



## Mr. Paul J. Smegal

March 10, 1979 - November 7, 2016

Mr. Paul J. Smegal, 37, of Pittsfield, passed away at Berkshire Medical Center on November 7, 2016 due to undiagnosed heart disease. Born in Pittsfield on March 10, 1979, the son of Paul S. Smegal and Deborah (Maynard) Brunelle, he was a 1997 graduate of Wahconah Regional High School. While in high school, Paul played football and later, while attending Norwich University in Vermont, played rugby. Paul enjoyed spending time with lifelong friends made in high school and college.

In 2006, Paul moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where he worked as a self-employed contractor. After spending seven years in Charlotte, during which time he formed many close relationships, he returned to Pittsfield in 2014 to re-join his family and reconnect with friends. He continued working as a residential contractor creating high-quality, custom carpentry.

Paul was always a hunting, fishing and outdoors enthusiast, even from a young age. After moving back to Pittsfield, Paul shared this passion with his friends and family, particularly fishing and kayaking with his oldest nephew, Aiden, and sister Jaclyn. Paul enjoyed spending time with his family. He was loyal to the friends he made throughout his life and many consider him their brother.

All who knew Paul will recall his talent for telling stories (which included minor embellishments and amusing reenactments), his infectious laugh and his smile from ear to ear. Paul could light up a room, and was known to serenade friends and family while playing guitar (self-taught) or belt out songs by Pearl

Jam, Crash Test Dummies, Kid Rock, Guns N' Roses, Aaron Lewis, Wilson Pickett ("Mustang Sally"), and more at karaoke or family events. He liked to hijack the microphone wherever he could and would sometimes talk with Uncle Vito late night on PYX106. Paul was also an incredible dancer who tore up the dance floor, especially at family weddings. There was no containing him when a Michael Jackson song came on.

Besides his parents, Paul is survived by his girlfriend, Theresa Vallera of Connecticut and his stepfather, James Brunelle, of Southampton. He is also survived by his sister, Sarah Smegal, her husband, Jeffrey DaCosta and their daughter, Samantha, of Boston; his sister, Jaclyn Alibozek and her son, Aiden, of Pittsfield; and his brother, Jason Smegal, his wife, Katie, and their son, Wyatt, of Pittsfield. Paul is further survived by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Janet Maynard, of Lanesboro and his maternal aunt and uncle: Lynn (Maynard) Gajewski of Lititz, PA and Stephen Maynard of Lanesboro. Paul is also survived by his many paternal aunts and uncle: Joan (Smegal) Johnson of Pittsfield; Patricia (Smegal) and Ronald Bordeau of Pittsfield; Bruce and Brenda Smegal of Stephentown, NY; Cynthia (Smegal) and Patrick Pepper of Lumberton, NJ; Barbara (Smegal) and John VanDyke of Minneapolis, MN; and JoAnne (Smegal) and Rob Christman of Falmouth, ME. Paul also leaves behind many beloved cousins, extended family members, and friends.

Paul is pre-deceased by his paternal grandparents, Joseph S. Smegal and Alice (French) Smegal; his paternal uncle, Joseph P. Smegal; and his maternal uncle, Jonathan Maynard, all formerly of Pittsfield. He was also predeceased by his dog and faithful companion, Birdman.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Paul J. Smegal will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave., Pittsfield, celebrated by Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor and concelebrated by Paul's cousin, Rev. John Smegal. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home

will be held Friday, November 11, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If friends desire, donations may be made in Paul's memory, payable to Jaclyn Alibozek in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home to offset final costs.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **11.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV **12.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
89 Briggs Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.

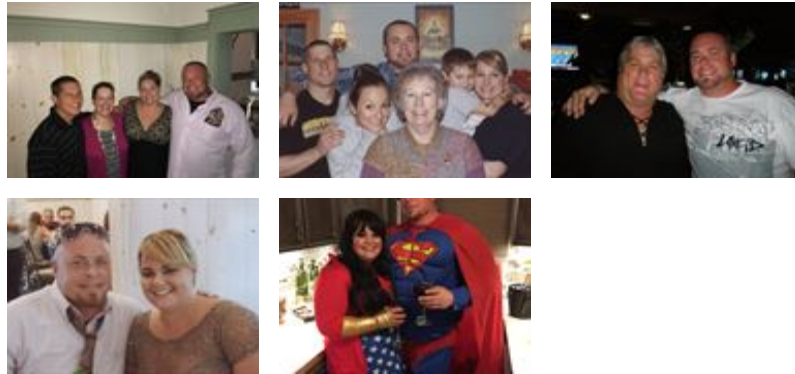


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November 11, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - November 11, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.



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November 11, 2016 at 01:38 PM

HF

“ HF Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.



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HF Family - November 11, 2016 at 08:42 AM

CT

“ To the Smegal family,  
I was so shocked to read of Paul's sudden death. Paul was a student in my 5th grade class in Dalton, as well as all of his siblings. My thoughts and prayers to all of you at this sad time. With deepest sympathy....Chris Tietgens

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Chris Tietgens - November 11, 2016 at 06:57 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.



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November 10, 2016 at 06:16 PM

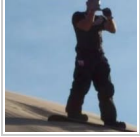


“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.



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November 10, 2016 at 05:14 PM

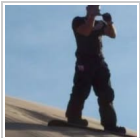


“ *At the rising and setting of the sun , we will remember Paul  
At the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter, we will remember Paul  
At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring, we will remember Paul  
At the blueness of the skies and the warmth of summer we will remember Paul  
At the beginning of the year and when it ends, we will remember Paul  
For he is now a part of us as we remember him.*

*My sincere sympathy,  
Colleen Coakley Shaw*

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**Chris Beaulieu** - November 10, 2016 at 11:02 AM



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**Chris Beaulieu** - November 10, 2016 at 09:54 AM

MK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Smegal family members at this untimely passing of Paul. From our early years in Lanesborough through the years to Dalton we have always been present to each other's family. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to each one of you.

God lends us to our earthly family and we return one day to His loving embrace from which we were created. Deb I wish I was there to give you a hug. Maggi and Tim Kirby from our Cape Cod home.

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**Maggi Kirby** - November 10, 2016 at 08:23 AM

CH

“ Family of Paul,  
I am shocked and deeply sorry to hear that Paul has passed away. I will always remember his sense of humor and infectious laugh from high school. He was a good friend to me and many others. Sarah, Jackie, and Jason-I hope that your memories of him will comfort you now and moving forward. I am thinking of you all and sending prayers.

With love,  
Christie Higuera

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**Christie M Higuera** - November 10, 2016 at 07:40 AM

DM

“ Paul and family, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. May Paul Jr. rest in peace and all your fondest memories keep him alive in your hearts forever.

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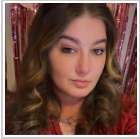
**Denise Shampang Messana** - November 10, 2016 at 07:25 AM

MC

“ Paul, we had some incredible memories hunting. We also had some great laughs!  
That smile is captivating!  
Rest In Peace my friend  
Michael Ciaburri

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**Michael Ciaburri** - November 10, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ Kristi-Lee Lannan lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Paul J. Smegal



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**Kristi-Lee Lannan** - November 10, 2016 at 05:47 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Paul, his family, and friends. Paul you will be truly missed. You were the brother I never had. I will never forget the great times we shared. Thank you for all the great memories. Your smile and laugh was contagious. You always had the ability to pick me up when I was feeling down, and offered support when needed. I will never forget your selflessness, and how you were always willing to offer a helping hand. I can truly say I am a better person for knowing you. You were taken from us too early. I pray that the Lord will allow our roads to cross again in the future, but until then I will wait patiently. I love you brother.

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**Jeremy Brazeau** - November 09, 2016 at 09:07 PM

IK

“ To the Smegal Family.....

*When I moved to Florida it was 1981. That was 35 years ago and Paul was about 2 years old. He was a neighbor of mine but I never got a chance to watch him mature into the happy looking guy that his photo shows me he was. I am sorry for your family's loss. In my memory of your family, I can see Paul's resemblance to his Grandma Alice. She was a happy lady and always willing to cook or help in any way possible.*

*You are a very close knit family and I know in my heart that you will stick together and help each other out. Keep your Faith up and know that Paul is going home to do some much needed work for God himself. He will always be with you if you just remember all the good times you had with him during his life.*

*My opinion is that when Paul appears up there, beyond the pain and suffering, he will be welcomed by his elders and they will see him born again to enjoy all that he has missed with them. He will just go on making others happy and for you left behind, just remember the love and affection you shared with him in his brief life on earth.*

*Keeping all of you in my prayers and Paul, too. Peace on Earth.  
Love and Prayers to  
a very special Smegal family. xo*

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**Irene Keegan** - November 09, 2016 at 08:20 PM



“ My best memory of Paul is the first time I met him. We were at fat parrot. We were watching a pool game. I think John Graham was playing. But I was stating on a stool and he was standing in front of me , but he kept backing into me and would turn around and smile at me. But it was starting to get on my last nerve . So the last time I let him back into me I grabbed him by the hips and looked at him and said would you like to just sat on my lap , and what did Paul do ? He turned and sat on my lap with the biggest smile on his face. And he said hi my name is Paul I just moved to Charlotte and a few other things . Who could not love him after that ? He was a great person in all since of the word. At least to me. He had so many friends here in Charlotte and will be missed by all. I am so sorry to all his family and friends. R.I.P. PAUL. With all my love and thoughts. God has a plan to all the good people he takes . old and young.

Anita Turbeville - November 09, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ Paul Chiriboga lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul J. Smegal



Paul Chiriboga - November 09, 2016 at 06:30 PM

PL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Smegal family. Paul will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I will never forget all the great memories. My heart aches about his passing. May he rest in piece. I will always think of him ....See you on the other side, my brother.

sincerely,  
Patrick Lynch and family

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**patrick lynch** - November 09, 2016 at 05:04 PM

DL

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Debbie Lyon** - November 09, 2016 at 09:51 PM

PJ

“ Pat, Lauri, Rose, Amy, Jay ,Max and Jake purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Paul J. Smegal.



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**Pat, Lauri, Rose, Amy, Jay ,Max and Jake** - November 09, 2016 at 04:29 PM