

**Paul Benjamin Deemer (FCAS 2004)
1974-2013**

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Paul Deemer passed away on January 13, 2013, at the age of 38.

He was born July 26, 1974, in Traverse City, Michigan, to Benjamin and Lois (Barber) Deemer. He studied at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, where he earned a bachelor's of science degree in 1996. Deemer was the chief financial officer of Conifer Insurance in Southfield, Michigan. Prior to that position, he worked at North Pointe Holdings Corp., where he filled the newly created position of vice president and chief actuary. While at North Pointe, he was responsible for planning and directing actuarial services for the corporation's specialty insurance coverages. Deemer also worked at ACUITY, where he developed underwriting, profitability and financial pricing models within the property and casualty market. During his career, he was also employed by Kemper Insurance Companies and Amerisure Insurance Companies.

Deemer became a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society in 2004. In 2006, he authored a CAS *Forum* paper titled, "Adjusting & Other' Reserves According to the 'Loss-Activity' Method." From 2005-2007, Deemer served as a member of the CAS Examination Committee, and from 2005 to 2006 he was part of large team of volunteers serving as CAS Research Paper Classifiers. The team used the research taxonomy developed by the CAS to help categorize roughly 85 years worth of CAS research papers for the online Database of Actuarial Research or DARE.

Deemer was an avid woodworker and outdoorsman. Carrying on his family's farming heritage, he owned and worked a small hobby farm.

Paul Deemer was described as the epitome of a devoted father and husband. He loved God and family; everything else was secondary. Just before he died, he reflected in his notebook, graciously thanking all the people who, with kind words and deeds, helped him and his family during his illness.

He also encouraged a younger cousin of his, Jason Culp, FCAS, to become an actuary. Deemer talked to Culp, a math major in his senior year at the time, about working as an actuary and suggested that Culp take an actuarial exam.

Paul Deemer is survived by his wife, Erin; his seven children, Rose, Catherine, Anne, John Paul, Benedict, Fulton and Teresa; and his parents.