



## Paul Thomas Michael

December 8, 1946 - September 14, 2017

On Thursday, September 14, 2017, Paul T. Michael passed away at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Michele, his daughter, Jennifer Nicholson and her husband, Thaddeus, and his beloved grandson, Wyatt. Also surviving are his sisters, Mary Andreoni and Nora Agosta, his brother, Henry Michael and wife, Marilyn, and all of his “Maryland cousins” in the Argauer, Michael, and Murphy families. He dearly loved his in-laws, Mike and Michelle Morrison, Jeanne Mulvihill, Steve and Melinda King, Jim and Janice Morrison, L.P. and Karen Morrison, and Jeff Morrison, and all of his nieces, nephews, and friends, too many to list.

Paul was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 8, 1946, to Julius and Florence Michael. He was the youngest of six siblings. Paul was about one year old when the family moved to Miami, Florida. He graduated from Archbishop Curley High School and then attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska on a basketball scholarship. Although he stood 6’6, he was listed as 6’8 in the media guide, and held his own under the basket against the likes of Elvin Hayes. It was also at Creighton where Paul met the love of his life, Michele, during sophomore year.

Paul stayed on at Creighton to attend law school. He finished at the top of his class and was an editor for the Law Review. Following graduation, Paul and Michele moved to the Washington, DC area where he began his career in

public service at the Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the civil division. He then spent several years in private practice representing Eastern Airlines, before returning to public service at the Department of Energy.

Paul enjoyed antiquing, crossword puzzles, and all things related to sports, especially the Chicago Bears and the Washington Nationals. He loved nothing more than being with his family and cherished his role as “PopPop” to his beloved Wyatt. Paul’s humor, kindness, larger-than-life personality, and generosity will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, John and Walter Michael; sister, Catherine Carlino; nephews, Wade Michael and Ambrose King; niece, Mary Agosta; and grand-pup, Grace.

A Mass will be held at Queen of Apostles, 4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, Virginia on September 23, 2017 at 1:00 pm followed by a burial at Fairfax Memorial Park. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Healthcare, 1604 Spring Hill Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Thomas Michael*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *My uncle Paul visited us a few times when we lived in Minnesota. He was only 9 years older than me...we used to take long walks in a field not far from our home and chase butterflies. We always picked one out to watch and would joke about which one's butterfly flew the highest. He was a very special person and very driven. We had started some conversations about family genealogy and he loved telling stories. I am looking through some family things in the next few days and will post some pictures. I was so shocked when I heard of his passing. God Bless.*  
*Rose Carlino*

**Rose Carlino** - July 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM



*Hi Rose-- we tried to call but number dad had for you was out of date! Would love to touch base-- number is 301 466 5834. - jenny*

**Jennifer Nicholson** - August 04, 2020 at 10:47 PM



*Paul and his family lived down the street from us in Miami when we were kids. When he was 12 and I was 10 years old we played on the same Allstar Little Major League baseball team and came in second place in the State in 1959. He was a great help to me and my younger brother George, who also played college basketball for Iowa. I remember his dad and mom as wonderful people as well. I think he had 2 brothers but I'm not sure. I think of him and saw many of his games as I went to Edison High just down the street from his house and right next to mine. His passing is a great loss. It was an honor to know him. Leo Conway*

**Leo Conway** - December 20, 2025 at 11:08 PM

JW

“ Paul and his crew of four Curley guys were more like brothers to my sisters and I in high school. They spent more time at our house than their own. Paul could be found cannonballing into the pool making the worlds biggest splash (just like he did in life) or eating a steak (while we girls settled for the hamburgers) at our dinner table. My mom and dad loved these boys like their own, and they got priority meals because, well, they were growing boys. Mom came home from work one night to the whole crew on the roof of our house, where they were artfully decorating the house with toilet paper. All mom said was "be careful, boys."  
He and his crew were giants on the roof and in my younger eyes he was a giant of a man with the kindest of hearts. So many memories flooding back now. No one loved their family and friends more than "tall Paul." He will be missed. Blessings and prayers to his family. He was a man of whom they can be proud!!!

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**Judy Higgins Wagner** - April 03, 2019 at 08:37 PM

JN

*Judy -- just came across this! Awesome memories and my son will love hearing these. Not sure dad had gotten to his curley years in regaling wyatt with his tales! - jen*

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**Jennifer Nicholson** - August 04, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *"My Deepest Condolences go out to the Michael family, I hope you find comfort in these words, "He will swallow up death forever,.....And will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8. We want to trust in Jehovah God's, promise of the resurrection hope. jw.org*

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November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele and Jennie  
I was so saddened to hear about Paul's passing. Please know you  
are in my prayers and thoughts.  
Eileen

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September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Michelle and family,  
Thinking of you and keeping all of you in my prayers that you find  
some peace in the many good memories that you must share of  
Paul.  
Kathy Buckley

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September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele and family: I wish you peace and the comfort of friends and  
family during this time. With love, Joan

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September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul Thomas Michael

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**Beautiful Whisper** - September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul Thomas Michael

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**Sweet Tranquility Basket** - September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul Thomas Michael

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**Large Basket Garden** - September 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family.  
In time may the cherished memories bring a warm smile  
and light laughter as you remember the wonderful  
times shared.  
The "God of all comfort" be with the family. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4)*

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Michele and family--sending love, strength and prayers your  
way to support you through the loss of your beloved husband, father  
and grandfather. Val Rogers*

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Michele, My deepest condolences on the loss of your  
husband Paul. Prayers for strength and peace for you and your  
family. Much love, Dawn (Mueller-Burke)*

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Michele and family,  
May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace  
of friends. My sincere condolences on the loss of your husband,  
father and grandfather. I wish you comfort at this most difficult time.  
Love, Phyllis*

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Michele and family, In these times I am reminded of our scripture, Corinthians 2:10 "But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him." May you be comforted by all you hold dear. Praying for a deep and lasting peace for you and yours at this tender time. Charon

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele, I am sending you love and keeping you and your family in my best thoughts.

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Michele and family,  
Please accept my sincere condolences on Paul's passing. Prayers for your strength and his peace.  
Sincerely,  
Rosemarie DiMauro Satyshur

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**Rosary** - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele and family, I am saddened by the loss of Paul and all that means to you. This is a hard time to go through and I will be thinking of you and wishing you comfort and peace in your souls.  
Becky Wiseman

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul Michael, Larger than life! I'm sure he's lighting up Heaven now with his wit and smile. I remember him driving us down Henlopen Avenue in Rehoboth en route to the beach blasting Boz Scaggs and pounding the steering wheel with a fervor that only Paul could muster. Paul, you will be missed for now, but i look forward to reconnecting in Heaven. Blessings, Eddie

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I dearly loved my brother in law Paul Michael! His smile lit up the room, as did his kind way and sense of humor. I will always remember how engaging and inclusive he was with everyone. I respected his intelligence and his quick wit. I am blessed to have known him. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him!

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Paul was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. I can recall back in 1988 when my family spent several days in DC, I had the opportunity to talk basketball and participate in the different drills Uncle Paul designed to increase speed, agility, and shot technique. Once we left DC, the lessons Uncle Paul taught me never left my memory and continued to utilize the drills throughout my basketball career....He was an excellent teacher and was always Interested in how one was doing...Which is very rare in this world today! You will be missed Uncle Paul!

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September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mish and Jen, I know there are no words to express the depth of loss in having to say goodbye to the person who is a critical part of our life and of who we are. My prayer is that wonderful memories will comfort your soul and warm your heart. With sincere condolences to your entire family, Ann O*

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September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mish and family,  
We are holding you in the light after the loss of Paul, beloved husband, father, and grandfather. You have our greatest sympathy.  
Lily Fountain and Richard Winston*

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**Candle of Peace** - September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so very, very sorry for you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Kathy Fornili*

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September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM