



## Paul Anthony Coulis

August 13, 1948 - May 19, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Paul Anthony Coulis.

Paul Anthony Coulis of Woodstock, Virginia passed away on May 19, 2024, after an extended illness. Paul was born in Lansing, Illinois to Anthony Paul and Vivian (Pontikes) Coulis on August 13, 1948, the oldest of their two children. He was second generation American, as his grandparents emigrated to the United States from Greece.

Upon his graduation from Hammond High School in 1966, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with a minor in Journalism from Indiana University. After his undergraduate career, he continued his studies at the University of Chicago, earning a Master of Science and Doctorate in Microbiology and Immunology.

Paul was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during the Vietnam War era, which afforded him extensive world travel, though he never deployed to Vietnam. During his Navy service, he leveraged his photojournalism talents to capture intelligence photographs of foreign war ships.

Because of his education and military service, Paul had an extensive and impressive career within the private and public sectors. He began his career

as a post-Doctoral researcher at the Infectious Diseases Program at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Other notable positions include senior and lead research in the fields of animal health, immunology, and biotechnology. He also served as a manager of marketing and technology assessment at Olympus Corporation in Long Island, New York. From there he accepted a position at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) under the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Washington, DC area. While at NIDA, Paul managed many large and diverse portfolios of over 100 NIDA research grants pertaining to health services research, telemedicine, linkage of primary medical care and drug abuse treatment, and the medical consequences of drug abuse. He also served as a member of a NIDA team that developed, in collaboration with pharmaceutical companies, two FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid addiction; those two medications being Buprenorphine (Suboxone) and Naloxone (Narcan).

Outside of work, Paul enjoyed focusing on other interests, which included photography, private investigation, bounty hunting, and personal security, even working occasionally within the latter fields. Paul also enjoyed spending time with his daughter, and you could often find them cracking jokes and watching television together, with a few of their favorite series being The Simpsons, South Park, and Law and Order (SVU and Criminal Intent).

Paul is survived by his wife, Charon Baldwin of Woodstock, Virginia; sister, Thea McFerrin of Temecula, California; daughter, Elizabeth Coulis (Sean) Flaim, of Bethesda, Maryland; and two grandchildren, Amelia and Julian.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three beloved dogs - Roxanne, Peanut, and Bandit, all of whom were his favorite breed, Pugs.

A memorial service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Woodstock, Virginia on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 1:00pm, followed

by a private interment.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
850 Ox Road  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of the best guys I have ever known. Helped me out in very big ways. God bless you Mango!

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**Jamie Stanco** - July 20, 2024 at 05:21 PM

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“ David & Ann Hedrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Anthony Coulis.

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**David & Ann Hedrick** - June 12, 2024 at 05:45 PM

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“ David & Ann Hedrick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Anthony Coulis.



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