



## Paul A. Nevins

September 6, 1959 - March 9, 2026

Portsmouth - Paul Alan Nevins, 66, of Portsmouth, passed away suddenly on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Born in Boston, MA, on September 6, 1959, Paul was the son of the late James L. and Mabel (Rose) Nevins. He was raised in Burlington, MA, and graduated from Burlington High School. Paul's parents were both engineers, with Mabel working in the chemical industry and Jim contributing to the Apollo Space Program. In conjunction with Jim's career at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Jim and Mabel traveled often with Paul and his elder brothers, Gary and Steven. Jim and Mabel later established a house on Black Cat Island in Lake Winnepesaukee, where Paul enjoyed many seasons with family.

Paul met Eleanor, his wife of 42 years, through their mutual lifelong friends Jeff and Marie Flannery of Woburn, MA. In 1990, they moved to Portsmouth, where they built a home and a life, maintaining widespread connections to their community. Here they raised their two children, Morgan and Travis. Paul guided his family with firm hugs and reminders to never be bound by the limitations of others. He encouraged them to dream big, work hard, and play hard. He gained notoriety for his elaborate birthday cakes, and for escorting his children trick-or-treating with an icepick in hand. For Travis and Morgan, he was their fiercest advocate and offered unconditional love—to the moon and back, as he would say.

A natural problem solver, Paul spent over 20 years traveling the world as an oil terminal manager, field inspector, and marine expeditor. Paul engaged in mutual aid activities for regional maritime security, emergency response management, and chemical spill prevention for Boston Harbor and the Piscataqua River. Paul was accustomed to scaling tankers, collaborating with vessels and crews around the globe, and was trained in how to escape a helicopter underwater. Most recently, he worked for the City of Portsmouth as a maintenance worker—a role he chose to spend more time with his family.

Paul was a proud trail crew alumnus of the Appalachian Mountain Club in the White Mountains, serving from 1975 to 1980. He was a lifelong lover of the outdoors, be it winter mountaineering, white water kayaking, skiing, or scuba diving. Paul passed this love on to his children. Teaching through experience, he would carry them on his back through any activity, from shoveling snow off a roof to climbing a mountain.

Paul had a natural spark for adventure and a wild, dynamic spirit. He could cause his family to howl with laughter and, at times, respectfully question his sanity. His family and friends knew he would always go above and beyond. His warmth, unique sense of humor, and deep dedication to his family will be remembered forever. The gift of his presence was deeply felt and he will be deeply missed. We will forever look for him in the breeze on a hike or a strong ocean wave.

Paul was the son of the late Mabel (Rose) and James L. Nevins; brother to Steven and the late James Gary Nevins of Burlington, MA; nephew to June (Rose) Kennedy of Milton, MA and the late Doris (Rose) Beliveau. Paul was a beloved husband to Eleanor (Newell) Nevins of Portsmouth, NH; father to Morgan Nevins of Brooklyn, NY and Travis Nevins of Portsmouth, NH. Paul was a son-in-law to Malcolm and the late Barbara (Strangman) Newell of

Billerica, MA, and brother-in-law to Susane Newell; Nancy and Mark Bockus of Wilmington, MA; Holly and John Ballam of Billerica. He was uncle to Nicole Bockus of Wilmington, MA; Brenton Bockus of Los Angeles, CA; Rachel Nevins of Boulder, Colorado; and Peyton and Greer Ballam of Billerica, MA.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Shriners Children's

Attn: Shriners Children's

PO Box 947765

Atlanta, GA 30394

Donate online here ([https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/give/145680/?gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=161282874&gbraid=0AAAAADy9t17HIC\\_ZlkkJnOZC3dxlMjDfY&gclid=CjwKCAjw687NBhB4EiwAQ645dtTY5trOWYKm25EzymLNdgtB4eBD1ZCNbIE0ZYjgDzmcydLW6sHerxocbwUQAvD\\_BwE#!/donation/checkout?c\\_src=google&c\\_src2=loveshriners](https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/give/145680/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=161282874&gbraid=0AAAAADy9t17HIC_ZlkkJnOZC3dxlMjDfY&gclid=CjwKCAjw687NBhB4EiwAQ645dtTY5trOWYKm25EzymLNdgtB4eBD1ZCNbIE0ZYjgDzmcydLW6sHerxocbwUQAvD_BwE#!/donation/checkout?c_src=google&c_src2=loveshriners))

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike

Smithtown, NY 11787-2976

Donate online here ([https://www.guidedog.org/GD/gd/GDF\\_DonateNow.aspx](https://www.guidedog.org/GD/gd/GDF_DonateNow.aspx))

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 21 at 10:58 PM

MN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 21 at 09:40 PM

MN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 21 at 04:01 PM

SM

“ I met Paul years ago walking the railroad tracks in Stratham as he was doing security work for the Port. Our paths crossed several times since and recently as employees of the City of Portsmouth. I always enjoyed talking with him and listening to his stories of past adventures. I will miss him and the his spark of living and life. My condolence to his family and friends. Steve M.

Steve Miller - March 20 at 06:13 AM

JF

“ Condolences to my dearest friends, on your loss of Paul. We cannot find words sufficient to adequately convey the depth of the collective losses from Paul's passing. He certainly WAS a "character". However, his true character shone in his core - he was always willing to help - in many, many dimensions. We'll all miss him.



Jeff F. - March 19 at 03:32 PM

MN

well said 💖

Morgan Nevins - March 21 at 03:59 PM

CR

“ Dear Eleanor, Morgan, & Travis,

So sorry for your loss. May warm memories help ease your grieving.

Chuck Rhoades - March 18 at 01:55 PM

RD

“ *My sincere condolences to Eleanor, Morgan and Travis. After the death of my brother Dave when I was a teenager (also Paul's hiking buddy and friend), he and Eleanor provided a kind and steady presence to me and my family. Paul's lively spirit helped me through a difficult time, and I will be forever grateful. Much love, Rorie (Shoemaker) Dunphey*

---

**Rorie Dunphey** - March 17 at 05:42 PM

MN

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



---

**Morgan Nevins** - March 17 at 01:46 PM

MS

“ *Eleanor, Morgan, Travis and Family,  
I am deeply sorry to hear about Paul, your  
husband / Dad. May your many wonderful  
memories and the adventures you shared  
help carry you through this difficult time.  
Love,  
Margaret (Curran) Sullivan*



---

**Margaret (Curran) Sullivan** - March 17 at 09:23 AM

DL

“ I’m am genuinely sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. I worked with him years ago and found him to be a pleasant, knowledgable and even tempered manager with a bit of a wry smile. My heartfelt condolences to his family who he spoke of often.

---

**Dave Laurion** - March 17 at 06:25 AM

IM

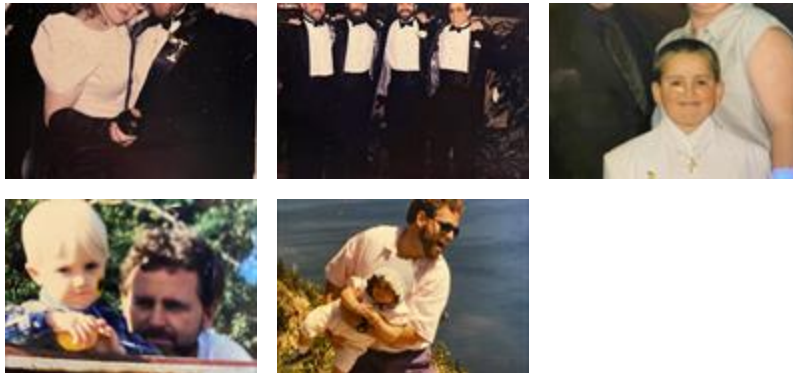
“ Heartfelt condolences to Paul's family and friends. He was a very hard worker and always kind and helpful. His father in law Mackie Newell and Iris Martinello. Worked with Paul many years and saw first hand his work ethic and his love for his family Rest in Peace Paul and we hope there are mountains to clime in heaven.

---

**Iris Martinello** - March 15 at 01:31 PM

NB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Nancy Bockus** - March 14 at 06:36 PM

SN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Susane Newell - March 14 at 04:59 PM

SN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Susane Newell - March 14 at 04:57 PM

SN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Susane Newell** - March 14 at 04:57 PM

SN

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Susane Newell** - March 14 at 04:55 PM

NB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Nancy Bockus - March 14 at 04:28 PM

NB

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Nancy Bockus - March 14 at 04:26 PM

MN

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 14 at 11:25 AM

MN

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 14 at 11:19 AM

MN

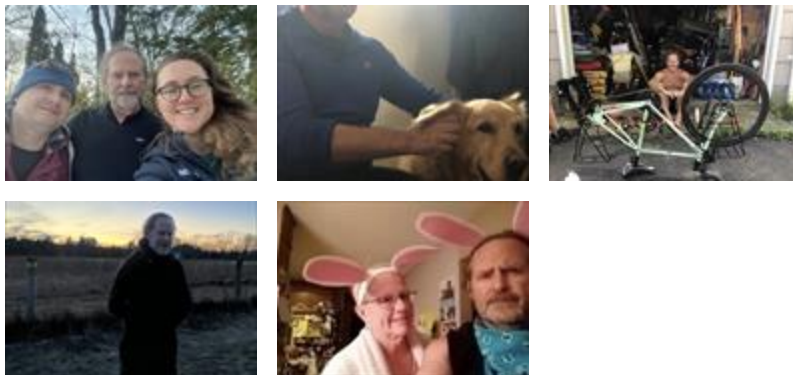
“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 14 at 10:29 AM

MN

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Nevins - March 14 at 10:23 AM