



Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.

November 7, 2015

WOOTEN, Jr., Paul "PJ" Lavon, 26, of Mulberry, Florida, and born in Wilson, North Carolina, entered into eternal rest on November 7, 2015, as a result of an accident. He enjoyed fishing, riding his motorcycle, sports, and his work. He is survived by his children, Bailee Ann Wooten, and Cade Harrison; grandfather, Joe Wester; brother, Corey Jackson Wooten (Caitlin Sealey); nephew, Reese Jackson Wooten; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Lavon Wooten, Sr.; and grandmother, Ruby Wester. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. In memory of Paul please dress casual. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 13, 2015 at 01:32 PM

EM

Pj you been gone for a while now I miss coming to Florida to see you mama spending time with my family I love and miss you all dearly but you and mama memories still remain in my mind and heart gone but not forgotten love you take care of mom she was a special mother. Love you aunt emma .march 5 2021.

Emmabridgers - March 05, 2021 at 06:05 PM

EB

“ Hey pj been a longtime talking to you and going to see you and my mama ruby wester I miss you all alot but you never or ever be forgotten rip my two love ones. From your aunt Emma and ruby daughter. Oct 14 2022.

emma bridgers - October 14, 2022 at 03:15 PM

LW

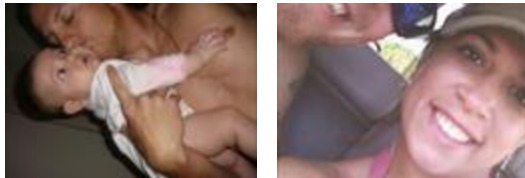
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Lacy Wooten - March 03, 2016 at 01:54 PM

LW

“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lacy Wooten - March 03, 2016 at 01:36 PM

EM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



emma.bridgers - November 14, 2015 at 06:56 PM

EM

In the loving memory of papa wooten and paul lavon.wooten sr.

emma.bridgers - November 14, 2015 at 07:02 PM

EM

This is your aunt emma I miss talking to you pj the laugh we share together when we were on the phone. You are gone now but you will never be forgotten you will always be in my heart now and for ever... your aunt emma. Feb 15 2016

emma - February 15, 2016 at 01:29 PM

EM

I hope you got to see mama papa wooten and your daddy may you all rest in peace.

emma - February 15, 2016 at 01:36 PM

EB

Still thinking of you each and ever day.i miss you. Your aunt emma

Emma wooten bridgers - April 17, 2016 at 09:25 PM

E.

This is pj grand pa his name is paul wooten too. He pass away from lung cancer.my daddy was a good man and he love his grand sons. Pj has four aunts from nc. We love him dearly. I hope the person that ran him over roit in he'll and gets the electric chair.

e.bridgers - May 03, 2016 at 09:04 PM

E.

Wish we got the love they got we were her daughters they were grand kids wonder why that is .no comments.

e.bridgers - May 03, 2016 at 09:16 PM

EB

Just dropping a line to say I miss you pj and my mother and best friend I love you all more today than all ways. Rip pj and mama.hope we get to meet up soon in the garden of love. From aunt Emma Wooten.

Emma Wooten bridgers - March 15, 2019 at 04:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr..*



November 14, 2015 at 12:26 PM

CS

“PJ- where do I even begin? Although it's only been a few years, It feels like a lifetime I've known you. I think you just have that affect on people. With a smile and a personality like yours, thats to be expected. One of our very first conversations was about the Queso at Moes and how much we loved it. We all never went to get that special on Wednesdays but I'll be sure to do that with Corey soon. Right from the start we talked about my truck and the latest projects your brother and I were tinkering on, our love for fishing, dancing, bud light, and being outdoors. I enjoyed our conervation and it was immediatly like you were a brother from another mother to me. Little did we know you pretty much would become just that when me and Corey got together and Reese joined our clan. You lived with us for some time, and as much as the spit cups, hairy sinks, and tornado clothes piles would make my ocd self want to shake, I would give anything to have that back. We are so lucky to have had the great memories with you up until that very last night, just hours before we lost you. I still find myself looking at the door between 5 and 6 waiting for you to walk in and say, "Hey Sis" and see whats for supper. Reese would light up the room when you walked in- he loved his uncle Peej and just worshiped following Bai around the house. Our lives are just not going to be near as fun or interesting without you around, you always kept us on our feet. I will always remember our 4th of July adventure this year nearly getting struck by lightning but us not willing to give up the chance to see a good fireworks show, our trick or treating a couple weeks ago when you tried to plead with Bai that princesses dont have cell phones and to put the phone down and concentrate on walking in her heals, where we later had to flea from a swarm of mosquitos (still recovering), i'll always laugh when I see Daisy the pig mosey around the yard and remember the love hate relationship ya'll shared, mainly the latter. And watching you and Corey hard at work fabricating things for a range of objects leaving the garage in disarray. We still have the last bud light we all drank together sitting on our back porch table where it will stay and we've got a memory



of you in every inch of our home. I'll always see you kissing Reese on his forehead through the truck window before leaving that night. We are so lucky for that. Lord knows PJ I would do anything to have you back so you can watch Reese, Bailee, and Cade grow up, stand beside your brother when we get married, and make a million more memories growing old with us, but we will carry you in our hearts now and forever until we see you again. We love you so much!!! - Forever your Sis

Caitlin Sealey - November 13, 2015 at 04:01 PM

 Beth
Morris

“ Corey, their mom Dee & PJ



Beth Morris - November 13, 2015 at 12:09 PM

EM

Good picture of Corey pj and there mama.... love you all.aunt emma wooten bridgers.

emma.bridgers - November 14, 2015 at 04:16 PM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - November 13, 2015 at 11:13 AM

CS

“ Paul,
we shared some of the most amazing moments in my life together. From the birth of Bai all the sleepless nights with her health issues to the day of yours and lacy's wedding every birthday, holiday, cookout, taco salad nights and school functions. Many of years now you called me mom i called you son we didn't always agree but we were always Bai's family and that is a forever bond son. Don't worry we will keep you alive in her we will share the good times and laughter.you be looking over her.

Love mom

Carmen Sudduth - November 13, 2015 at 04:36 AM

LW

You were his "mom" he loved you and always turned to you in his times of trouble. I love you thank you for loving him and our little family :)

Lacy Wooten - June 14, 2016 at 09:16 AM

RP

“ Paul was like the big brother I had in JROTC every Monday was about the football games or the drill meets. Last time I seen Paul was at Walmart when I got my permit he told me I'm staying off the roads now that smile seen you know he was proud of you. I'm going to miss you Paul



rachel pollock - November 12, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 12, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Emma.bridgers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.*



emma.bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 08:25 PM



Rest.in.peace.pj. The person did this.not a.human being.hes.a.low.life.sorry.dog u all ways keep.you in my heart mind and soul. Love.you. aunt emma.wooten bridgers.

emma.bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 08:48 PM



I love pj and my mom ruby she was a good mother she call her daughter's my girls I could never figure out why joe move to Florida we miss out of a lot not being able to see her unless we went to Florida to see her and spend time together with her.

Emmabridgers - March 05, 2021 at 06:53 PM

EM

“ *Emma.bridgers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.*



emma.bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 08:19 PM

EM

Rest.in.peace pj. Am going to miss.you dearly you all ways be in my heart...aunt emma.

emma.bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 08:57 PM

LM

“ Paul,

My heart is so heavy as we grieve with your family and friends over this terrible, senseless tragedy. I will always remember your infectious smile that was so contagious. You were such a loving father and a really good man. It was very evident of the love you had for my grand daughter Samantha. It always showed in your face and in your actions around her. I am happy that I was allowed to be a part of your life and you a part of mine during the past couple of years. You had become a very important part of our family. Thank you for giving us the most amazing and precious baby boy who has brought so much joy into our lives as he did in yours. You were so proud of him. You and your memory will live on forever through him. We promise you that he will always know what a great father you were and just how much you loved him. I remember how happy and proud you were at the hospital when he was born and how you wouldn't leave Sam's side. It was such a tender and touching display of your love. I am also very glad that I got to meet and spend time with your beautiful and precious little girl last Christmas eve at our house. My heart breaks to know that Cade will grow up now never knowing his father and missing out on all the things you were looking forward to doing with him. Also that your sweet, precious daughter will grow up now without her father in her life. You are going to be missed by so many that loved you and whose lives you have touched. Rest in Peace Paul because your babies are going to be okay. I know that you will be watching over them everyday and that you will always be there walking quietly by their side.

Linda May



Linda May - November 11, 2015 at 08:03 PM

EB

“ Emma Wooten Bridgers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.



emma wooten bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 03:35 PM

EB

you were the best nephew a aunt could have lovefor all these years to come you will be miss thanksgiving and christmas and your birth day .all of this has been taking from you with no choice we just lost our wonderful mama ruby bass wester the best mama any one who can ask for. we lost our only brother paul L.wooten jr and the father of pj wooten and corey wooten so now you all together maybe we will meet again some day i love you pj you will be miss each and every day. your aunt emma wooten bridgers and uncle chris bridgers. from sharpsburg nc.

emma wooten bridgers - November 11, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr..



November 11, 2015 at 11:21 AM

HT

“ Heather Trapnell Trnka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.



Heather Trapnell Trnka - November 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr..*



November 11, 2015 at 06:23 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss!!! I didn't know Paul but if he was as good of a person as people say he he was, I regret not getting the chance to meet him!!!*

Kathleen Dougherty



Kathleen Dougherty - November 10, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ *Susan Spradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.*



susan spradley - November 10, 2015 at 08:15 PM

MV

“ Although I didn't know you long, I had the honor of meeting you when Cade was born. I witnessed such pure joy as you held him and told him how much you loved him...and how lucky you were to have Sam in your life. You made my heart smile.



There comes a time when we realize how blessed we are, and I think you were at that point...two beautiful, healthy children, friends who thought the world of you, and people who truly cared about you.

Your kindness, your humor, your strength, and your smile will be sorely missed by so many...especially your children and those who loved you.

It was truly my pleasure to have been a small part of your life...you will live on in the goodness you shared with all of us.

Michelle Varnum - November 10, 2015 at 07:25 PM

LH

You couldn't have said it better. He was such a good man. Gone too soon!

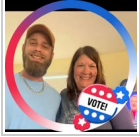
Lolly Harrison - November 11, 2015 at 07:37 AM

JW

“ Jimmy & Cynthia Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.



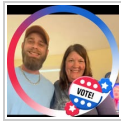
Jimmy & Cynthia Wooten - November 10, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ *I am so sorry about your loss.He was such a good person.May God bless you Lacey Bailed and Corey.Love Always Chandra Audrey Haley and Rebecca Glass.*



Chandra Glass - November 10, 2015 at 05:34 PM



Bailee

Chandra Glass - November 10, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Chandra Glass sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.*



Chandra Glass - November 10, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ *Chandra Glass sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr.*



Chandra Glass - November 10, 2015 at 05:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lavon Wooten Jr..*



November 10, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ *"So I'm your baby now? Lol" this is what started our friendship, he lived across the street from my bestfriend & I used to always joke around when I would see his truck parked over there & say "ooo my baby is home!" Paul was such a good friend to me, anytime I would have boys problems I would always get the text saying, "so who do I need to beat up?" He gave me so much support on my journey to joining the Navy and I couldn't have asked for more! I can still hear him saying how proud he is of me for joining, I just wish he would be here to see me do it. Now I have a guardian angel to watch over me & keep me safe when I leave for active duty. I couldn't have asked for a better friend when I needed one. I'm gonna miss you so much! He touched my life so much in the little bit of time I got to know him! Prayers for your family & beautiful children ❤️*



Lane Carter - November 10, 2015 at 04:19 PM

MP

“ Paul 😞 I remember our middle school years like it was just yesterday. You were soooo sweet and such a cute short thing lol you bet with one of our friends that you could convince me to date you and you won that bet. We dated for like 2 weeks and I broke up with you because you were too short and people made fun of me lol then I remember our high school year when you transformed into a hot stud muffin and I was like ?Awww man why did I break up with him. Little did I know you would be such a good friend after all. Anyway I will always remember your sweet smile and your loving friendship. Rest in peace Paul as you are gone but will never be forgotten



Marisol Perez - November 10, 2015 at 04:12 PM

MM

“ Paul Wooten! Where do I even begin PAUL WAS MY BESTFRIEND... HE WAS MORE THE THAT THO HE WAS MY BROTHER "FROM ANOTHER MOTHER" AS HE ALWAYS SAID. Paul was no ordinary guy he was a loving father of 2 beautiful baby's, a great friend, a loving family man, and most importantly to me my brother. I could go on and on about Paul but anyone who truly knows Paul doesn't need to hear it from me they already know. Me and Paul met over a female in our younger years and we didn't start as friends we hated one another but over all the years we became best friends more like brothers and I wouldn't change it for nothing, I lost the best friend of a lifetime and now all I can think about is my buddy gone and his baby's suffering.. I have thousands upon thousands of memories with Paul both good and bad and wouldn't change one for anything because he was my greatest friend and if our lives hadn't of planned out as they did and Ashley Almerico hadn't of been apart of our lives for us to meet and fight over I may have never got to know the greatest dude I've ever had the pleasure of spending so much time with PAUL LAVON WOOTEN I SWEAR ON EVERYTHING I LOVE I WILL LIVE EVERYDAY TO THE FULLEST FOR YOU AND ANYTHING THOSE BABIES NEED YOU KNOW I GOT YOU BUBBA!!! GOD SPEED! REST EASY!1 Love ever
Your Brother Mitch (\$Meech)



Mitch Maravich - November 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MM

To anyone with a bike twist the gas and hit the Rev limiter for my boy one time!!! Make them RPMs scream for my brother
Mitch

Mitch Maravich - November 10, 2015 at 04:28 PM

MM

Your nephews Killa Kam and Ky wanted me to write you and say they miss and love you and they don't understand why your gone but they want your journey and new life to be amazing.

With tons of love

The Maravichs your 2nd family

Mitch Maravich - November 10, 2015 at 05:24 PM

CB

“ *My Senior year of HS you dated my best friends twin sister Kerri Harnage, I remember watching you perform your ROTC drills & the fun spring break we had down in Anna Maria island. When I left for the Navy & came home to visit from time to time, I remember picking strawberries & taking a few flats to your granny with my cousin Ashley McGhin. You always made me laugh & we're so full of life. I am very saddened by your tragic accident. I so wish I wasn't here in Hawaii right now so I could be there to comfort all of our friends & my family. I know my little sister Kayla Bissell adored you & enjoyed spending time with you & Lacy. I cannot fathom the heart ache Lacy, Bai, Sam & Cade & the rest of your family is feeling right now. You were always loved & will always be remembered. Enjoy Paradise my friend!*



Clarice Bissell-Hartsfield - November 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TC

“ I remember all the years of football in the reserves and riding our bikes around everywhere as this huge crew!!! We went to school together since elementary and you only lived right down the road. I will always remember the bus rides home and you laughing and making jokes and playing around the neighborhood you were always a good friend paul even though as the years went on we all didnt hang out as much you will always be missed. My condolences to your family and i pray for peace for them and your beautiful children.



Tiffany cogland - November 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KA

“ I remember how much we joked around and I remember the last conversation we had. Agreeing to disagree was our specialty. My heart is breaking for your little girl and for your brother. You will always be loved and missed. Keep an eye out for your loved ones down here, and enjoy your new set of wings.

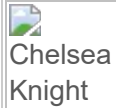


Kayla "go eat a burger" Absher - November 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

 Ashley Benefield

“ I'm so glad I got to meet you! Thank You for being such a good person! My prayers are with his children and his family!

Ashley Benefield - November 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM



Chelsea Knight

“ Paul, I thank God everyday for the time that you spent with us. I will never know why you confided in me so well as a friend but I am thankful that you did. Our friendship was amazing and I will cherish it forever. The pain is unreal without you here, I just keep hearing that laugh that we always heard. I love you, Paul.. you always held a special place in my heart as a best friend would and I will NEVER forget it. Until we meet again, watch over us---you know we all need it!

To Paul's family, my love is with you all as my heart is aching with you and if there is ANYTHING you need from us, please contact me or Dustin.. you all have the numbers.

Chelsea Knight - November 10, 2015 at 03:47 PM

DP

“ So glad I got to hug him at Bailee's birthday party when we came to Florida!



Dez & Parker - November 10, 2015 at 03:27 PM

AA

“ I will never forgot in 6th grade when you asked me to go out with you every single day! And my reply was always "no Paul", lol! You were a great person and classmate! May your soul rest in eternal peace. My heart goes out to your family! Hopefully you all can find comfort in celebrating his life through this horrible time. Always forever keep him in your hearts by the memories he left behind! <3 Ashley Almerico



Ashley Almerico - November 10, 2015 at 03:26 PM