



## Mr. Paul Carter Wellons

January 19, 1956 - August 18, 2022

Paul Carter Wellons, 66, of Plant City, Florida, born in Tampa on January 19, 1956, entered into eternal rest on August 18, 2022. He retired from the insurance industry, was an avid fan of the Florida Gators, and enjoyed blues music, BBQ, gardening, and collecting vinyl records and CDs. He is survived by wife of 36 years, Betty Wellons; daughters, Sherri Plate (Kyle) of Riverview, and Colleen Antionette (Brian) of Plant City; grandchildren, Casey, Erin, Katie, and Ava; great-grandchildren, Amelia, Maddie, Olivia, and Landon; siblings, David Wellons (Jane), Diane Boisvert (Joel), and Jody Wellons; nieces, Kaitlyn and Julia; nephews, Drew and Xander; many cousins; and cats, Lucky, Spot, and Rocky. A Celebration of Life will be held October 1 at 1:00 P.M. at Lowry Park, 7525 N Blvd, Tampa, Pavilion #124. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lowry Park Pavilion #124  
7525 N Blvd, Pavilion #124  
Tampa, FL

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ We made the decision to postpone our beloved Paul’s service that was scheduled for tomorrow due to Hurricane Ian. The safety of our family and friends is our greatest priority especially for our out of town guests. We are working on dates after the holidays and will let everyone know as soon as possible. To our friends and family in South Carolina, please be safe. Love to all.

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**Colleen Antoinette** - September 30, 2022 at 08:43 AM

DK

“ I met Paul at one of the first blues festivals I helped organize as a fundraiser for WRFG here in Atlanta – Paul loved the blues and many other music genres. He and I instantly gravitated toward each other and became close friends. Over the years, Paul volunteered for many of the WRFG fundraisers and we (my wife and on-air partner) came to depend on him as he became part of our broadcast team. He was an avid listener to the station's eclectic array of programs and was always in the studio during our broadcasts answering the phones and filling out pledge forms during our Pledge Drives.

*Paul and I shared a wicked sense of humor and laughed so much and so hard about our unique take on life and world affairs that it often hurt. As good friends always do, we developed a private lexicon of phrases and terms that would always crack us up. When we both worked in the northern Atlanta metro area, we frequently met for lunch and relaxing cigar breaks.*

*We had quite a bit in common: our love of cats, flowers, landscaping and, of course, great blues music. We stayed in touch with Paul after he and Betty retired to Florida and communicated via text and phone calls right up to the end. We always ended each call with "I love you." Thank you for being a part of our lives, Paul...*

*Doug & Barb Ketchum  
"Black Jack & AJ"*

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**Douglas Ketchum** - September 01, 2022 at 03:56 PM

JK

“ I found out how faithful Paul was when he was there for Cousin Willy and Aunt Patsy. When he was in town he came to see Aunt Betty and Uncle Jerry in the nursing home. That meant so much to them! A man is best remembered by what he did for others. That's how we remember you Paul.  
Love, Your cousin Jack

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**Jack Kirby** - August 27, 2022 at 07:02 PM

LM

“ Our family of six children grew up in Seminole Heights with the Wellons family. I remember going to the skating rink on Friday nights, and Paul was one of those skaters that was all over the place, and always made you laugh. Our family lost our brother Andy recently, and I know the profound sadness. I will keep the Wellons family in my prayers, and think of all the good memories that help us move forward. In sympathy, Lane McAlister

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**Lane E. McAlister** - August 25, 2022 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ I've always had a special bond to Paul through the many-many past endeavors we experienced together. Even though Paul and I interacted relatively few times when I was a young child (we grew up together as neighbors), even during our brief Troop 63 tenure together, we definitely bonded when Paul returned home to Caracas St from UF. I am so thankful for all the many wonderful, funny, cool memories together. I will always treasure them and never forget them. I have and always will spin the tales to others of our more memorable funny escapades. I'm glad each one happened and I consider myself lucky to have shared so many cool moments together. Goodbye Saul (sic). Love you brother. The non-being.

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**Joseph Belovary** - August 24, 2022 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joseph Belovary - August 24, 2022 at 12:09 PM

SC

*I graduated from Hillsborough with Paul. At our reunions we laughingly competed for who had the least hair. It was always a tie. He was a class act.*

Simon Canasi - August 25, 2022 at 10:28 AM

SW

“ *Paul you will be missed we always had such good laughs. I know you and Miss Willie are catching up right now. Love you man* 💕

Sis Williams - August 24, 2022 at 09:53 AM

DW

“ *The best and caring brother anyone could have. You left us too early, and we will remember you as a loving and concerned brother, husband, father, and grandfather to many people*

David Wellons - August 23, 2022 at 07:22 PM

AN

*We haven't known Paul long but we felt an instant connection with him. You could tell he was a good soul. We send our condolences to his family and I know he will be watching over them.* ❤️

Amber & Nuel - August 23, 2022 at 10:46 PM

MW

*As long time friends with the Wellons family, our sincere condolences in Paul's passing.*

*Michael & Sharon Whitaker*

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**Michael & Sharon Whitaker** - August 30, 2022 at 04:30 PM

BT

*When 2 of my grandsons came to visit me about 2 years ago, they ran across the street to see Paul! Well they were very sad to hear that Paul had passed away! When they came to visit they always made sure that they ran across the street to see Paul and Betty! ❤️🙏*

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**Brenda and Duane Torrence** - December 07, 2022 at 04:55 PM