

**Paul Kenyon Butterfield II** was shot and killed by a gunman while serving as a Michigan State Trooper at the Hart post on Monday, September 09, 2013.

He was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on February 16, 1970. Paul was a graduate of Bridgeport High School in 1988. While in High School he was active in track and cross country still holding several school records and winning the State Class A cross country meet. Upon graduation from High School he continued his studies and running at the University of Tennessee. He was also the winner of the Frankenmuth Volkslauffe (people's race) in 1989 and competed in the TAC Junior Pan Am games in Argentina. In 1990, he became a member of the SEC Cross Country Championship team.



Paul enlisted in the U.S. Army Serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. While there he was deployed to Haiti for several months. He was also the coach for the Divisions track and cross country team. His running career took him across the United States and to several foreign countries. Following his service with the U.S. Army he enlisted with the Michigan State Police in 1999, serving at the Manistee and Hart Posts until his death. Paul was trained in Brazilian Jui-Jitsu and enjoyed mixed martial arts. He also enjoyed bike riding, gardening, wine tasting and making others laugh.

He is survived by his father, Paul T. and step-mother Patricia. He was predeceased by his mother Dawn and his grandfather, Paul K. and grandmother, Elizabeth Butterfield. He leaves behind his fiancée, Jennifer Sielski along with her parents, Paul and Sandy and brother Jessy.

Paul was an avid animal lover and he will be sadly missed by his beloved companions, Sirius, Al, Mau Mau, Blade, Zoey, Jinx and Jax. The remains of his precious feline, Scamper will spend eternity with Paul after she lost her battle with cancer on September 10. Paul is survived by many special friends and colleagues.

Trooper Butterfield joined the Michigan State Police on July 25, 1999, a member of the 118th Trooper Recruit School. Upon graduation December 16, 1999 he was stationed at the Manistee Post. On October 30, 2011 he transferred to the Hart Post. He was assigned to the night shift from the Pere Marquette Township Detachment (Ludington). Trooper Butterfield was also a Distinguished Expert Marksman, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Arson Investigator, and an Evidence Technician. Trooper Butterfield was also awarded the MSP Unit Citation for his role in a murder investigation in 2004.

A Celebration of Life for Trooper Paul Butterfield II will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Manistee High School Gymnasium, 525 12<sup>th</sup>. Street, Manistee, Michigan, with Reverend Joel Ehlert officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday morning, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at 1:00 p.m. at the school gymnasium

Final Military Honors will be given by the members of the Walsh Post # 4499 V.F.W. Ritual Squad of Manistee.

A Michigan State Police Honor Guard will be present throughout the visitation and funeral service.

The family has established memorials in Paul's name for The Manistee County Humane Society of Manistee and the Michigan State Police Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the service on Saturday.

**The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**