in the hearts of many he touch in his life journey on earth. May the Lord’s loving care comfort the family and friends especially at this time 🙏



Nancy Moore Young & Family - June 02, 2025 at 09:44 PM

LC

Paul was a great person and a good teacher. I met Paul at Corpus Christi Stamp works where I was learning to get an engraver. learned the craft from his ever patient attitude Teaching me a trade I brought with me to Minnesota where I Continued to Engrave Memorials. I had left the Military after years of being a Soldier. I feel blessed to have met Paul. Pray for his Soul and peace. Rest in peace my friend.

Luis Cirilo - July 28, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Downs.



June 01, 2025 at 08:25 AM

TH

“ The Hallmarks purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Paul Downs.



The Hallmarks - May 31, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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“ The Hallmarks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Downs.

The Hallmarks - May 31, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JK

“ Jimmy & Glenda Kelley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul Downs.



Jimmy & Glenda Kelley - May 30, 2025 at 01:51 PM

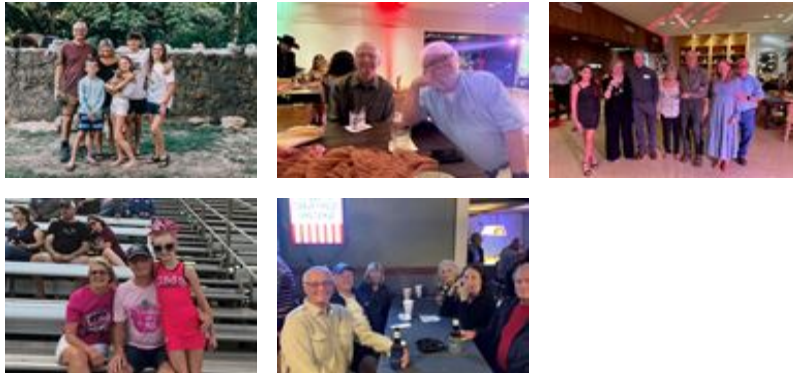
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Jimmy & Glenda Kelley - May 30, 2025 at 01:51 PM



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Roberson Funeral Home - May 30, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Downs.*



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May 30, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ *The lake neighbors! Colston's& Coleman's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Downs.*



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**The lake neighbors! Colston's& Coleman's** - May 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ *The lake neighbors! Colston's& Coleman's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Downs.*

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**The lake neighbors! Colston's& Coleman's** - May 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ *Jeffrey, Lynn and family, we are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences, thoughts, prayers, and blessings to all of you. We love y'all. Terry and Carol* ❤️🌸❤️

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**Terry and Carol Barton** - May 29, 2025 at 06:20 PM

TB

“ Terry & Carol Barton planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Downs.

Terry & Carol Barton - May 29, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ Jeffrey, Lynn, and Family. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Paul Downs.



Jeffrey, Lynn, and Family. - May 29, 2025 at 03:09 PM

JF

“ Jeffrey, Lynn, and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Downs.

Jeffrey, Lynn, and Family. - May 29, 2025 at 03:09 PM

PL

“ So sorry for your family's loss Annie. Sorry I did not get to know him but sounds like he was a man of God and loved by many. May he rest in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

Peggie Hardigree Lewis - May 29, 2025 at 02:59 PM



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Roberson Funeral Home - May 29, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Tonya (Moore) Carnes & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Paul Downs.



Tonya (Moore) Carnes & Family - May 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Tonya (Moore) Carnes & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Downs.

Tonya (Moore) Carnes & Family - May 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul Downs.*



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May 29, 2025 at 10:56 AM



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

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May 29, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Downs.*



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May 29, 2025 at 10:49 AM



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