

# PAUL FRANK LANIER

Paul Frank Lanier, M.D. went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 29, 2008. Born on November 14, 1960 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas to Robert and Marilyn Singletary Lanier, Paul was raised in Henderson, Texas. He attended Kilgore Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Paul continued his studies at the University of Texas School of Medicine in Houston. After interning at Scott & White in Temple, Paul practiced medicine in Kerrville and then moved to Carrollton where he was a partner with Pinnacle Anesthesia Associates. Paul's medical career was cut short in 1998 when he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Paul married Dee Ann Owen, his high school sweetheart, in 1984, and together they raised three daughters, Brittney, Meagan and Katie. Devoted husband and father, Paul enjoyed attending his daughters' athletic endeavors and supporting their school, Trinity Christian Academy (Addison).

Prior to his ALS diagnosis, Paul passionately enjoyed hunting, weight-lifting and flying private planes. More than these, he loved his Lord Jesus – he participated in and also led numerous Bible Studies and taught Sunday School at his church, Prestoncrest Church of Christ. Paul's spiritual foundation enabled him to endure the tragedy of ALS with a courage that amazed those close to him. Toward the end of his 9 year ordeal with the disease, Paul wrote a book called *A Change in the Flight Plan*. Written while almost completely paralyzed, the book contains his inspiring writings about how God has advanced His kingdom through Paul's disease. Countless people have read and been blessed by the book; some have even trusted Christ for their salvation by reading it.

The Lanier family wishes to extend its thanks to those who cared so well for Paul during his sickness: Grace Kasper, Gwen Hill, Joanne Axberg, Martha McClanahan, Cecile Storrie, M.D., the staff of Odyssey Hospice, King Freeland, M.D. and many family and friends. The Lanier family also wishes to acknowledge the inspiration Paul received through the preaching of Dr. Prentice Meador and Steve Farrar.

In addition to Dee Ann and their daughters, Paul is survived by his mother, Marilyn, brother, Mark Lanier and his wife, Leslie, their sons, Preston and Logan, and many dearly loved friends. Paul is preceded in death by his father, Robert.

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*In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to:  
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAUL FRANK LANIER November 14, 1960 – February 29, 2008

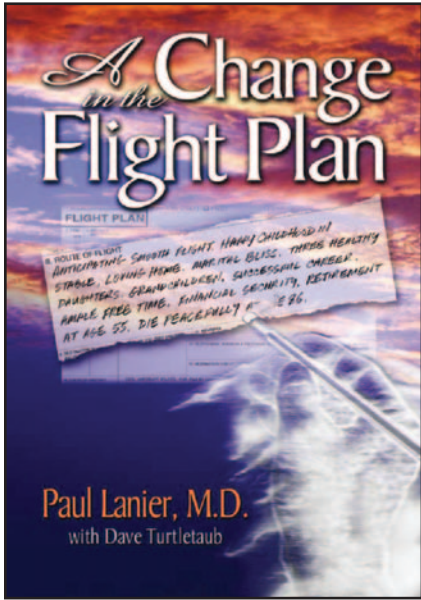


*"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."  
Philippians 1:21*

Prestoncrest Church of Christ • Dallas, Texas

March 3, 2008

**SOME OF PAUL'S  
FAVORITE EXCERPTS FROM:**



“Earlier I mentioned that I had eternity ‘taken care of’ which was true because I’d placed my trust in Christ as Savior for my sins. At the time, I was going to church, studying the Bible, and fellowshiping with other believers. All that sounds pretty good, right? And indeed it was ‘pretty good,’ but let me tell you, from a spiritual standpoint, I’m far better off with this disease than I would otherwise have been without it. I know and love God the Father, Son and Spirit much more deeply as a result of this fiery trial.” *(From the book’s Introduction)*



“I believe that God’s greatest gift to man is His offer of salvation through Jesus Christ to all who place their faith in Him. I also believe God’s second greatest gift to man is that our relatively brief lives impact eternity. Did you get that? This is huge! Let me put this another way. GOD ALLOWS THE TEMPORARY TO AFFECT THE PERMANENT!” *(Chapter 3 – “The Eighty Second Life”)*



“Anything that God permits to happen to us in this life, whether good or bad, can only be interpreted as grace on His part. This is true because all the experiences of this life help prepare us to meet God when we die, and to serve Him forever.” *(Chapter 6 – “Grace?”)*

*If you don’t already have a copy of Paul’s book,  
the Laniers invite you to pick one up at the reception.*

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Opening Prayer ..... Dr. Prentice Meador  
Hymn – *Blessed Assurance* ..... Congregation  
Eulogy ..... Mark Lanier  
*Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer* (Getty/Becker) ..... Toddy Glosser  
Message ..... Dr. Meador  
Sharing of Memories ..... Friends  
Video Tribute (*Thanks to the Halbert Family*) ..... A Life Well Lived  
Paul’s Heart ..... Dr. Steve Farrar  
Hymn – *It Is Well With My Soul* ..... Congregation  
Closing Prayer ..... Dr. Meador



*The Lanier Family invites the congregation to attend a reception  
in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Memorial Service.*



*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away,  
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.  
For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory  
that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary,  
but what is unseen is eternal.”*