



## Paul Stafilarakis

May 7, 1968 - March 8, 2023

Paul “Staf” Stafilarakis was born in Springfield on May 7, 1968, to Carmella and John Stafilarakis. Sadly, Paul passed away unexpectedly at his home in Ashfield on March 8, 2023. He was predeceased by his parents, aunts, uncles and his sister, Mary Kay (Vear), who passed away in December of 2022. Paul is survived by his brother Jim (Peg), John (Donna) and brother-in-law Robert. He was the uncle of many nieces and nephews including Christina Vear-Walter, Cara Lemay, Elaina Stafilarakis, Drew Stafilarakis, Tony Stafilarakis, John Stafilarakis, Joe Stafilarakis and Gina Landolfi. Paul was great uncle to Jayden Walter, Matthew and Alivia LeMay, Noah Varady and Gabriella and Joey Landolfi. He also leaves many cousins and friends who will also remember him with fondness and love.

Paul graduated from Putnam High School, where he studied the trades. Paul worked for the City of Springfield, Massachusetts as a diesel mechanic and worked on carpentry projects for family and friends in his spare time.

Paul is remembered for his love of living with and training canines; he was the family “dog whisperer”. Many of us have enjoyed better behaved animals because of Paul’s training in how to lead them. He leaves his canine companion Zacharias (Zach) and Miss Kitty in loving homes.

Paul was an accomplished carpenter and mechanic who always had many projects in process or in the planning stages. He loved to take trucks, cars, motorcycles and anything mechanical apart to see how they worked and challenge himself to see if he could rebuild them to improve performance.

Projects were not always put back together in the same decade they were taken apart, but usually when Paul's redesigns were done, he'd accomplished his mission.

Paul loved to hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors; something he learned from his father, John. He thoroughly enjoyed his family's cooking creations on both the Italian and Greek sides. We hope he is enjoying a huge plate of his mom Carmella's gnocchi with Bolognese sauce with Aunt Lula's baklava for dessert!

Paul's family would be grateful if you could remember him with a smile today and if you could, share your favorite memory of him with us.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Paul's memorial page at [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net) for expressions of sympathy.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Paul Stafilarakis.

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ FOR YOUR SOLACE

*I give you this one thought to keep -  
I am with you still - I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.*

*Do not think of me as gone -  
I am with you still - in each new dawn.*

*May your Heart always carry a joyful song.  
Remember that you are Blessed -  
each day by the Love that lives all around you ❤️*



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**Evan Smith** - February 26, 2024 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ I’m not sure I can pick just one memory to share, but rather a point in time. When I turned 16 and got my first car he was just as excited as I was. Within months I was able to afford to put aftermarket performance parts on my Z24 to give it more cowbell as he put it. Whenever I had to work on it for maintenance or upgrade purposes, I’d go to his house without question and begin my operation. If I got stuck and started losing steam, he was there with every tool and word of guidance I needed to get it back on track. It was all about confidence and just having enough of it to start and finish a job. Uncle Paul was a massive boost to mine when I needed it most as a young man. Most importantly he taught me the importance of patience, staying calm and thinking rationally when things aren’t going your way. It could be a bolt you been fighting for hours or an unfortunate circumstance in life, the lesson is the same. I will forever carry/pass on the knowledge and lessons I learned from him. Thank you Uncle Paul, you will always be remembered.

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**Drew Stafilarakis** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JF

“ I grew up next door to Paul and his family when we both lived on Webber St. Lots of great memories and fun times. My sincerest condolences to his family.

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**Joe Ferraro** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

GP

“ Paul and his brother Jim are lifelong friends, I’m so sorry for everyone’s loss, he was a great and smart guy

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**Gary piteo** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

GL

“ Uncle Paul was who taught me how to fish. I remember catching my first rainbow trout at the camp and he was so proud of me. The excitement of that day will never leave me. He was a kind soul, who showed his love in unique ways, and I always felt that love when we were together. Whether it was visiting aunt Lula’s house for some yummy foods, or walking to the fireworks from the house, fishing at the camp, and holidays with the family at aunty Mary’s. His hugs were safe, and his back rubs hurt like a bitch! The way he would say “ohhh nooo” when he was joking around about something. His laugh and smile were beautiful and contagious. His uncle Harry (my great uncle) used to pinch our noses and say “I got your nose!” When uncle Harry passed, uncle Paul took over that fond memory and continued to do it every time we were greeted. Now, I will carry that memory on with my kids, and think of uncle Paul every time. I have such fun memories with his very beautiful friend (girlfriend when I was little) Diana, that I will always cherish. I’m so grateful she has remained a part of our family today. I will always remember his smell, his soft hair and pony tail, and the way we would light up when we saw one another. Though, he has been struggling internal battles for some time now, he will always be that person when I was that innocent little girl loving her uncles hugs and kisses. I love you uncle, rest easy and eternally !

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**Gina Landolfi** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ Paul was a good friend, was one of those people who would be willing to help out no matter what. All the times we spent outdoors either hunting or fishing, are some of my best memories with him. He will surely be missed. \r\nSafe travels my friend.

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**Craig Mannix** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MP

“ Paul and I went to Putnam High School together and became good friends. Paul was always fun to be with no matter what we were doing he made it fun. Whether it was splitting wood at his house in East Longmeadow or freezing our butts off on one of the houses we rehabbed for the City of Springfield. We used to go on double dates with our Di's back in our early years and always had a great time together. We made it to a couple schools reunions and you even came in to visit at our restaurant in Ludlow. While we didn't get to hang out these last few years, I will always consider you one of my best friends. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Matt Paquette** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

GP

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Stafilarakis family. Paul has been a good friend since we were young. Even though we may not have seen each other often, he would stop by unexpected just to check in and catch up. He was one of the nicest guys I have ever known. Keep riding that motorcycle up in the heavens Paul. Sending the family our deepest sincere condolences.

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**Garry & Valleri Pelletier** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

NS

“ I have plenty of great memories with Paul over the years. God bless him and his family. Sorry for your loss. Jim please reach out to me if you can at 413-221-1248.

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**Norman Shink** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MD

“ So very sorry for your loss and heartache. I remember when all of you boys were just young kids. I remember what great kids they were.

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**Michael Angelo Dillon** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SR

“ *May you rest in peace Paul , We can,t believe your gone , Forever in our Prayers , Our Deepest condolences to The Stafilarakis Family , Michael and Sheri Redmond . Paul and i went to school together*

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**Sheri Redmond** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JA

“ *My Condolences to Paul’s friends and family. \nI will always remember this sweet man. He stole my niece Diana’s heart many years ago. I loved seeing the laughter and togetherness they shared. Time passes , things change they part ways, but the life’s experiences together will always be there. \nI will always remember him as a sweet young man, helpful and kind. He will truly be missed.\nMy deepest sympathy ..*

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**Joanne Ammons** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

BR

“ *Paulie we cannot believe you are gone! You were always so soft spoken and kind! You were always there to help with your incredible mechanical talent! We will cherish our Gnome you made us forever! You will forever be in our hearts!&#x1f970;*

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**BethAnn Rovelli and Glen Redmond** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MP

“ My cousin Jimmy is Bennie therefore my cousin Paulie is the Jets. oh their weird and wonderful . The hair do and his mild manner personality was his trademark , his vast knowledge of anything mechanical and his continual conversation of the ‘camp’, always set the tone of our conversations and dont forget hunting and fishing. . I know your in the heavens walking the vast fields and talking to all your love ones . that you missed sooo much .rest in peace Cuz. love, your Cousin

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mark pallatino - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MI

“ Paul was the son of my husband’s best friend for many years. May Paul forever rest in peace

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Michael - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CP

“ Paul was huge part of my childhood, when my mom Linda, was married to his dad for close to 17 years. I have great memories of times spent at ‘the camp’ in Ashfield (no running water, just an outhouse!), sledding, snowmobiling, summers at Hampton Beach, dinners with Aunt Lu and Uncle Harry and picnics at our house on Porter Road. He was a good kid growing up and just an all around nice guy. I’ve tried to attach a picture of him and my younger brother on one of our day trips from waaay back when. So adorable! That’s how I’d like to remember him.\r\nMy deepest condolences to Johnny, Jimmy, their wives, Bobby and all his nieces and nephews.

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Cindy Palmer - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ So sorry for the loss of your brother and sister. It was always a pleasure to see Paul we always had a few laughs together. He is reunited now with your parents and your sister and all his loved ones. Peace and strength to you all. May you all have health and long life to keep his memory alive. May his memory be eternal.

Carl Marangoudakis - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

MN

“ Heartfelt sympathy to all of you. He is in my thoughts and prayers.\n\nMay he Rest In Peace .

Mary Del Negro - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

RP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. You have my deepest condolences and prayers.\n\nMay he rest in peace forever in God’s loving arms. \n\nPeace be with all of you always.

Rose Parisi - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

KF

“ In Loving Memory of Paul Stafilarakis,\n\n\n\nMay the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.<br><br>A Sympathy Gift of Single Tree has been Planted In Loving Memory of Paul Stafilarakis courtesy of Kim Carambia Palmieri & family.

Kim Carambia Palmieri & family - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JB

“ Paul was the Love of my life and always will be! We have spent years of laughter. Went thru tough times hand in hand . After his double hip replacement we joked he was like Lightening McQueen . The big goofball was always able too make me laugh and smile! We had so many fond memories and lots of laughs . We shared many meals with good friends and neighbors! P.S I love you forever!!!

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**Jane Boardman** - April 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM