



## Paul S. Gatalski

July 26, 1956 - July 15, 2022

Paul "Pete" Steve Gatalski Jr., age 65, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 15th, 2022, at H. John Heinz III Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Pittsburgh after a courageous battle with lung cancer that had ultimately spread to his brain. He was born July 26th, 1956, in Pittsburgh, to the late Paul "Pete" Gatalski Sr. and Shirley Gatalski.

We are incredibly honored to have known Pete as the strongest and bravest man with a beautiful soul and a heart of gold. His proudest and greatest achievement was serving in the United States Marine Corps, and he survived more obstacles in life than one can endure; thus making him stronger than ever. He never ceased to amaze us, and above all, his undying strength and courage to fight was what we admired most about him. We have never felt more compassion and empathy for another human being, but we truly believe he was genuinely happy during the final years of his life, despite having lived a difficult life. He was surrounded by his closest family and friends, and that was most important to him. Towards the end, he made his peace with God, causing him to remain calm and positive until the good Lord thought it was time to bring him home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul "Pete"; his mother, Shirley; and his sister, Sheila. He is survived by his daughter, Kala; his grandsons, Jaxson and Kingston; his sister, Dorisann "DoDo"; his niece, Zana; his nephew,

Jordan; and his best friend, Janet.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Pete touched are invited to the home of his daughter, Kala Gataliski, 2506 Lytle Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th, 2022, to celebrate his life.

Sleep with the angels, our Petey. You're finally at peace.

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm so bummed to hear my old service buddy from the old Marine Barracks in Roosevelt Roads PR has passed away. I was his pal "Mac"(Frank McWilliams) and homey from Gibsonia PA, just north of Pittsburgh(now living in Massachusetts). "Ski" and I shared a car and apartment for nearly a year down there and had lots of good times together in an otherwise, unpleasant duty situation we had. I even took him to Old San Juan to get the skunk tattoo he had on his right arm as I recall. Anyway, we managed to pull each other through our duty there and while it's been 49 years since our last meeting, I can still remember him like yesterday. Semper Fi old buddy.

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**Franklin McWilliams** - July 01, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Paul S. Gatalski*

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October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Pete and I knew each other back in the 70s. I am sad to learn that he had been I'll and passed. Pete was on my mind lately and I wanted to get in touch. Rest well old friend 🙏*

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**Trish Gravenstreter** - November 04, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul S. Gatalski.



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July 20, 2022 at 01:56 PM