



Paul Francis Gatley Sr.

March 3, 1944 - June 18, 2021

Paul Francis Gatley, Sr., 77, of St. Cloud, FL, passed away on June 18, 2021, in Advent Health Celebration Hospital, Kissimmee, Florida.

Paul was born in Philadelphia, PA to Francis and Gertrude Gatley on March 3, 1944. He married his beloved wife Louise Carlson on September 18, 1965, in Philadelphia, PA. Paul is a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the Army Reserves. Paul began his railroad career with the Penn Central Transportation Company December 7, 1972. Paul was hired by National Railroad Passenger Corporation/Amtrak after its formation. Paul held many positions from the east coast to the west coast and back, including Dispatcher, Chief Dispatcher, Phila., PA, and Balti., MD; Superintendent of Operations, Peninsula Commute Service, San Jose, CA; Director Operation Support, Emeryville, CA; Director Manpower Utilization, Wilmington, DE. Paul retired in December 2002 and moved to Florida. In retirement Paul worked sixteen years, part time for Pep Boys, Kissimmee, Florida. Paul enjoyed encouraging those around him to achieve their best, not to be afraid of risk, plan for their future and always “believe in yourself”. Paul always put his family first and will be remembered as a kind man who always welcomed you with a smile, a firm handshake and someone who would always look to pass on helpful knowledge and advice.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Francis Gatley, Sr. and Gertrude Gatley.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife, Louise Gatley, his children, Paul Gatley Jr. and Louise Quasney, their spouses, Peggy Gatley and Kurt Quasney, Sr., his brothers and sisters, Mary Gallagher, Francis Gatley Jr, Anne Wilt, John Gatley and his Grandchildren, Kurt Quasney Jr, Paul Gatley III, Benjamin Quasney and Great grandchild, Anthony Quasney.

A celebration remembrance will be planned in the upcoming months. At the Families request Donations may be given in Paul's name to Tunnel to Towers at t2t.org or The Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Francis Gatley Sr..



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“ Paul was one of the “older” cousins that I didn’t get to know very well. My fondest memories are of visiting his parents, Aunt Dot and Uncle Fran, in their candy store. Oh! We looked forward to that ever so much.

Sincere condolences to his family. Be comforted knowing that he is in God's loving arms now. And with his Mom and Dad again.

With sympathy,
Claire Lewis Vighetti

claire vighetti - June 25, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ Paul’s parents were my Godparents, so all the Gatleys were my favs . I think I had a crush on him in our teens, even though he was a year younger ! It sounds like he had an awesome life ! I’m sorry for his family’s loss but know he’s happy to be with his parents and other family members . I’m sorry for not finding out sooner...I think there should be a “ Koenig “ family reunion ! How much fun would that be ? God bless our Paul and his family and all my other earthly cousins ! Love & sympathy ,

RoseMarie Lewis

Rose Marie Lewis - June 25, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ The first time I met Paul was through his daughter, Louise. I was welcomed in their home with open arms. I was like I had known them forever. The most kind, loving and thoughtful man I had ever met. He will be missed. May he rest in God's loving arms.

Robin Patrono - June 23, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ Dear Louise and children, We are so sorry for Paul's passing. What a good time we always had, when our family was together. He is sadly missed, but will never be forgotten. May God bless all of you. Be at peace.

mary gallagher - June 24, 2021 at 01:45 PM