



Eric Phillip VanPelt

April 16, 1964 - December 18, 2013

Eric Phillip VanPelt was born April 16, 1964 to the union of the late Sede Alton and Judy (Ward) VanPelt in Stone Mountain, Georgia where he grew up. At the age of 16, Eric and the family moved to Florida.

Eric resided in Florida until 2004 when he moved to the Waynesville / St. Robert area. He worked as a truck driver for most of his working years. Approximately one year ago, Eric began working for Lowe's of Waynesville. He enjoyed traveling and meeting new people no matter where his truck took him.

On September 15, 2003, Eric was united in marriage to Barbara Jean Young in St. Petersburg, Florida. They shared over 10 years together and many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, Eric enjoyed being outdoors. You could find him either fishing or camping and he could play a mean game of horseshoes with his sons. He loved spending time with his family and especially loved being "Papa Eric". He was a friend to everyone that he met.

Eric passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 49 years, 8 months and 2 days. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew

and loved him.

Eric leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Barbara of the home; three children: Jeremy Hosfeld of Waynesville, MO, Eric Phillip VanPelt Jr. of Waynesville, MO and Kimberly VanPelt of Crocker, MO; two granddaughters: Emma Jean Hosfeld and Kaylie Caplan; three siblings: Scott VanPelt of the state of Georgia and Mark VanPelt and Michelle Langley, both of the state of South Carolina; 2 nephews; other relatives and a host of friends.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Curtis Hendrix officiating. The songs "Simple Man", "Last Dance", "I Believe" and "Keeper of the Stars" were played.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tallant lit a candle in memory of Eric VanPelt*



Kenneth Tallant - June 15, 2025 at 01:59 AM



“ *Eric Phillip VanPelt*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tallant lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt*



Kenneth Tallant - November 25, 2019 at 05:44 PM

KT

“ *KENNETH TALLANT lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt*



KENNETH TALLANT - June 13, 2015 at 07:19 PM

KT

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your passing my prayers go out to your family. I saw your picture of when you were young that was just the way I remembered you. It has ben many years since I last saw you about 1975. I pray for Gods healing touch for your family I am so sorry. Kenneth Tallant*

KENNETH TALLANT - June 13, 2015 at 07:18 PM

KV

“ Dear Dad,

I am sitting here at work thinking about you and having to fight off the tears like I have been struggling to do every day since you died. To see your picture on the side of this website while the title reads obituaries is just too much to handle. I am in a room full of people, yet it seems like nothing is real and time has stopped. At your funeral, Eric and I just looked at each other with broken hearts and tear-filled eyes and said this isn't real and cannot be happening; this is not supposed to be happening to us. Our lives are completely devastated and the thought of you not being here is impossible to understand. I just don't understand why? How could God let this happen? I ask myself these questions every single day. The thing is that I out of everyone got the least amount of time with you and it's not fair. I would give anything in this world to just bring you back if even for a simple hug. Thank you for everything you did for me throughout my life. I have missed you every day since you died any will miss you every day for the rest of my life; there will always be a hole in my heart that is left vacant by your passing. I love you Dad and will never let your spirit die; you will live on through Eric and I. We will continue to make you a proud father like you were in life.

Love,

Kim xo

Kimberly Vanpelt - January 15, 2014 at 11:08 AM

MP

“ Eric, I will always remember you. Thank you for being there for me back in the day when I lost my dad. I talk with Kimmie to see how she and little Eric is doing. Watch over your family. You are now home with ur grandma and parents. Tell them all hello from me and tell my dad hi. Always in my heart.

*Michelle pierce
Pinellas park fl*

michelle pierce - January 11, 2014 at 08:56 PM

SJ

“ SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Eric
Phillip VanPelt



SARA JONES - January 11, 2014 at 01:14 PM

SP

“ Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and your family in your time of sorrow. Steve Piercy : from Lindsay, Chrysler.

Steve Piercy - January 10, 2014 at 11:09 PM

AJ

“ Our lives are richer having known you. Your caring heart and warm smile will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Alyson and David Jones - January 10, 2014 at 08:38 PM

RK

“ Ray Keeney lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt



Ray Keeney - January 10, 2014 at 01:09 PM

RH

“ Eric, remember the days that you and I used to unload the wood I would cut for you? My Dr.'s are telling me that I am unable to cut wood anymore. Wish Barb would have contacted us sooner, this came as quite a shock to Susie and myself. We are both going to miss you son. Barb, I was so sorry to hear about Eric this way. Please, if there is anything that Ray or I can do, let us know. Eric, You and the kids are loved by both of us. May he Rest in Peace.

Ray Keeney & Sue Hayes - January 10, 2014 at 01:08 PM

AH

“ Eric, you were one of a kind! I will forever hold you in my thoughts and your family in my prayers . Heaven has gained an angel and I look forward to seeing you again one day! Thank you for the fun memories you have left my family and I, a simple four wheeler ride will never feel the same. You will be missed!

Adriane and Curtis Hendrix - January 10, 2014 at 12:44 PM

AR

“ Eric, you were such an amazing person. Always caring & giving. I know that you are missed. Barb, I wish that I could be with you all this weekend. My thoughts, love, & prayers are with you all. Tell Dad hi for me, Eric. 2 great men gone way too soon. Love you!

Amy Rohrer - January 10, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LH

“ Eric, you now know all those mysteries we talked about. But way too early. You have been a wonderful friend and we will remember you and Jay forever. Your smile always made my day and I always thought behind those eyes that were always twinkling, you were hiding a secret that only you knew. I am so glad that you got to spend the last year at home with the love of your life. You two were little love birds. RIP, my dear friend.

Luge and Paul Hardman - January 10, 2014 at 09:39 AM

CY

“ Carol Young lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt



Carol Young - January 10, 2014 at 09:37 AM

CY

“ I will always cherish our camping trip a couple of years ago in the Ozarks. It was a fun time for all of us. Eric and I ended up naming everyone in camper terms. Mom and Larry; Jay and Blanche, RVers; Lil and Ronny, Sliders; Herb and I, Poppers, and Eric and Barb, Tenters. After that Eric always called me "Popper." He never called me by name after that. I was just "Popper!" He was full of life and full of energy! Life was never dull when he was around! Thank you, Eric, for filling my life with love and joy! May you rest in peace, dear wonderful brother! I will miss you..... I hope to see you one day in heaven! Love you!!!!
Carol Young

Carol Young - January 10, 2014 at 09:10 AM

BV

“ *The light from this candle is my heart so that you may always know my heart is with you in heaven. The memories we shared are forever part of me, I miss you every minute of the day and it's hard to breath without you. I will love you forever and hold you close to my heart. This is not goodbye, as I will join you again someday.*



Barbara VanPelt - January 10, 2014 at 08:52 AM

BV

“ *The light from this candle is my heart so that you will always see it shining from heaven. My love for you is never ending, our memories will keep me motivated to continue on in life. I miss you, may you rest in peace with the light of my heart always burning.*



BARBARA VANPELT - January 10, 2014 at 08:28 AM

SF

“ *SANDRA FAGAN lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip VanPelt*



SANDRA FAGAN - January 10, 2014 at 07:58 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss may God Bless you and your family in this trying time.*

John Bell - January 10, 2014 at 07:37 AM

BV

“ *The light from this candle is my heart so that you may always see it burning from heaven to know you were the light of my life. I will always love you and our memories will always be with me, they are the greatest memories of my life. I love you Eric and may you now relax and rest in peace.*



Barbara VanPelt - January 10, 2014 at 06:55 AM

BV

“ *My best friend, my love, my life! My life will never be the same without u here, but you will always be in my heart, I miss you so much it's hard to breathe, I will always love you!*



Barbara VanPelt - January 10, 2014 at 05:53 AM

EC

“ *Barb.... Please accept my heartfelt condolences over the loss of Eric.... always loved seeing the both of you walk through the doors of the bank and seeing you together and smiling... God be with you and comfort you.... ((hugs)) Elizabeth ~**

Elizabeth Carpenter - January 09, 2014 at 09:59 PM