



## Paul Martin Kraus

December 19, 1932 - June 24, 2018

Paul Martin Kraus, 85, a respected Toledo attorney since 1958, died of heart failure on June 24.

He was a family man above all, and died at home, surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren, overlooking the lake he loved.

Paul was the son of Clement John Kraus and Gertrude Mertes Kraus. He was born in Toledo

and educated at Gesu and Central Catholic, where he was a member of the golf team, marching

band and a CYO athlete. His parents proudly sent him to the University of Notre Dame, where

he earned degrees in accounting (1954) and law (1957).

The young Double-Domer met his wife of 58 years, Carol Anderson, in 1959. They were engaged within four months of meeting and married in 1960. Paul, whose younger brother Bernard died in childbirth, was raised as an only child, but soon found himself a part of the large

and growing Anderson family. He and Carol raised eight children together, and have 30 grandchildren.

He began his legal career at Cubbon & Rice in 1958. He joined Marshall, Melhorn, Bloch &

Belt in 1962 and spent the rest of his career there. Despite “retiring” in 2012, Paul continued

to go to the office, often for pro bono work, until very recently.

Paul lived by the adage, “To whom much is given, much is expected.” He was industrious and generous with his time. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1957-1963.

He

was active in the Toledo community. A devoted Catholic, he was a parishioner at Gesu from

1932-1979. He was a founding member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in 1978 and belonged there

until his death. He was a regular lector and Eucharistic minister until his declining health

prevented it. In the 1970's he was appointed by Bishop John Donovan as the Diocesan-wide chairman of the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF), predecessor of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

He was also active with CYO, coaching numerous boys' and girls' basketball teams. He and

Carol sent their children to Catholic schools all over Toledo, and he remained supportive of Catholic education. He could be found in the basketball stands at St. John's long after his boys we're playing.

He was a longtime member of the board at The Andersons, as well as the Downtown Toledo

Exchange Club. He was active in the Notre Dame Club of Toledo as a past president, director,

1986 Man of the Year, and longtime chairman of Alumni Schools Committee.

Paul was an athlete who enjoyed golf, bowling, and playing basketball in his younger days.

He was an accomplished squash player at the YMCA and The Toledo Club, where was a member

for much of his adult life. He was also an avid fisherman; his time on the water was reflective of

his love of nature, his patience, and his appreciation for quiet. He also loved to work in his yard, and was found weeding on his knees long after it was safe for him to do so. He loved the

Farm and the lake, and often said, "Why would a fella want to be anywhere else?"

He is survived by his wife, Carol Anderson Kraus, and his eight children, their spouses, and 30

grandchildren: John & Ana (Arcocha), Kelly, Kevin, Daniel, Emily; Joe & Marie (Vedra), Kate,

Elizabeth, Frances; Gretchen & Chuck Hartlage, Molly, Claire, Cecilia, Joan; Sue & Chris Dziubek,

Maggie, Ellen, Jacob, Caroline; Tom & Paula (Koshiol), Ginny, Grace, Eli, Mary Jo; Francie &

Mike Larkin, Ryan, Jack, Nora, Meg; Phil & Jennie (Hergenrather), Olivia, Noah, Josh; Eric &

Jenny (Hills), Mary Carol, Anderson, William, Paxton. He is also survived by his in-laws, Dick,

Fran, Mary Pat, and Una Anderson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who love

their

“Uncle P-Haul”. He will be missed by many people he included in his family, most notably Sue

Pitcher, Ken Phillips, and an international exchange-student daughter and three sons.

Paul “Papa” Kraus will be long-remembered by his family and friends for his humility, his counsel, his wit and loving silliness, and his beautiful marriage with Carol. He was a man of his

word, a man who never stopped learning, and a man who taught by example. He will be remembered above all for his daily-expressed gratitude. He loved to grill and look out at a favorite tree, and it was there that a prayer/mantra was born; in more recent days and years,

he said it aloud more and more often: “Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo. The last hour will include an open

opportunity for memory sharing. Visitation will continue at St. Joan of Arc Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, on Thursday, June 28 at 9:30AM, with a funeral service to follow

at 10:30; cemetery services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo.

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

**JUN** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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St Joan Of Arc

5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH, US

**JUN** **Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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St Joan Of Arc

5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH, US

# Comments

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“ Dear Gretchen and Family,

My deepest sympathies to you on the passing of your dad. I remember him very fondly - the biggest ND volleyball supporter and your parents' welcoming us to "the compound" in Maumee when we played out that way. Just seeing his picture and that smile brought me back to how I remembered him...a beautiful and kind man with the soul of a gentleman in the classic sense. Know that he is now with the God he so faithfully served.

Sincerely,

Sue Medley

**Sue Medley** - June 27, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ Dear beautiful Kraus family,

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. You all have our deepest sympathy and our prayers are with you. All of you have been living your lives following in your dad's caring footsteps for others. Thank you all for being so kind to our daughter, Laura throughout the years. We know your Dad had a huge part in the way he brought up all of you!

George & Barb Schetter

**Barbara Schetter** - June 27, 2018 at 12:18 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



June 27, 2018 at 11:46 AM

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“ Dear Carol and family,  
We are so sorry and saddened by your loss of dear Paul. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you and all of the family. Paul was a true gentleman who lived as a “Man for others” and gave of himself not only to his loving family and friends but the community at large. May his memories be always with you and may they give you much comfort. All of you will be in our prayers.  
Nancie and Lachman Chablani

**Nancie Chablani** - June 27, 2018 at 11:17 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



June 27, 2018 at 11:01 AM

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“ As a young boy Uncle Paul stood out for me as good, fun loving man. Consequently, Uncle Paul was my Confirmation Sponsor. I chose Paul as my confirmation name. You will be missed Uncle Paul. —Bob Anderson

**Robert Anderson** - June 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM

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“ Joe,

So sorry for the loss of your Dad. Believe it or not, he was a high school classmate of my Dad at CCHS. You and your family will be in my prayers,

Joel Junga

Joel F Junga - June 26, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ Joe

I had the chance to work with your dad helping some families that experienced a loss - he was always so kind and compassionate

Jim Strabler  
Cchs '80

**jim strabler** - June 27, 2018 at 07:10 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul's family. We were friends for many years. Paul knew all the Weavers. Ray & Ellie Weavere

Ray Weaver - June 26, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



June 26, 2018 at 04:14 PM

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“ Carol and family

My sister Judy Kowalski text me that your beloved husband Paul has left your family Paul was a part of my family for many years helping my mother and me on the death of my husband Marvin. I have been in Florida since he died in 2012 and enjoy the retirement life

I just took 15 of my family on a new ship for a cruise to the Caribbean Remember all the good times you and Paul had. He was a wonderful devoted husband and father

Sharon Wackley. The villages Florida

sharon wackley - June 26, 2018 at 02:47 PM

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“ Annie & Brad Peterson and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



Annie & Brad Peterson and family - June 26, 2018 at 02:06 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



June 26, 2018 at 12:22 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to the Kraus family. Mr. Kraus was a true Notre Dame man in every sense of the word. His lasting legacy is his amazing kids and grandkids. I visited the Kraus family in the summer of '87 and remember the laughter and warmth and fun that was their family. God Bless Mr. Kraus.

-Tom Jennings  
ND '88

**Tom Jennings** - June 26, 2018 at 10:21 AM

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“ Thanks Tom. He loved his alma mater and all of the wonderful relationships our family had with the people we met there. Great to hear from you. Take care!

**Tom Kraus** - July 03, 2018 at 12:04 PM

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“ It's funny how we first met at Gesu and watched you and your wife raise your family. How surprised we were when we joined St. Joan of Arc and found you there . We sat in the back of you, where your family could easily fill 3 pews. You were admired by many including us as a quiet, reserved man who loved his family and gave back to the community. May you rest in heavenly peace. Our sympathy & prayers to the whole family.

Larry & Rita Kerstiens

**Larry/Rita Kerstiens** - June 26, 2018 at 09:04 AM

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“ I had the great good fortune to have the office next to Paul's at Marshall & Melhorn for many years. I asked him every day "how are you?" just so I could hear his daily affirmation "Marvelous!" As my coworkers and I left the office before the Thanksgiving and Christmas, Paul would always admonish us with a smile, "consume judiciously." He was a great mentor, wonderful partner, and everything you could ask for in a friend. Peace.

**Jim Irmen** - June 26, 2018 at 08:41 AM

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“ One of the greatest neighbors in Westmoreland growing up...  
Much love and many happy memories to Carol and her family...  
Anne Devany Parsons

**Anne Parsons** - June 26, 2018 at 07:15 AM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Paul Martin Kraus.



June 26, 2018 at 05:56 AM

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“ One of my very favorite memories of Paul Kraus comes from the days on Shenandoah. I remember having a sleepover with Gretchen when we were probably about 8 years old. We were peeking through the banister during an adult dinner party. In the middle of the party, Paul walked upstairs right past us, put on his pajamas, and then came back down, stood on the stairs and said good night to all of the guests! I think of that often now as a dinner party host and love his humor and sense of self. Much love! "BX"

**BA Laris** - June 25, 2018 at 07:59 PM