



Mr. Paul G. Duquette

October 3, 1942 - May 27, 2017

Mr. Paul G. Duquette, 74, of Stamford, VT, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Springside Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Born in Pittsfield on October 3, 1942 the son of Donald and Marguerite Henneberry Duquette, he was a 1960 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

He went on to earn a degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology and a Master's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Paul's greatest passion in life was in his chosen profession as an educator and mentor, encouraging students to reach their potential. He worked at Lenox Memorial High School from 1967 to 1982 and then became a professor of Math and Computer Science at MCLA from 1982 until 2015.

He was musically inclined and played many instruments from the trumpet with the PHS band to the fiddle and flute with a wonderful group of fellow musicians on Saturday mornings at MASS MoCA. His love of music lead him to contra dancing and the company of many who shared his favor.

Paul was also an outdoorsman, he loved hiking, biking, fly fishing and canoeing and trips that took him to diverse locations, especially his beautiful Berkshires.

He is survived by his four children, Fianna Toolan of Pittsfield, Paula Murphy of Housatonic, Christie Duquette Willaredt of Wesley Chapel, FL and Nicole Duquette; a brother, Donald B. Duquette and his wife Carol Ann; grandchildren, Madison and Tate Markel, Jacqueline Rose Thoresen Toolan, Eliza Murphy, Bailynn Henry and Zandyr Stimpson; 2 nephews, Jason and

Peter; his former wives, Jacqueline Toolan Benham and Michele "Lady" Duquette. Paul is also survived by many wonderful cousins, musician buddies and contra dancing partners and former students.

Funeral Notice:

There will be no formal funeral service for Paul, but the family would like to invite friends to the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA on Monday, June 5, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m. for a time to express condolences and share memories with Paul's family. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Moments House in Pittsfield, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
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<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Paul was a very dear friend for over twenty years. He was always there to help out in a pinch. He was unfailingly kind and smiling. No one will ever take his place in our hearts. He is going to be so greatly missed in the dance community. I am so grateful that I got to spend some quality time with him in the last few weeks of his life. My heart goes out to all of his family.

Kathryn Wedderburn - June 05, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - June 05, 2017 at 09:15 AM

MF

“ Duke and Carol and family,
So very sorry to learn of Paul's passing. We understand he went through a lot fighting his disease. May he now rest in peace.

Fondly,
Mike and Leslie

Mike Fiorini - June 03, 2017 at 09:29 AM

LW

“ Paul was a wonderful colleague at MCLA. Good in the classroom, always willing to help both students and co-teachers. When we had trouble organizing Logo classes he used his spare time to write us a text. When not working, we could be regaled with tales of his canoe trip adventures or latest contra dance find. He was a true friend and will be missed.
Larry Wright (MCLA Computer Science 1990-2000)

Larry Wright - June 03, 2017 at 08:55 AM

MM

“ To the family of Mr. Duquette: I am very sorry for your loss! Mr. Duquette taught me in high school and was so very respected by us all. He connected to each individual he taught and knew each and every one of us so well. I will never ever forget the Tyringham obstacle courses in Spring of 1977 and 1978. It taught us so much! How to lean on friends, trust our friends, laugh, learn and be partners! May he rest in peace.
Marlene Hutchinson MacFarlane

Marlene MacFarlane - June 02, 2017 at 03:23 PM

MM

“ I'm sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Paul was one of my favorite professors at MCLA. I even went so far as to be one his teaching assist for one of his intro to programming class. He had a way to making the material accessible to people who never used a computer. This is something I strive for when I work to train people on various types of technology.

My favorite story he told was how he was taking his herbal supplements one morning and couldn't remember which one he hadn't taken yet. He explained it turned out to be his ginkgo biloba (commonly used to help with one's memory). He used to tell us stories of the start of the computer science department at MCLA and the effort it took to get it going. The lengths that the professors went to in order to learn the skills needed to get the department started always stuck with me.

Paul also used to tell me about going to NEFFA at Natick high school every year. Having grown up in Natick, I would think of Paul whenever the festival came to town. I regret not reaching out to him while he was in town. Paul was a special man. I will always remember his stories, his love for folk music/dancing and his passion for teaching.

Mike Micalone - June 02, 2017 at 07:20 AM

KO

“ Sure going to miss my dancing partner; Paul was a fine dancer and a wonderful friend. I know he lived his life with kindness.

Katie Olmstead - June 01, 2017 at 09:49 AM