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**P**aul Gerard Organ, MD, of Oakland California, left planet earth Dec 5, 2022 at the age of 66. Paul was born in Houston, Texas, but grew up in the midst of his four brothers and two sisters, in Omaha Nebraska, graduating from catholic schools St. Philip Neri and Rummel High School. He received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology from Harvard in 1978, where he was co-captain of the Track Team, running 440 hurdles, and working summers with Upward Bound students at Brandeis University. Paul attended Washington University in St. Louis for Medical School, concurrently with brothers Brian and Greg, where he was President for the Class of '82. Paul moved to the SF Bay area for his Internship in Medicine and Neurology as well as a Residency in General Psychiatry at Stanford, before returning to Cambridge for a Fellowship in Child Psychiatry. He lived in Phoenix where he worked for Indian Health Service, often flown to reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, a rare doctor of color to serve those Native populations. Paul also had a broad vocational journey as physician, psychiatrist, educator, speaker, and consultant at various institutions around the country. As a physician psychiatrist, he worked with Oakland Children's Hospital, Santa Clara, Veterans Affairs Hospital, Stanford University, and Student Health Services and with the Humboldt County Prison System. As an Educator & Psychiatric Consultant he had Executive Leadership Roles with Howard University's Middle School for Math & Science (MS2), Youth Conservation Corps HS (San Jose), Corporation for Boston (CFB), Apple CORE (ATL), and The Heartwood Institute (No. Calif). Dr. Organ gave countless academic presentations to governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and professional societies such as the National Medical Association, and came full circle professionally by returning to Omaha as a prison psychiatrist for the Nebraska Correctional System. A voracious reader across many academic fields & literary genres, Dr. Organ was deeply immersed in the life of the mind. Paul practiced Transcendental Meditation



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and yoga, and was an engaging storyteller, having written 'beat' letters from college, and always came with a journal and datebook in hand. He traveled from the Swiss Alps to Egypt and lived in Belize, always down for any adventure, be it a cross country move, rafting down a river, or living in a yurt. Paul was also a favorite uncle and family documentarian, a jovial presence at birthdays, graduations and weddings, a camera slung over his shoulder, photographing the lives of family and progeny, holding artifacts and curating the archives of our father, often escorting his mother while she lived. Paul is survived by his siblings, Claude (Del Mar), Brian, (Atlanta), Gregory (Oakland), David (Philadelphia), Sandra (Wimberley, TX), and Rita (Indianapolis) along with 10 nieces and nephews, one grand nephew and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Claude and Elizabeth Mays Organ, formerly of Oakland, CA., Oklahoma City and Omaha. Paul's life will be celebrated in 2023 in Oakland, CA at a time and place TBD. To get in touch with family, please contact Sandra Organ Solis at [sorgansodc@gmail.com](mailto:sorgansodc@gmail.com)



## Tribute Wall

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MM

**Margarita Montoto** posted:

Paul, we are very much missing you at the 45th Reunion. So many classmates have been sharing remembrances of times with you. Our great loss but you must be up there trading funny stories with Boyce. My deepest condolences to your sisters and brothers. Love, Margarita Montoto, '78

June 1 at 3:30 PM

CK

**Christine Kacandes** posted:

To Paul's loved ones, At college he cast a very bright, warm light on all around him. We are gathering soon for our 45th reunion. We miss him more than I can say. Tina Kacandes

May 22 at 8:28 AM

SA

**Sandra Alexander** posted:

Paul, I know you are in heaven enjoying what goodness and glory god has presented you. You had such a wonderful eclectic adventurous life and you touched so many lives. Your experience in Arizona was one that I always enjoyed talking to you about because you always took delight in the culture of the Native American community and you liked to explore the reservation's to experience the aesthetic aspects of the culture. I'm happy you had a chance to explore the world and ride camels in Egypt, not many people can say they achieved global travel around the world. You will definitely be missed. Thank you for being a friend and cousin in my lifetime. With gratitude, and with respect 🙏 your little cousin, Sandra Alexander

February 12 at 12:20 AM

NA

**Noralee Alexander** posted:

Paul had a specific love for his family. He displayed his devotion at critical times in my life where sympathy was welcomed. Paul had a special relationship with my son, Jay and my daughter, Sandra. He will always be remembered for his kind words of inspiration and his hilarious stories. Always remembering, Cousin Noralee "Straw" Alexander

February 4 at 12:46 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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