



Thomas Jacob Paulsen

October 11, 1939 - March 5, 2023

Thomas Jacob Paulsen, 83, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023. Mr. Paulsen was born in Gary, Indiana on October 11, 1939, to Yvonne Ruley Paulsen and Wilmer Paulsen. He attended high school in Crown Point, Indiana and proudly served in the U.S. Army. He separated from the Army at the rank of Sergeant, and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University Northwest. Upon graduation, Mr. Paulsen was hired by the Masonite Corporation and in the late 1970s was a part of the migration of Chicago area Masonite families to Laurel, Mississippi. Mr. Paulsen enjoyed a 40-year career with Masonite and Craftmaster Manufacturing. He had a passion for aviation starting as a self-taught ultralight pilot and later earned his recreational pilot's license in 1983.

Mr. Paulsen was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marcella Plastic. He is survived by his three children; Pamela Paulsen Danielson and husband Brian of Oak Harbor, Washington, Thomas Jacob Paulsen, Jr. of Reston, Virginia, and Jennifer Paulsen Thornton and husband Chet of San Francisco, California; eleven grandchildren, Benjamin, William, Ella, Jennifer, Salter, Esme, Etta, Chester, Mitchell, Delia and Samuel; and sister, Shirley Paulsen Rees.

Mr. Paulsen will be remembered for his sharp wit, passion for flying and motorcycles and love of the outdoors. Of his broad interests ranging from cooking to fishing to history and NASCAR, first among them was his love for his country. He traveled the world for business, was an avid reader, and a talented craftsman. A memorial service will be held this summer on the beach in Alabama, his happy place.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Just watched Home Town. I saw the tribute to Mr. Paulson. The home that was rehabbed will allow the family to spend time recalling the great times and memories. Prayers your families continue to heal.

Ann M Pappas - May 28, 2023 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ Just finished watching Home Town and so heart sick to hear of your father's passing. My deepest sympathies for your loss. May all the joyful memories you have with him bring comfort and peace. Hoping it helps in the healing process to realize that he must have been extremely happy knowing you'd all be visiting more often with that gorgeous 'new' house. Praying many great times will be had there! God bless you all!

Julie Szarmach - April 22, 2023 at 05:36 PM

LZ

“ Very sorry for your loss. Saw the dedication on Home Town.

LeighAnn Zaolino - April 16, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Wow what a small world! Imagine watching the episode of HomeTown and realizing this was Mr Paulsen's family. Mr Paulsen and my daddy worked at Masonite for many years, starting in the 70's. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Penny Lott - April 16, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ Just viewed Home Town and was heartbroken to see the memorial tribute at the end. Sending my most sincere condolences to your family. 💔🙏

Donna Greer - April 11, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SH

“ I watched the wonderful make over of the precious Victorian your family bought in Laurel. I hope your Dad got to see it and enjoy the result with you. This will be a living monument to his memory.

Sharon Harvey - April 11, 2023 at 09:11 AM

AS

“ Hello Paulsen family, I was so sad to learn of the passing of your father and my parent's former neighbor. Praying for peace and comfort. I am so thankful the memory was placed on the Home Town episode that I watched or I would not have known. God Bless you all!

Amy Gaddis Singletary - April 10, 2023 at 04:02 PM

DD

“ Dear Paulsen Family, I just viewed Hometown and wanted to send you my condolences for the loss of your father. 💔🙏

Donna Dobson - April 10, 2023 at 12:33 AM

VH

“ Dear Jen and Families, I always enjoyed my visits with the most interesting man in the world ! He was the sharpest wit! I will miss him . Vickie Hatfield

Vickie Hatfield - March 20, 2023 at 11:01 AM