



Paul E. DeGroot

August 23, 1958 - December 19, 2023

ST. ANNE - Paul Eugene DeGroot, 65, of St. Anne, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

He was born August 23, 1958, in Kankakee, Illinois, to Donna and Virgil DeGroot.

Paul was the beloved husband to his wife Cynthia Diana DeGroot (nee Lentz) for 41 years; hardworking, dedicated father to his three sons and daughters-in-law Andrew (Jessica), Adam (Jenny) & Aaron (Avery); proud "Papa" to Lexie, Levi, Logan, Marshall, Eloise, and Juliet DeGroot; Dear brother to sister Patricia DeGroot and Twin sister Paula DeGroot, sisters-in-law Kathy DeGroot and Debbie Kramer and fond uncle of his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Virgil & Donna DeGroot, brother James DeGroot & mother- & father-in-law Noel & Frances Lentz.

For over 50 years, Paul was a vegetable and grain farmer, working alongside his brother and business partner Jim and three sons Andrew, Adam, and Aaron at their family farm in the unincorporated Wichert area north of St. Anne. Paul had an unmatched work ethic and lifelong dedication to growing the family farm and passing it along to the next generation.

The self-proclaimed “Mayor of Wichert,” Paul loved his community and family heritage. He was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman, loving to hunt, fish, and shoot sporting clays across North America with his sons and friends.

Paul had a fun and colorful personality and went by many nicknames - “Papa,” “Paulie,” “Pablo.” He will be forever in our hearts.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, December 28, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, December 29, at the First Reformed Church of Wichert, 7696 E 4500S Road, St. Anne. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, December 29, also at First Reformed Church of Wichert. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, St. Anne (Wichert).

Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church of Wichert, where Paul was a lifelong member.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Wichert, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
7696 E 4500S Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Visitation

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
7696 E 4500S Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
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St. Anne, IL 60964

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Jeremy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.

Jeremy A. - December 28, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.



December 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ Joan Fitzpatrick and Reginald Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.

Joan Fitzpatrick and Reginald Butler - December 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss... you're in my thoughts and prayers Paula... please reach out when you can...XOXO

Joan Fitzpatrick - December 28, 2023 at 01:25 PM

DR

“ *My thoughts and prayers for all of the family and friends and especially for you Cindy. May God's eternal care be Blessings upon you during this time.* ”



Deborah Regnier - December 28, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.* ”



December 27, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.* ”



December 27, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.* ”



December 27, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Van Drunen Farms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.*

Van Drunen Farms - December 27, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *The team at Lindsay Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.*

The team at Lindsay Corporation - December 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *William T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.*

William T. - December 27, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Pete & Connie Dato lit a candle in memory of Paul E. DeGroot*



Pete & Connie Dato - December 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 27, 2023 at 06:36 AM



“ *Cindy, my heart goes out to you at Paul's parting. I recall when you were a young bride and how happy you were then and have been through the years. God bless you with His peace; lean hard on Him. He's there for you!*

*With love,
Doris Dippel*

Doris Dippel - December 26, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 26, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 26, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 26, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM

CK

“ Carl, Amanda and Clayton Kessler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.

Carl, Amanda and Clayton Kessler - December 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.



December 26, 2023 at 09:45 AM

PW

“ Had some fun times knowing Paul. I'm glad we were able to catch up a couple years ago while I was in town. Many prayers to the family.

Perry Walsh - December 25, 2023 at 06:46 PM

MN

“ Pauly was a Great man and a very funny guy.my condoleces to the family .I will certainly miss his fabulous attitude and smile.
Mike &Lisa Norman
somerset ky

Michael Norman - December 25, 2023 at 12:47 PM

NG

“ Nick & Maggie Golias purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.



Nick & Maggie Golias - December 24, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.



December 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.



December 23, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LN

“ Lee and Teri Neal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.

Lee and Teri Neal - December 23, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 23, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Your Bio S.I. Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



Your Bio S.I. Family - December 23, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Patty, my condolences to you and your family. I'm very sorry for your loss. Shari from CosmoProf*

Shari Camp - December 23, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 22, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 22, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *From: PRICE Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.*

PRICE Group - December 22, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 22, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Johnny & Pepe - Farm Pak Products planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul E. DeGroot.*

Johnny & Pepe - Farm Pak Products - December 22, 2023 at 04:06 PM

NM

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family.*



Natalie Mueller - December 22, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ *Cindy, my heart aches for you. May God's peace and comfort fill the hole in your heart and may your fond memories bring some smiles. Love, hugs and prayers are with you and your family.*



Mary - December 22, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul E. DeGroot.*



December 22, 2023 at 03:45 PM

AW

“ *My deepest condolences to the Degroot family.*



Ashley Webber - December 22, 2023 at 02:50 PM