



James Paul Gooch

March 7, 1949 - July 11, 2023

James Paul Gooch, 74, of Griffin, GA, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2023, after a tough battle with Parkinson's Disease. Paul was born on March 7, 1949, to James and Mary Gooch of East Point, GA. After graduating from Briarwood High School in 1968, he joined the Navy and was stationed in Pensacola, FL. He married the love of his life, Sandra Hand of Fairburn, GA, in 1970.

After serving his country, Paul and Sandra returned to Riverdale, GA, where they would have two sons, Joshua and Micah. The family moved to Griffin, GA in 1979, where they lived the rest of his life. Paul was a wonderful and devoted father, husband, and teacher. Always methodical and thorough, he knew how to fix anything and enjoyed teaching his boys these essential skills. Paul retired from the GA Power Company in 2009 after 31 years of service.

He loved coaching baseball and cheering on his kids and grandkids in their athletic endeavors. An avid hunter, Paul loved spending time in the peacefulness of the woods.

A disciple of Christ, Paul was an active member of Rock Springs Church, where he attended the Explorers / Seekers small group with his wife.

Paul was preceded in death by his father (James Gooch), his mother (Mary

Gooch), his sister (Rebecca Snyder), and his brother (Edward Gooch). Paul is survived by his wife Sandra, his sons Joshua (Sherri) and Micah (Cecily), and six grandchildren (Dillon, Rachel, Caleb, Anna, Callan, and Calder). He is also survived by his brothers, Stanley (Shelia) and Allen, along with brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Linda Thomas, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other beloved relatives.

Services to celebrate to the life of Mr. James Paul Gooch will be conducted on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 2:00 Pm from the sanctuary of Rock Springs Church. Pastor Cameron Shiflett will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Westwood Gardens. The family will receive friends on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 6-8 Pm at the funeral home and on Tuesday from 1:00 Pm until the service hour at the church.

The family request In lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Rock Springs Church in memory of Mr. Gooch.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, Ga. 30224 is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Westwood Gardens

1155 Everee Inn Rd.
Griffin, GA 30224

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
Griffin, GA 30224
(770) 229-4994
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Springs Church
219 Rock Springs Rd.
Milner, GA 30257

Tribute Wall



“ *James Paul Gooch*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived. Continued prayers for you all in the days ahead. Lou and Sherry Koon*

Lou Koon - July 19, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.*



July 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Paul Gooch.*

July 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - July 15, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ Love, Robin, Ron & Ansley Williams purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Paul Gooch.



Love, Robin, Ron & Ansley Williams - July 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.



July 13, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Paul Gooch.

July 13, 2023 at 04:00 PM

CH

“ Carol and Edward Harper purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Paul Gooch.



Carol and Edward Harper - July 13, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.



July 13, 2023 at 12:27 PM

YF

“ Your DCC and TCC family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Paul Gooch.



Your DCC and TCC family - July 13, 2023 at 11:16 AM

JV

“ Paul will be missed. We were blessed to have him in our family. So many great memories. What a wonderful, thoughtful, kind and caring man. Our prayers are with all of you. Love you! Jim & Peggy VanderZwaag

Jim & Peggy VanderZwaag - July 13, 2023 at 10:09 AM

PV

“ Peggy V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Paul Gooch.

Peggy V. - July 13, 2023 at 09:50 AM

EH

“ We always enjoyed seeing you and Paul at Ray's yearly event. We are so sorry for your loss and will be keeping you in our prayers.

Ed and Dianne Hopkins - July 13, 2023 at 09:23 AM

TE

“ I remember when Paul & Sandra met and started dating I knew he was the one for my best friend, such a handsome and kind person and he loved Sandra! You have been a wonderful example of a Christian man for your boys and grandchildren. Tim & I send our love, thoughts and prayers to all of you during this time!!

Tim & Deborah Eidson - July 13, 2023 at 01:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.



July 13, 2023 at 12:25 AM

TM

“ Paul will surely be miss. My deepest condolences to Sandra, Josh, Micha and all the grand. Prayers of peace and comfort to you all.
Teresa McCormick and family

Teresa McCormick - July 12, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.*



July 12, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ *Too many to share, Family Reunions and the Holidays spent at the Grandparents Homestead when we was youngters.. Love all of you and you are always in my prayers.*

Jeffrey Paul Gooch - July 12, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Josh and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Mike and Deborah Ivie
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*

Mike and Deborah Ivie - July 12, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Paul Gooch.*



July 12, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Paul and Sandra have been our neighbors for more than 35 years. Paul was more than a neighbor he was a dear friend. My family and I are truly saddened. We will meet again one day soon old friend...*

Timothy Allbritton - July 12, 2023 at 05:50 PM

CA

“ *I have a lot good memories of Uncle Paul at family dinners and holidays, he will be missed. With love Candice, Nathan, and Robert.*

Candice - July 12, 2023 at 05:37 PM

NE

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Alot of great memories and great times together. You will be greatly missed. With love Nathan Candice and Robert.*



Nathan Eubanks - July 12, 2023 at 05:25 PM

DG

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Dianne and Donald Griffin.*

Dianne and Donald Griffin - July 12, 2023 at 04:55 PM

DP

“ Paul and I worked closely @ GPC for many years. Paul was a fine Christian man and a good friend of mine! My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family during their time of sorrow! God heals all broken hearts, trust in Him!



Dwight Peppers - July 12, 2023 at 04:44 PM

EJ

Oh, what a grand time it was going through high school with Paul as my best friend. All the laughter and love with his family was Pulitzer. We were all drafted during the Vietnam era and Paul chose the Navy. It is a great privilege to have found such a wonderful friend during our passing through this reality. The Gooch family are such a wonderful memory and inspiration for me to do better. Love all.

Eric jernberg - July 12, 2023 at 08:31 PM



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July 12, 2023 at 04:37 PM



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MG

“ Please share your memories. We sure do miss him. Much Love!



Micah Gooch - July 12, 2023 at 04:19 PM

EJ

This is only the beginning of our journey. There is an eternity for those who love. The way is lit. Much love for Sandra and family.

Eric jernberg - July 12, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JD

Paul and Sandra were so good to me during the illness and passing of my husband. He will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him. Prayerfully

Jackie Drinnen - July 13, 2023 at 06:13 PM

BC

Sandra, Paul, Clint and Linda took us in as friends when we first came to Atlanta. They were our teachers in Sunday School and Training Union. That was over 50 years ago. What great friends and family God BLESSED us with. Paul will be missed but we will see him again. Love y'all

Bob and Lynnette Mc Call - July 14, 2023 at 02:02 PM