



Mr. Paul H. Belknap

February 6, 1955 - January 13, 2024

Paul Henry Belknap passed away on Saturday January 13, 2024, in Pittsfield, MA after a brief battle with cancer.

Born on February 6, 1955, in Pittsfield, MA, the son of the late Charles and Eleanor (Quinn)Belknap, he was the oldest of five children.

Paul grew up in Pittsfield and graduated in 1973 from the former St. Joseph High School. He received his undergraduate degree from North Adams State College and his Master's in Education from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. At the beginning of his teaching career, Paul taught English for United Brands dependents in Costa Rica. He returned home and took a position as the Night Supervisor for UPS in Pittsfield for 6 years. He began his real teaching journey after being hired into the Lee, MA public school systems where he remained for 33 years. Teaching was his passion and he enjoyed his many students over the years.

Paul was a volunteer coach at the Catholic Youth Center of Pittsfield for several years. Paul was an active blood donor and over the course of his life he donated more than 25 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross. He was especially proud of working with the Pittsfield Police Dare Summer Program for 20 years.

Paul loved traveling with Ann to the beaches of Mexico, Cape Cod, and Florida. They enjoyed the countryside of Pennsylvania and traveling to Alaska with friends, as well as many family gathering in Rhode Island.

Paul leaves behind his loving wife Ann E (Reynolds) Belknap. He is predeceased by his sister Jane Hoffman. He is survived by his brother Brian Belknap (Lori) of Washington, MA; his sister Karen Rogers (Chris) of Windsor, MA; his brother Gary Belknap of Bradenton, FL, and his brother-in-law Mike Hoffman and his partner Torey Winn. He leaves his beloved uncle, Richard Quinn, of Pittsfield, MA. Paul leaves his sister-in-law Catherine Gray (George) of Ashaway, RI, his brothers in law George Reynolds (Cheryl) of Otis, MA and Michael Reynolds of Great Barrington, MA. Paul also leaves behind many nieces and nephews and the extended Arpante and Tullv families.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Hillcrest-Phelps Cancer Center, Berkshire Medical Center, HospiceCare of the Berkshires and the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association.

FUNERAL NOTICE:

Funeral services for Mr. Paul H. Belknap will be Saturday, March 16, 2024 with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Paul's memory can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, 877 South St., Suite 1W, Pittsfield MA 01201, and Berkshire Family YMCA 292 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

CI

“ Paul Belknap was one of my favorite teachers in High School, first had him for English in 6th grade and he was a riot, always had great stories to share and kept us engaged. I next had him for American history In my senior year and he was still very much the same. I wasn't the best student but he never gave up on anyone who had him as a teacher. I'm thankful to have known and learned from him. Thank you Paul.

Colin Ingram - March 13, 2024 at 11:11 AM

AG

“ I met Paul years ago when we participated in educational in-services, etc. I would run into him now and then and we would talk about our experiences. He was a very kind man, and I am so sorry for your loss.

Amy R Gelinas - March 11, 2024 at 12:58 PM

MC

“ Sending prayers and condolences to Ann and family. Paul was a great friend through High School and was responsible for getting me interested in being a Numismatic. Great guy all around!

Michael Chretien - March 09, 2024 at 06:25 PM

AS

“ One of my favorite teachers. Super sad. Sending the family love. ❤️

Ashley - January 28, 2024 at 04:36 PM

EE

“ Sorry for your loss of Paul please accept our condolences,Ed and Lisa Elias!

Ed Elias - January 22, 2024 at 07:59 PM

ER

“ Dear Ann and Karen,
Bill and I send to you our heartfelt sympathy. We are thinking about you and remembering you in our prayers. Paul volunteered so much of his time, and that is an amazing gift of more than 25 gallons of blood he donated to the American Red Cross. Warm regards, and love, Beth Ross

Elizabeth Ross - January 20, 2024 at 03:15 PM

BB

Dear Brian and family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

bill o brien - March 19, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BK

“ Dear Ann and all of Paul's family,
I am so very sorry to read of Paul's passing. I met you both at Sacred Heart Church many years ago. The years just fly by! One never knows where life will lead us. May you feel God's arms wrapped around you bringing you peace & comfort. Gob bless you all. RIP, Paul.
Sincerely,
BeckyKnox



Becky Knox - January 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MG

“ *Dear Ann and Family,
Know that many hearts were broken when we heard of Paul’s passing. I was one of many who taught with Paul in the Lee School System. Always a gentleman with a smile and a hello. He was a dedicated teacher and gave of himself 100%. He was loved by staff and more importantly by the many students he taught over his career. I was fortunate to see him at the market just before Christmas. We had a “ catch-up “ conversation and then he told me about his illness. I will cherish that meeting. My deepest prayers and sympathy go out to you and your family.*

Marie Gormalley - January 20, 2024 at 06:08 AM

VM

“ *Vin Marinaro lit a candle in memory of Paul Belknap*



Vin Marinaro - January 20, 2024 at 03:48 AM

TW

“ *Mr. belinap was one of my 2 favorite teachers and my favorite high school teacher, which did not come easy for him!!! Though he did not ever give up on me even with my bitter attitude in 6th grade and onward to the high school untill we became friends. I looked forward to his class every day (psychology) and to be honest I think that was my best high school grade lol. I have often found myself thinking about him when reminiscing about my school years which always ended with a smile. I'm saddened to read of his passing!! My deepest condolences to his long list of family, friends, and loved ones. Also to all the students he made a great connection with. I'm forever grateful that I got the second chance after 6th grade to have the bond we had. He would sit and listen with no judgment of at the time what seemed to be big life issues and always had a way of making us students laugh on the worst days. REST EASY*
Mr. Belknap

Thomas Winters - January 19, 2024 at 10:48 PM

MK

“ *paul was one the best teachers ive ever met im so sorry for your loss*

marlene v koloski - January 19, 2024 at 10:10 PM

JB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Belknap was a great teacher. He actually was my son's favorite teacher. I appreciate everything he did for him. May he rest in peace.*

Janice Braim - January 19, 2024 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ Ann, I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and a great colleague. Prayers for you that you can get through this most difficult time. Thinking of you 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Diane Carroll - January 19, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DW

“ Dear Belknap/Scolforo family, We are so sorry to hear about Paul. I was lucky enough to grow up and be close friends with Jane so their house was the place to be. RIP Paul no more pain, Jane and your parents are waiting with open arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with your wife and siblings.

Donna (Hescock) & Ken Walz & family

Donna Walz - January 19, 2024 at 07:40 PM

KJ

“ Mr. Belknap introduced me to the Berkshire Coin Club. I would often visit him after finishing school as he meant a great deal to me.



Kevin A Murphy Jr - January 19, 2024 at 07:29 PM

SM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Mr. Belknap's passing. He was my Honors US History teacher at Lee High School. He was the best teacher always had such a welcoming smile! I wrote a paper for him once and he never gave out 100% because he said "You can always make a paper better!" He gave me a 100% then bragged about my paper for weeks, he was that blown away. I still have that graded paper even after 15 years! He will truly be missed. I send my condolences 🌸

Simah Middleton - January 19, 2024 at 05:38 PM