



Paul F. Leary

March 15, 1928 - June 13, 2015

Hampton, NH- Paul F. Leary, 87, of Hampton, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Paul was born in Methuen, MA on March 15, 1928 the son of the late John J. and Sarah M. (Carberry) Leary. The family moved to Hampton and later Dover, where he graduated from Dover High School with the Class of 1946. He later returned to Hampton and built his home of the next 63 years.

Paul was the owner of Leary Construction Co. and built many homes in the Hampton area. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the New Hampshire National Guard. He was a member of the Hampton Marsh Reclamation Authority. He served on the Board of Directors of The Seabrook Bank and Hampton National Bank. He was the Chief Assessor for the City of Worcester, MA for 25 years, retiring in 2002. He was a member of the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers.

In 1962 he built The Dunes Motor Inn in Rye Beach. Which he continued to own and operate to the present day. This was one of his fondest accomplishments.

From a very early age Paul enjoyed automobiles, restoring antiques, listening to the engine run and most of all driving one from his collection. Paul always

had a deep affinity for all animals. He and his children were the winners of several trophies for their horsemanship. He and Martha also enjoyed skiing. They got their children involved and later their grandchildren. It became a multi-generational family activity. He always lived life to the fullest and enjoyed it all.

Paul is survived by his wife of 35 years Martha (O'Hare Vavra) Leary; his son Peter K. Leary and his wife Cinthia; daughter Sandra A. Murtha and her husband John; step daughter Amy E. Greeley and her husband Michael; step son Erik E. Vavra; granddaughters, Leigha (Leary) Lawrence and her husband Ramsey, Whitney Leary, Katya Leary, Bianca Leary Acosta, Brittany R. Noyes and her husband Daniel, Kayley Vavra and Kelsea Vavra; grandsons, Ryan J. Leary and Anthony Menici; four great granddaughters and two great grandsons as well as many nieces and nephews.

Paul was predeceased by his son Paul Patrick Leary, his daughter Sue Ann (Leary) Menici and his first wife Sally Ann Leary.

Visiting hours will be held from 4-7 PM, Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM, Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Rockingham VNA & Hospice, c/o Community Relations: Attention- Vivian Brown, Exeter Hospital, 5 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH 03833.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul F. Leary*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Peter and Sandy -*

The last time we saw your father was at my father's funeral in Feb. 2011. He and my father, Dave Colt, had a real estate business together "Leary and Colt Real Estate". It was located on route 1 in Hampton across from where Ron Jillian's is located now. My father worked with Paul in the late 50's , early 60's . My mother, Marge, was best friends with your mother , Sally, in high school. I have fond memories of visiting them now and then at their home on Little River Rd. They would give us (my brother and I) horseback rides. And we went to your brother, Paddy's , birthday party. We are so sorry to hear that your father is gone. Our sympathy to you both and your family.

Laurie (Colt) Ball

Marge Colt

John Colt

laurie ball - June 21, 2015 at 08:14 PM



“ *We were so very saddened to learn of Paul's passing ~ he was an amazing man who was always happy to see us whenever we stopped by and we always enjoyed his wonderful stories. He so loved his family and we were blessed to be part of that family. Sending prayers to all at this very difficult time. May God Bless this wonderful man ~ Sean and Cheryl*



Cheryl - June 19, 2015 at 07:29 PM

SM

“ I was very sad to hear of Paul Leary's passing. I met the Leary family many, many years ago after they first built their home on Little River Road in Hampton. Sally and Paul then had Paddy and Susie, two horses, Prince and King Philip, chickens and a baby lamb "we" named Greek Easter. I baby sat for Paddy and Susie and when Paul and Sally bought Paddy his first pony, Pal, I helped Paddy develop his interest and then passion for horses - it had been, and remains, a passion of mine to this day. The Leary's were a happy, united family. Paul ran his construction business out of his home and Sally fully supported him in all his endeavors. Paul was always kind and respectful toward me and I was considered "part" of the family for many years. I have only the fondest memories of Paul, Sally, Paddy and Susie and as often happens in life, lost track of them over time. I send my most sincere condolences to Paul's family. My love and prayers to all. Sincerely, Sheila (Hannon Mulcahey) McCullough

Sheila (Hannon Mulcahey) McCullough - June 18, 2015 at 06:58 AM

AM

“ to Martha,peter ,sandy, amy and erik sorry for the passing away of your husband and dad,i grew up in the house in front of you,peter and sandy have known you most of your life,he came in the store a few times and said hello,martha was in a few days ago,take care,allen mosher

allen mosher - June 17, 2015 at 06:29 PM

CO

“ A model public servant,a true gentleman and an honor to have worked with him. May he rest in peace!
Charlie O'Connor

charlie O'Connor - June 17, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ 131 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 17, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ *Paul Leary was a truly great man - I was an impressionable 22 year old college grad whose boss was Paul Leary. From the the first day that we met he became my life long mentor in so many ways. I am so blessed that we have shared life's experiences - both good and bad over these years. I am sure that the memories of Paul will always cheer us. God bless Martha. I like so many others so loved this man.*

Ted Jankowski

Ted Jankowski - June 16, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ *Martha we were so sorry to here about Paul . We can all be thankful for memories we have of him . We are here if you need us. Sincerely Mike &Sharron Plouffe*



Sharron Plouffe - June 16, 2015 at 12:42 PM

NK

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Paul Leary. He was a great friend to my parents, Don and Karen Welinsky. I remember him stuck with us during the Blizzard of 78'. Sorry for your loss. Nicole Kenneally (Welinsky).



Nicole Kenneally - June 16, 2015 at 12:02 PM

LJ

“ Love, Kevin and Jenny purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Paul F. Leary.



Love, Kevin and Jenny - June 16, 2015 at 11:11 AM

DB

“ Dear Martha,

Our deepest & heartfelt condolences to you & family. We will always be grateful for the opportunity Paul & you have given us at his cherished Dunes Motor Inn....

Sincerely,

Mark Lipoma

&

Dennis Benoit,

Jenness Beach Seaside Grill

Dennis J Benoit - June 16, 2015 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. My sincere condolences go out to the families at this time. Paul was my boss when he was City Assessor at City Hall in Worc. We did some chit-chatting about Hampton Beach, Rye, and all those fun places at the beaches as my family spent a lot of time there thru the years. May God Bless all....

judy fuller - June 15, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul F. Leary.



June 15, 2015 at 12:14 PM

PJ

“ Martha,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. Paul was my friend and mentor.
I was blessed to know him.

May your memories comfort you.
Pat Johnson

Pat Johnson - June 15, 2015 at 09:11 AM

DC

“ *Martha,
I am so sorry to hear that Paul passed away. What a truly remarkable , full-of-life man he was. How lucky I am to have known him.*

May your memories of all the fun times comfort you.

*Sincerely,
Dottiann*

Dottiann Chevalier - June 15, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul F. Leary.*



June 14, 2015 at 08:17 PM

 Bridget
Hughes

“ *From my early days at the coffee shop to my years at the Dunes. Paul was a hands on owner, greeted all guests. He will now be with Pat and Sue enjoying the peace and tranquility of heaven. May the road rise up to meet him.*

Bridget Hughes - June 14, 2015 at 07:52 PM

DR

“ *Few people in public service possess the sincerely courteous demeanor and professional behavior as Paul. His years at Worcester City Hall stand as a example for all of us in service to the public .*

Worcester City Clerk David Rushford

David Rushford - June 14, 2015 at 03:10 PM