

Hernando, FL- Paul Joseph Stevio, 77, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2025, at Citrus Hospice House.

Born March 20, 1948, in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of Amos C. and Carline (Dickerson) Stevio. Paul graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1966 and went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972. Stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, NC, he served honorably as a Sergeant in the Military Police.

Following his military service, Paul joined the Lumberton, NJ Police Department, where he dedicated 30 years to law enforcement. He later continued his service to the nation with a one-year role at the United States Department of Defense in Arlington County, VA.

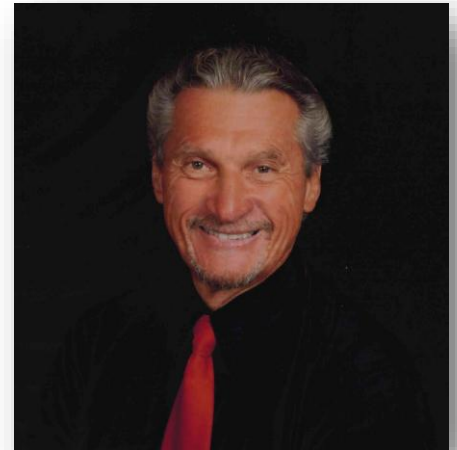
Beyond his professional career, Paul had a lifelong passion for music and the performing arts. From 1995 to 2000, he was proud to perform as the featured soloist with a 50-piece orchestra. He also graced local community theater stages in roles such as Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls, among many other musical productions.

Paul relocated to Florida in 2001, where he served as head of security at Terra Vista for 13 years. It was there he met his future wife during a USO Show in Lecanto in 2005. The couple married on July 7, 2007, and performed professionally together from 2006 to 2020. Their most beloved performances featured duets from Phantom of the Opera, with Paul's stirring rendition of Music of the Night leaving a lasting impression on audiences.

Paul was a devout Catholic and man of God and attended services at Shepherd of the Hills in Lecanto, FL.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Theresa; and his son, Brian Stevio of Philadelphia. He is survived by his loving wife Jackie (Simpson) Stevio; sister Marie (Stevio) Southard and her husband Bill of North Carolina; daughters Paula (Stevio) Sorie and her husband Jon, Carol (Stevio) Smith, and Diane Stevio-all of North Carolina; Lauren Stevio and Jenn (Stevio) Rosen of New Jersey; stepchildren Ron Sharps, Jr. and wife Tricia of Orlando, Amy Sharps of Citrus Springs, and Daniel Sharps of Hernando. He was a proud grandfather to Emily Barron, Jacon Sharps, Julie Barron, Brooke Barron, and Andrew Sharps. Paul also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held at Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461. A viewing will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00



p.m., followed by a service on Wednesday at noon, beginning with full military honors. The graveside procession will depart the funeral home on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for burial at Bushnell National Cemetery.