



## Mr. Paul D. Petrides

September 25, 1945 - April 23, 2020

Mr. Paul D. Petrides, 74, of Pittsfield, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020. Born in Brockton, MA, on September 25, 1945, the son of the late Peter Petrides and June Dorgan Fortes, he graduated from Brockton High School and later attended classes at Quincy Junior College and Suffolk University.

Paul was a Vietnam-era Veteran. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1964 and proudly served his country until 1970.

Paul dedicated his career to serving and supporting at-risk youth. He held various positions as a counselor, supervisor, athletic director and most fondly as a coach. He was able to help kids in Brockton, Ma, Jacksonville Fl, and throughout Berkshire County, MA. Students would often reach out, years later to thank Paul for having a positive impact on their lives.

Paul reconnected with his highschool sweetheart, the former Janet Jensen, whom he married on March, 24, 1990. Paul was a caring, steady and loving stepfather to James Thomas of Pittsfield, MA, Matthew (Heather) Thomas of Jay, VT, and Amy (Matthew) Morin of Attleboro,

MA. He is survived by his sister Vicki Petrides of Orange Park, Fl. Paul shared a special bond with his nephew Randy Petrides (Kim) of Mebane, NC and loved him like a son. In addition, Paul leaves behind a half brother Peter A Petrides, stepbrothers David Plausse, Mark Plausse, Robert Fortes, a stepsister Roni Lubinsky, their families and numerous cousins.

Paul was the family memory keeper and saved newspaper clippings,

handmade cards, and old photographs. The most special of these memories were from his grandchildren and great nephews. Paul loved being Grampa to Jeremy, Tabitha, Luke, Maleena, Allison, Jennifer, Daniel, Addilyn and Paislee and Uncle-Paul to his adored great nephews Eben and Jesse. He always treated the kids to donuts when they stayed at the house as he knew it would bring a smile to their faces and was affectionately known as "Donut-man". Paul loved to play racquetball, tennis, billiards, and cards. Paul taught everyone how to play the card game "Spades" and many exciting games were played with family and friends. He was an avid sports fan who collected sports cards and loved to follow baseball, basketball and football with LeBron James, the NY Giants and the Yankees topping the list. Paul and Jan had many family pets over the years, including Bella, Mooch, Heidi and most recently their sweet cat Gertie. All the animals adored Paul and loved curling up next to him when he was watching a game.

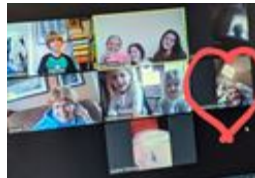
Funeral Notice:

Funeral services with full military honors for Mr. Paul D. Petrides will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sonsini Animal Shelter, 875 Crane Ave, Pittsfield, MA in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - June 19, 2020 at 12:36 PM

RW

“ Dear Jan and family...Dave and I are so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find some measure of comfort over the weeks and months ahead in the many loving memories you all share. Love RoAnn and Dave

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**RoAnn Wendling** - April 26, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BB

“ Im so sorry for all of your loss. Paul was so kind and patient with all of the students we worked with together. His gentle voice and soul will always be remembered . Peace and love to you Jan , Tabitha and all of his loving family .



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**brenda brown** - April 26, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JF

“ I remember staying at your Mom &Dads one summer we had a blast running around and eating so many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, very good memories as a child may you rest in peace  
Cousin

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**Joanne Forte** - April 25, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul D. Petrides.



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April 25, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JG

“ Paul was a tremendous asset to CIP Berkshire as a driver. His kindness, warmth, carefulness, willingness to remind students what was and was not appropriate, and ever-present good humor made him invaluable.

As the academic coordinator of the program, I appreciated all of that, as well as the fact that Paul, too, held LeBron James in high esteem, AND he gave me Buffalo Bills cards. No one else every has. Paul did things like that for people, to be kind, to honor their interests and to reach out.

I have missed him as a colleague in the past year and a half.  
What a good man.

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**Judy Gerich** - April 25, 2020 at 02:03 PM

KM

“ *I remember the intense games of Spades at the house on Gamwell Avenue. Paul always played to win, but was gracious when he lost, which wasn't often. Rest In Peace, Paul. Kelly McWilliams*

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**Kelly McWilliams** - April 25, 2020 at 01:13 PM