



Paul Watson Lambert

September 27, 1946 - January 9, 2023

Paul Watson Lambert, devoted husband and father, kind and steadfast friend, dedicated and consummate legal scholar -- and the most kind and generous soul one could ever know -- passed away peacefully on January 9, 2023, late in the evening by the side of his loving wife of 56 years, Sandy.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico in 1946, Paul later moved with the family to grow up in Miami --presumably comfortable in what he would in later years jokingly refer to as his “bilingualism.” He ultimately attended Miami Senior High School where he met the “girl of his dreams” at the ripe age of 15. Paul and Sandy both went on to attend FSU, married in 1966 as undergrads, and Paul went on to earn his law degree in 1971.

Choosing to remain in Florida’s capital with that shiny new J.D. degree under his belt, Paul rose quickly in state government circles. Making a name for himself as a bright, young staff attorney in the office of Senate President Dempsey J. Barron, Paul later served with distinction as Board Counsel to several state licensing boards, including the Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine, while employed in the Office of the Florida Attorney General.

Paul’s acumen in health care and administrative law did not go unnoticed. Once making the leap into private practice, he quickly found his guidance and counsel in high demand. Health care associations across the landscape --

podiatrists, dental hygienists and massage therapists among other disciplines -- all came knocking, each seeking his well-mannered sagacity. But none quite captured his interest and attention more than the fledgling Florida Chiropractic Association.

Chiropractic was quickly making a name for itself as a viable alternative to traditional medicine and that interest and intrigue led Paul on a 44-year journey seeking to guide and mold the legal and regulatory environment for the profession in Florida as the association's General Counsel. Much of the practice environment Florida chiropractic physicians enjoy today was at one time or another either, authored, nuanced, or at least touched, by Counselor Lambert.

But Paul's varied interests and abilities never knew they had boundaries, so mid-career he decided it was time to take the Florida success story nationwide, envisioning and creating the National Association of Chiropractic Attorneys. As NACA's Creator, Founder and Chief Cheerleader, Paul took little time in establishing a new nationwide organization dedicated to sharing the successes, failures, and everything in between relating to the legal environment for chiropractic physicians practicing across the USA. In appreciation, NACA ultimately deemed him "President for Life" -- crediting him with an "encyclopedic memory" of all things chiropractic, while thanking NACA First Lady Sandy Lambert for her outgoing and infectious graciousness.

Paul is survived by gracious "First Lady" Sandy, his loving daughter Sally and son-in-law Shawn Turner of Los Angeles, brother Bruce Lambert and his wife Florence of Marianna, his sister Phrieda Lambert Tuten and her husband Richard of Crawfordville, together with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. (Spoiler Alert: The nephews have all agreed to serve as "Paul-Bearers" -- conditioned on their ability to master the fine art of tying-on and

wearing one of Paul's colorful bowties.)

Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee, is handling very thoughtful arrangements including a family visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday January 22, with a final tribute service in the chapel starting at 11:00 a.m. -- which is planned to include a number of his family members and friends sharing colorful stories of a life very well lived. Following the service, Masonic funeral rites will be performed graveside at Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, PO Box 37130, Tallahassee, FL. 32315. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home(850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Lambert family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Paul Watson Lambert*



Bevis Funeral Home - January 22, 2023 at 07:43 AM



Loving tribute

Vivian - January 22, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Paul Lambert was a most kind individual, who knew how to practice and show empathy in all of his relationships with others. He was also a lawyer's lawyer in all things having to do with the Florida Administrative Procedures Act in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes, and always willing and able to share his legal perspective in the areas of law in which he practiced. May he be of blessed memory to all those who were fortunate to know him.*

Enoch J. Whitney - July 06, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



February 08, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ I remember in high school Paul in his basket ball uniform and Sandy in her cheerleader uniform! Such a long and lasting love is a true blessing.



Elizabeth Gray - January 21, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.



January 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Our memories of Paul was for his fantastic cooking and his love of music! We always knew he was so smart but had no idea the impact he had on getting legislation created and passed for the Chiropractor Association. He was a a down to earth man that loved life and people. We are so fortunate that we had the opportunity for our paths to cross in this life. See you on the other side Paul ❤️

RB and Maureen Johnson - January 19, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.



January 18, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JE

“ *Janice Evans purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



Janice Evans - January 18, 2023 at 11:10 AM

PN

“ *Phrieda, Richard, nieces, and nephews purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



Phrieda, Richard, nieces, and nephews - January 18, 2023 at 10:52 AM

EL

“ *Enzor Family:Lorene, Leon, Buddy& Levon purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



Enzor Family:Lorene, Leon, Buddy& Levon - January 17, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



January 17, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.

January 17, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ A true gentleman, mentor and scholar. He will be truly missed. I will raise a glass of fine rum to his memory.

Ed Bayo - January 16, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ Paul was a wonderful colleague and friend. I first met Paul while working at the Legislative Administrative Procedure Committee in 1974. He had come over from the Senate President's office to help out with the newly created APA Committee. He was instrumental in bringing Continuing Legal Education Courses to our Government Bar meetings in the late 1970's and early 80's, as well as, in helping to get the first government lawyer (David Kerns) elected to the Florida Bar Board of Governors. He was a gentleman and was always available to help others. I have not seen him in many years, but I remember him fondly and with great admiration and respect. My deepest sympathy to his family on the loss of their beloved Husband and Father. George S. Reynolds, III

George Reynolds - January 15, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ I remember in high school going to a few of Paul's basketball games with Sandy as the cheerleader! So many memories of those two, holding hands. What an incredible stroke of good luck for these two wonderful people to have found each other so early in life. A true love story.

Elizabeth (Bette Prieto) Gray

Elizabeth Gray - January 14, 2023 at 12:58 PM

BR

“ Bruce, Charles, and Ron purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.



Bruce, Charles, and Ron - January 14, 2023 at 11:52 AM

FK

“ From Jim & Fran Kneeland purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.



From Jim & Fran Kneeland - January 14, 2023 at 11:48 AM

CH

“ A wonderful couple, admired by many for a variety of reasons to extensive to list. Both will be missed!

Chris(ly) - January 14, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



January 14, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Watson Lambert.*



January 13, 2023 at 10:52 AM