



## Paul "Hutch" William Hutchinson

July 26, 1951 - October 9, 2016

With his family by his side, we held him close and whispered in his ear, "Paul, it's time to go home. Don't worry about us, we are hurting, but we'll be ok. Let the Angels take you to your mother Faith (Lawson) and father Bill, who wait with open arms." Paul is survived by his loving wife Lisa, ex-wife Margaret (Bill), his children Sean (Kristen), Patrick, Nigel (Kalie), his step-children Kelita, Jessica, Jay (Chantale), his grandchildren Kaleb, James, Eric, and his cat Corporal as well as many friends and extended family. Paul lived his whole life in Hamilton and was a large fixture in the Westdale area. After graduating from Westdale Secondary School, he acquired his mechanic's license and began his amazing career fixing cars, trucks, heavy equipment and just about anything that anybody asked him to. He worked at Ted's Service Centre in Aldershot, had a short stint at Stelco, then started his own shop, Performax Auto, on Beach Road in the east end. In 1994, he moved his shop to Frid Street where he stayed 'till he closed in 2003. In 1984, Paul joined the reserve unit Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) - Wentworth Regiment - at the John Weir Foote VC Armoury in Hamilton. In the 10 years he was with the military, he earned the rank of Sergeant and the utmost respect from everyone he served with. In 2008 he went overseas as a civilian Heavy Equipment Mechanic attached to Kandahar Air Field (KAF) Vehicle Maintenance with the Canadian Military under the Joint Task Force Afghanistan R-5. There he received the Commanders Coin for going above and beyond the call of duty, which says everything about who Paul was. Upon his return, he was fortunate to be hired by the Hamilton Conservation Authority as their mechanic at the Millgrove Yard in Flamborough.

Paul lived life large and on his terms. He had a code of honour that taught us all about respect, loyalty, duty, honesty, hard work, friendship, love of family and all the things that make us better human beings for knowing him. Please join us in a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, October 22nd in the RHLI -Officers Mess of the John Weir Foote VC Armoury, 200 James St. North, Hamilton, ON L8R 2L1, from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. We'll raise a beer Paul's favourite thing, and toast a man who brought laughter, a joke for every occasion, and always a smile on his face to everyone he met! Special thanks to Dr. Heller, Dr. Woods and the many nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital who cared for him. In lieu of

flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Hamilton Conservation Authority. Soldier on Hutch....you will be missed.

# Comments

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“ I just learned of Paul's passing yesterday from an old mate at the RHLI and am deeply saddened. Paul was a man of great integrity who I would follow anywhere. He taught me both as a young soldier and university student how life really worked through his multitude of colourful stories with apt lessons for every situation. I still think of those and him every day- and I try to apply them with my own team at work. Stand easy and thank you, my friend. Semper Paratus.

**Adrian Telizyn** - January 24, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Families are forever. Sending our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to all of your family and friends. with love and hugs, Audrey, Len, Sheree and Todd x0x

**sheree harris** - January 23, 2017 at 01:42 PM

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“ Paul was a wonderful guy with an inspiring moustache, a ready joke, a broad infectious laugh and a strong sense of dignity and honour. He was Lisa's love of her life, a great Dad and a soldier. What more can a man do in his life but that. He will be sorely missed by us all who laughed with him. March on, Paul, march on.

**Corien and Mark Kershey** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss Lisa. Paul, was such a great person, he will live on in our memories forever. “What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.” -Helen Keller Paul will be a part of everyone of the many lives he touched. Our heart felt condolences to you Lisa and your family.

**Jackie DeFreitas** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ I remember Paul for his jovial sense of humor and I was jealous of his moustache. Whenever we would be at a function and knew that Paul and Lisa would be there; we knew we were in for an evening of laughter and warm human camaraderie. Sail on good sir; it was truly a pleasure.

**Tim Coulson** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Paul . As a teenager and baby sister of his good friend Peter I recognized Paul's pure spirit and genuine soul. Rooms lit up when Paul entered ....and above all I will remember Paul most for his smiling eyes. When Paul talked to you he smiled with his eyes. Rest in piece old friend. I miss you.

**Helga Schien Hillyard** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ Lisa, Margaret, Sean,Patrick, Nigel, Bill & all of Paul's dear family,we have been thinking of our personal memories of Paul all week. Wonderful remembrances of a very dear man. He is irreplaceable! Our deepest condolences to all of you. With sadness & affection, Walter and April Faggion & Family.

**Walter & April Faggion** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ I remember completing a clutch job with him on a large Kenworth Truck in the Mobile Shop at Stelco. I was just new there. We got it together at 9 pm. It didn't work. Paul figured out that the older mechanic who had I had helped install, had put one of the clutch discs in backwards. We rushed to redo the job. We had the job complete by 11 pm. It should have taken hours longer. I think of Paul sometimes. I saw him at the Shop on Frid Street a couple of times. He was a great, fun guy. He is missed.

**Robin Scott** - January 23, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ It is with a heavy heart that I leave you with a short note about my experience with “Hutch”. When he first started work at the HCA his workplace was at the Dundas Valley workshop. Easy to get to know, Hutch always had a story, life experience or a good joke to share. He was the type of person that would do anything to help you out if he could. Always a wealth of knowledge when it came to anything automotive or mechanical. Over the years he became more of a friend than a fellow worker. It is sad that he will never fully enjoy his home workshop that he so diligently constructed. He will be fondly missed by the many people he encountered on his journey through life. My only regret is that I didn't know him longer. 'till we meet again my friend.....Did you heard the one about.....

**Jim Creeden** - January 23, 2017 at 01:40 PM

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“ I cannot express how deeply saddened I am to hear about Paul's passing. Paul and I grew up together. Throughout the years he remained a true friend. I will always cherish the adventures and good times we shared. Paul will never be forgotten. Our friendship is forever.

**Craig Butcher** - January 23, 2017 at 01:40 PM

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“ Our whole hearted condolences go out to you Lisa, Kelita, Jess, Sean, Pat and Nigel. Sean, Mathew and I feel so fortunate that we got to know Paul on our trip this year. He is one of the kindest men either of us have ever met. The world was a better place with him in it and he leaves a very big void. We will always remember how he doted on Kaleb and James the whole week and how much they loved him in return. There are no words to make the sadness go away- but just know that you are in our every thought and prayer. Stay strong, lean on each other. Love Sean and Michelle, Mathew Carroll

**Michelle Carroll** - January 23, 2017 at 01:40 PM