



Paul D. Katzenbach

January 13, 1944 - February 13, 2015

Paul Douglass Katzenbach passed away peacefully Friday, February 13 surrounded by his loving children at Phoenixville Hospital at the age of 71. Born January 13, 1944 in Dayton Ohio, he was one of eight children born to the late George and Mary Katzenbach. Paul moved his family to Pottstown in 1984 and continued to be a long time resident of Pottstown.

Paul was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved to cook in abundance for family and friends. Paul was a generous man who lived by simple means and found pleasure reminiscing and watching old movies. He was a big man with a bigger heart. A quiet man with striking blue eyes and callused hands from a life of hard work, he was a labor worker first at GHR Foundry, Dayton Ohio, later at Flaggs Foundry, Pottstown Pennsylvania. A true handy-man, there was nothing Paul couldn't build or fix.

In his later years he found solace from a debilitating illness through artful paintings that often depicted his love and abiding faith in God. A faith that provided him with strength and comfort. He found great consolation in weekly phone conversations with both his brother and sister.

We will miss his laughter at a corny joke. His pacing and mumbling to himself. His thrill of playing the lottery and his dreams of how he would put his winnings to use, which probably would have included adding to his massive

collection of movies. And definitely, would have included his family. Paul was a family man at heart and made sure his children never wanted or needed for anything. He would go without rather than to ever have let that happen. Simply put, Paul was a good man and has left a profound hole in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

Paul will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his three children, Renee Bailey wife of Ronald Bailey, Birdsboro, Nicole Katzenbach-Strohl wife of Cordell Strohl, Phoenixville, and Mark Katzenbach husband of Beth (Migala) Katzenbach, Exeter; grandchildren, Jarrod Bailey, Mitchell Bailey, Mckenna Ditty, Kian Ditty, and Devyn Katzenbach; siblings, George Katzenbach and Judy McDaniel; a great many nieces, nephews, cousins family and friends; including his enduring 52 year love and friendship with former wife and mother to his children, Phyllis Smith-Katzenbach, Pittsburgh. He was predeceased by siblings, Allie- Kathleen (Kay), Jaunita (Nita), Florence (Sis), Robert (Sonny), and Richard (Dick).

Memorial services will take place in Ohio where Paul will be laid to rest beside his parents as he wished.

Arrangements are being handle by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

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Tribute Wall

RK

“Dad, I tried hard to not be sad today. Your birthday is always a tough day for me. You always knowing what your gift would be before you opened it was infuriating. I have come to terms to life without you. Always know, that the best part of who you were is still with me. Memories of you will live with me so long as I live. This is my only way of "visiting" you as I can't go to Ohio and stop by your resting place. Thinking of you today and missing you forever.



Love you, Renee'

Renee Katzenbach - January 13, 2025 at 10:46 PM

RK

“Happy Birthday Dad. This time of the year is bittersweet. I always remember your birthday. It both makes me sad and happy. Love you forever.



renee Katzenbach - January 13, 2024 at 07:09 PM

RK

“ *Dad, another year gone and a new one just begun. And still I think of you often. I look to the memories of growing up and always feeling safe and loved. I will never go a year without missing you and those times. Especially, at the holidays I miss you most. Even now, I know you are at peace/rest and that writing this to you is more for myself than you. But, it helps to bring me peace. Love you Dad.*
Renee'



Renee Katzenbach - December 31, 2023 at 11:00 PM

RE

“ *It doesn't matter how much time passes, how many years go by, I still miss you dad like it was only yesterday you left.*
Happy Birthday Dad. Every year I think this will be the year I won't even remember this day is your birthday. And, every year I carry thoughts, memories of you with me all day.
You're a great grandfather and I think you would have liked that.



Renee' - January 14, 2022 at 01:28 AM

RK

“ Another birthday, still hurts! Can you do me a favor and ask the big guy to help dull the pain. Because, time does NOT heal! Sure, it fades. But, still the hurt runs too deep to ever really heal. I get that. You have a great grand daughter I wish you could have seen. I am a grandmother. Life just isn't fair, or happy or less lonely. Still I wish you were here. I will miss you forever I guess. Or until we meet again.



Happy Birthday, I Love you,

Renee D Katzenbach - January 13, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Happy Birthday Dad! Some people start a New Year with high hopes and positive feelings. Of course I know that with your birthday right around the corner it will make me sad that you are not here. So, since I always remember your singing Happy Birthday to yourself I will do it for you this year.



"Happy Birthday to Paulie, Happy Birthday to Paulie, Happy birthday to me"

I won't get my wish, as you won't be here. Love you, miss you.

Renee Bailey - January 13, 2019 at 05:56 PM

MK

“ Happy Birthday dad. You are missed.



Mark k - January 13, 2019 at 09:36 AM

RE

“ I'm trying really hard dad. It is difficult to want to come back. I must keep going for the sake of my boys, especially Mitch. He need our family around him. He always loved having big family moments. Without you it is harder to enjoy them or to have the memories of what it felt like when we really were ALL together. You wanted me strong, I am trying.

Renee' - July 23, 2018 at 11:14 PM

RE

“ I know where you are is far better than where I am now. Because you are free. No pain, no one to hurt, torment or ignore you and you are never alone. All that I want and will never have. No one has missed me as much in life as they have you in death.



Renee' - July 07, 2018 at 09:58 PM

MA

“ Dad 4th of July is here miss you. Glad you are at peace. Things are rough wish you were here to talk to. Just wanted to let you know you are missed by everyone.



Mark - June 30, 2018 at 11:43 PM

RE

“ Another Easter, another holiday without you. I should have done better while you were still here. Nothing is the same anymore. I miss you and think of you everyday.



Renee' - April 03, 2018 at 02:36 AM

MA

“ Hey Dad Happy Easter...miss you



Mark - April 01, 2018 at 05:11 PM

RE

“ Dad, tomorrow it has been 3 years, It hasn't gotten any easier. They say it does-they are wrong. I just got a little better at what you always told me to do. I was looking at pictures again today. I close my eyes and can remember those moments in our lives. I miss you. I miss our family, the way we used to be. I wish you were here and not just a memory.



It's funny how time works. When I think of you it is as you were when you were healthy and strong. I know you will always be apart of me, even now you're gone. But, I also know I will never reach the point where I accept it. I wanted you to have peace, comfort and no more pain. Maybe someday I will have the same.

I love you dad. Na-Na

Renee' - February 12, 2018 at 02:24 PM

RE

“ Renee sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Katzenbach



Renee - February 12, 2018 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ Mark K sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Katzenbach



Mark K - December 31, 2017 at 03:59 PM

MK

“ Hey dad just wanted to say it's New year's eve I know time goes by to quickly...Well happy 2018 we miss you and this year I will try to be the best man I can be, if your watching I can always use some extra help.....Love you...Mark.

Mark K - December 31, 2017 at 03:57 PM

MK

“ Hey dad it's Christmas Just wanted to say we are all together and miss you very much...Love you....
Mark



Mark K - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Happy Thanksgiving Dad, Miss you love you..



Mark k - November 24, 2017 at 09:44 PM

MK

“ Just wanted to say Happy Halloween and we are thinking of you DAD....



Mark k - October 29, 2017 at 03:34 PM

MK

“ Hey dad it's Labor day now so much has happened this past year you would not believe me if I told you... just wanted to say we miss you and love you...i will be watching for the Beangles for you one year they might make the Superbowl...



Mark k - September 05, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MA

“ It's 4th of July and just wanted to let you know we are all still thinking about you...Trying to make a trip to Ohio to see you...



Mark - July 03, 2017 at 07:55 AM

MK

“ *It's Fathers Day just want to tell you that we are thinking of you and love you....*



Mark k - June 18, 2017 at 05:42 AM

MK

“ *Well Dad it's close to Memorial Day weekend thinking of you playing cards at the party...Miss you still*



Mark K - May 22, 2017 at 01:30 PM

MK

“ *Happy Easter dad...we all miss you...*



Mark katzenbach - April 16, 2017 at 11:47 PM

MK

“ *Hey dad been 2 years now sense last we spoke...we still all miss you everyone in their own ways...Tom Brady won the Super Bowl again.*



Mark k - February 12, 2017 at 11:27 PM

MK

“ Happy birthday dad...I know it's Friday the 13th not that great of luck on that day. Well we are still thinking of you all the time...I'm glad you pain is gone.



mark k - January 13, 2017 at 12:45 AM

MK

“ Mark K sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Katzenbach



mark k - January 06, 2017 at 11:28 PM

MK

“ Thinking of you on New Years Eve....end of 2016.



mark k - December 31, 2016 at 09:58 PM

MK

“ Merry Christmas Dad. We are all thinking of you.



Mark k - December 24, 2016 at 07:27 PM

MK

“ Happy Thanksgiving dad wish you were here one one these days I'm going to make your Famous noodles I just don't have a pot that big....



Mark k - November 23, 2016 at 08:46 AM

MK

“ Happy Veterans Day DAD Jarrod is all decked out in his uniform...you would be proud. You would also be Amazed by who the President is...Donald Trump bet you didn't see that coming. I'm sure all your family in Ohio went that way Ohio and PA went fore him..only time will tell how that turns out....we all miss you...sending much love from the family.



mark katzenbach - November 11, 2016 at 08:50 AM

MK

“ It's Halloween time miss you...your probably up above laughing at this election. I will let you know who wins...



Mark. K - October 29, 2016 at 03:02 AM

MK

“ Miss you on Labor day...football starting Hope Cincinnati Bengals do good this year for you.



Mark K - September 08, 2016 at 08:26 AM

MK

“ Happy Fourth Of July



mark katzenbach - July 03, 2016 at 05:08 PM

MK

“ HAPPY FATHER'S. DAY..... LOVE YOU



Mark Katzenbach - June 18, 2016 at 10:28 PM

MK

“ MARK KATZENBACH sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Katzenbach



MARK KATZENBACH - March 26, 2016 at 10:33 PM

MK

“ *HAPPY EASTER DAD....*

MARK KATZENBACH - March 26, 2016 at 10:32 PM

MK

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD...*



mark katzenbach - January 13, 2016 at 03:37 AM

RE

“ *The end of the year dad, I have thought of you every single day! Part of my family and of me is missing and I realize today, it will always feel this way. Hard to enter a new year without you! Love forever and ever!*

Renee - December 31, 2015 at 07:00 PM

MK

“ *HAPPY FATHERS DAY.....WE MISS YOU..*

Mark katzenbach - June 21, 2015 at 10:34 PM

RB

“ Though I can't be with you all to lay my father to rest, knowing you will all be there is comforting. Knowing he will be surrounded by family, those who knew and loved him means a great deal to me. I know it would have to him. He will be with his parents as he always wished to be. You'll forgive me for saying it is just too soon for me.

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He wanted so much to see you all again. And remembered you always and regularly. He loved hearing stories of memories and would encourage me to talk about those memories with him. I was fortunate to be his eldest child as I remember you all. And remember my dad as a young man, a strong man, a healthy man. These last years were difficult and though I know he is at peace now my heart aches for what should have been.

Thank you all for leaving your notes about my dad. I remember all my cousins as if we were all still kids playing at Grandma's or Judy's farm or the numerous reunions. I wish we could take back time.

I'll be with you all in my heart on the 17th. And not one day will pass when I won't be missing my father.

With Love Renee

Renee bailey - April 08, 2015 at 08:59 PM

PM

“ As a young girl I remember Uncle Paul as a quite Man very Sly. and soft spoken, I can still see him uncle Dick and uncle Ted and Grampa setting in the downstairs basement of the house in dayton talking and laughing..I wish the well and strength to help them threw their loss . Paula J McFadden

paula mcfadden - April 04, 2015 at 10:46 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim thinks about Uncle Paul most every week as to travels to Philly. Unfortunately he is always in a hurry and didn't have time to stop to visit. He will be missed.

Rhonda - March 03, 2015 at 12:05 PM

SM

“ Paul you were my great uncle and although I didn't know you very well I feel very close to you because of all the love my grandmother my father and my uncles have for you. You sound like such an incredible person and my heart and prayers does go out to you and your family you will be dearly missed and I am so sorry for everyone's loss.

Love Shaune mcdaniel

shaune mcdaniel - March 01, 2015 at 10:40 AM

SM

“ With good memories and lots of love always the baby. Your sis Judy a.k.a peaches

shaune mcdaniel - March 01, 2015 at 10:33 AM

NK

“ Thanks for being such a great dad. I will always be your little girl.
Love, Nik

Nicole Katzenbach-Strohl - February 23, 2015 at 05:58 PM

DF

“ With deep sympathy's to all the family and his friends on the passing of Uncle Paul. May God Bless you all....David/Nancy Emery/Schauer and family

David/Nancy Emery/Schauer and Family - February 20, 2015 at 06:49 PM

PK

“ *Precious Memories----Everlasting Love, Phyllis*

Phyllis Smith Katzenbach - February 17, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul D. Katzenbach.*



February 17, 2015 at 03:00 PM