



Paul S. Cuetara

January 27, 1947 - August 25, 2021

North Hampton - Paul S. Cuetara, age 74, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2021 after a long battle with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

Paul grew up in Orono, ME, and is survived by his wife of 52 years Joan (Allen) Cuetara, and two children, Kimberly Gibbons (Christopher) and Greg Cuetara (Bethany). He was the proud Papa of 6 beloved and adored grandchildren: Paige Rain, Samuel Carey, Benjamin Cuetara, Zachary Cuetara, Meredith Gibbons and Nathaniel Cuetara.

Paul's life journey was full and remarkable for several events. He was a lifelong Boy Scout and earned his Eagle Award, the highest rank in scouting, in 1966. He went on to work in summer camps and as a truck driver to help support himself through high school and college, where he played football and ran track. Paul graduated from the University of Maine, Orono in 1970 and received a Bachelor of Science in Education. After that time, he moved his young wife to North Hampton, NH where he was a resident for over 50 years. He started his teaching career at the North Hampton Elementary School in 1970 teaching physical education, and coaching basketball. He moved on to teach Industrial Arts at Newmarket High School for several years while continuing to officiate several sports and write a sports column for the Hampton Union. After earning his Master of Occupational Education degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1980, Paul worked as a teacher,

mentor, administrator and consultant in education at several New Hampshire schools including Winnacunnet High School and Salem Vocational Technical School until his retirement.

As a proud resident of North Hampton, NH, Paul held several roles in public service. Most notably, he served as Scoutmaster for Troop 162, Town Moderator, Chairman of the Planning Board, Chairman of the Old Town Hall Committee, and was the Rails to Trails Chairperson. He also served on the Heritage Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Ambulance Corps, the North Hampton Youth Association Board and as an interim member of the Select Board. Paul was a member of the Scottish Rite as well as a member of St James Masonic Lodge in Hampton, NH. In the masonic lodge, he served as Master of the Lodge in 2000, and held several offices over 28 years of membership. He was particularly dedicated to the Board of Directors to oversee building renovations. In addition, for several years he was Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Seacoast Learning Center in Rochester NH, to provide services to children with dyslexia.

A lover of technology, Paul worked diligently to incorporate computers in his classrooms in the early 1980's, and was the 2nd recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Award. In that time (1989-1990), Paul wrote a Tech Prep curriculum for the transition of students in technology education to the workforce. In 1995, he published a paper about his work at Winnacunnet High School titled "Tech Prep/School-to-Work: A Holistic Approach to School Restructuring." However, as noted, throughout his life he officiated several different sports, and served as the Supervisor of Basketball Officials for the eastern conference of the NCAA women's college basketball. He continued to officiate basketball, baseball, softball and soccer locally until he was almost 70 years old.

Later in life, Paul used his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) as a school bus

driver for activities and events when the need arose. He and his wife have attended the North Hampton United Church of Christ since 1971, and raised both their children in the Christian faith.

Miraculously, Paul survived testicular cancer in 1979 due to the research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and went on to survive colon cancer in 1999. As a two-time cancer survivor, he was selected to carry the Olympic Torch in southern Maine in 2002 and did so with pride.

Paul loved the outdoors and when he was not officiating, he was often found skiing, sailing, canoeing, or hiking. He took great pleasure in telling Dad jokes and puns to whomever would listen. Paul valued living in New England, and often said that heaven for him would be a long ski run over lightly packed snow on a clear day in Maine or New Hampshire.

A funeral service of remembrance will be held at the North Hampton, United Church of Christ on Saturday, September 4th at 10am.

The family requests that friends and family please share a picture and or a memory on the family tribute wall of the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home website. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (<https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/>), or the North Hampton United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, NH.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

United Church of Christ
295 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul S. Cuetara*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service Of Remembrance*



Kimberly Gibbons - September 14, 2021 at 09:15 AM

RT

“Hearing of Paul’s passing brought sadness yet relief knowing that he is now in a better place where others will get to hear his jokes and puns and hopefully appreciate his sense of humor. I also trust there will be ski slopes with long powder-filled runs for him to enjoy. I’m reminded of Paul encouraging me, his junior, to go faster down the slopes and then to be greeted with his smile when I finally caught up to him at the bottom of the hill. Included is a picture of a group of his friends that enjoyed a week of skiing that he so looked forward to bringing together.

After I left North Hampton, it was so great to meet up with Paul and Joan when I’d return for a visit and we’d often go out for pizza and beer. He was a great friend to me often willing to take his time to help me on projects and I in turn could occasionally help him. He introduced me to Masonry and helped me through the journey of being part of a great group of guys who enriched my life.

We will certainly miss Paul and trust that Joan and his family feel the love that so many people have for them.

With loving memories of Paul,

Ron & Kay Todd



Ron & Kay Todd - September 07, 2021 at 11:19 AM

RW

“ Paul was enthusiastic about all the interests & activities that he chose to pursue. With a huge smile & sparkling eyes, he loved to share the good in life.

In addition to the numerous & diverse things already mentioned, I recall that he also served as guardian ad litem for some time, and as a home inspector.

He impressed people personally, whether the connection was through school, sports, church, or other civic activities. He sometimes honored his friends with a poem, that he would compose for a special occasion. He treasured his family, and has two amazing children, who are blessed to have had him for a father. And then there is his enabler, the person he often lovingly referred to as "my bride." ❤️

Rosena Baumli (fka Cathy Walker/Weaver) - September 03, 2021 at 02:23 PM

KP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Such a beloved friend, advocate, mentor, Eagle Coach for Troop 162. Thank you for all the years guiding these young men. We are forever appreciative of your service to BSA and to our community.

Rest in peace on Eagles Wings.

The Parrott Family

Kelly, Brian, Zach (Eagle Scout-- Paul was his coach), Lyndsey and Lainey

Kelly Parrott - September 03, 2021 at 12:13 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album Paul Speaking to Kremple Center



Kimberly Cuetara Gibbons - September 02, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ Greg, I am so sorry to learn of your wonderful father's passing. He was quite simply an amazing person--a great father, husband, grandfather, friend, mentor, and human being. I pray that your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time. Thinking of you all with a heavy heart.

Jennifer O'Neil Stewart

Jennifer O'Neil Stewart - September 02, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ The Raymond Family will always cherish the memories of our happy times at Sugarloaf and on the Saco River... Thank to Paul.



David&Martha Raymond - September 02, 2021 at 09:12 AM

TE

“ Sorry to hear about Paul ,,he was always a good man!

Tim Eaton - September 01, 2021 at 07:00 PM

DM

“ Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of Paul S. Cuetara



Donna Meyer-Miller - September 01, 2021 at 03:49 PM

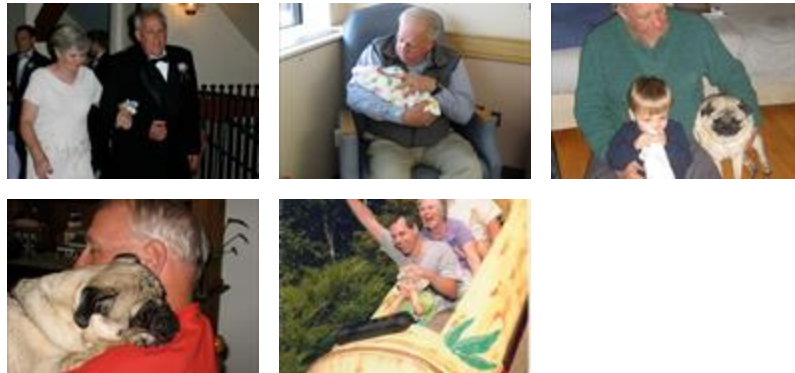
DM

Wonderful man and I remember him in North Hampton as a kid and WHS...

Donna Meyer-Miller - September 01, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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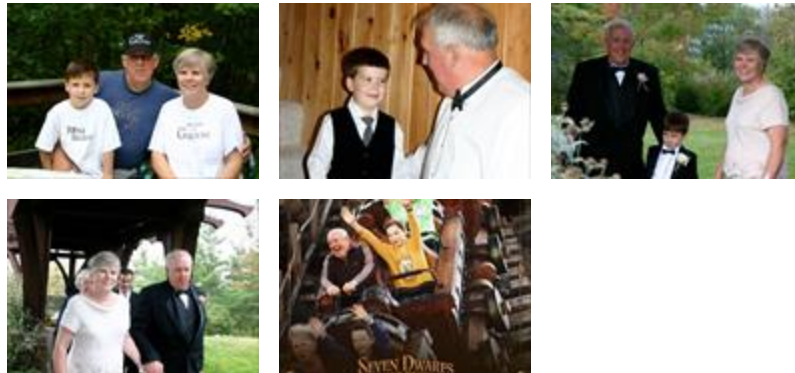
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Bethany - September 01, 2021 at 12:55 AM

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Bethany - September 01, 2021 at 12:45 AM

MA

“ Sending my love to Joan and family, and remembering Paul's smile and many strengths. May his spirit rest easy and God's comfort attend all who grieve his death. I remember him as a faithful one who was always willing to take up the work of the church. Thinking of you Joan. May the remembering bring peace.

Michele Bagby Allan - August 31, 2021 at 02:18 PM

 Linda Fletcher

“ I am so sorry to hear about Paul's passing. He was such a good man. I enjoyed working with him on the Cub Scout Council, church events and our fun, family canoeing trips. Ron and I were blessed to be in the same group of special friends. He made a difference in the many lives he touched and has left a wonderful legacy. My sincere condolences to Joan, Kim, Greg and his treasured grandchildren.

Linda Fletcher - August 31, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories...



Kimberly Gibbons - August 31, 2021 at 09:45 AM