



## Paul Ray Henley

June 20, 1970 - February 2, 2008

Paul Ray Henley, age 30, of Belleville, formerly of Gorham, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2008, in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Paul was born on June 20, 1977, in Carbondale, Illinois.

Mr. Henley was a member of East View Baptist Church in Belleville, Illinois.

He had worked for several years as an auto body journeyman for the Walter's Collision Center at Fairview Heights, Illinois, and was currently employed as a railroad operator and laborer for Railworks of Missouri. He is a member of the Laborers Union Local # 773 in Marion, Illinois.

Paul married Leahann Hernandez on August 8, 1998, in Belleville and she survives.

Other survivors include one daughter Disney Hernandez-Henley from Belleville;

his mother and father: Robin and Brian Clutts from Gorham and his biological father Paul Dean Ellet from Gorham;

two brothers: Jacob Clutts and April Elliott-Clutts and Tim and Samantha Clutts, all from Gorham;

his maternal grandmother Fern Henley from Gorham and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Charles Ellett and his great grandfather James Conder.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Ray Henley*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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“ To my precious family in Illinois. I know that there could never be enough words or the right words could never be put in a sentence to comfort you in the loss of Paul Ray....and words are after all, just words.....actions speak louder than words ever could. So, in my feeble attempt to comfort you, I'd like to go back in time, back to the very first time I saw Paul Ray. He was about a year old when he made his first trip to Tennessee to see his Grandma Fern's family that lived there. I had never seen a little baby with such big black eyes and very dark hair...beautiful skin, big smile...just a "little cutie." He was just a little joy and loving baby that laughed at everything. I remember Uncle Gene had really taken up with him and played with him just like he was one of his own grandchildren. I have a picture of me holding Paul Ray, he has the biggest smile with those little teeth showing. I've looked at this picture several times since he has left us and thought to myself..."how could anyone have known then that he would leave this earth at such a young age?" But there was no way of knowing....only God sees the future and He knows that we could not handle knowing the future. We don't even have the promise of the next breath that we breathe. Only the eternal promise that our soul lives beyond the grave. That is why our time on this earth is so precious living and serving God and holding tight to the precious time we share with our family. Another promise is that God will never allow more to happen to us that He will always be there to help us through...so depend on Him and place your trust in that promise. We may never know just how many lives Paul Ray touched in his very short time on this earth....but one thing for sure....God has kept a record. Death takes our loved ones from us....but....it can never take our memories away if we hold them tight in our heart. Each person that he grew to know through his short life span will have their own special memories of him and how he "touched their life." I want each of you to know that we are praying for you. Though Paul Ray is gone physically from us, we have the hope of seeing him again in "another time and another place".....heaven.

Love & Prayers always,

*Joanna & Claude*

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**Joanna Conder Haley Fillingham** - March 10, 2008 at 04:36 AM

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“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy for the family especially Grandma Fern. I know how much you loved this child, but believe me when i say you will always have him in your heart. God never gives you anything you can't handle. Just remember he loved you as much or more than you love him.*

*Dianna*

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**Dianna Clover** - February 08, 2008 at 02:02 AM