



Paul Richard Whelan

December 8, 1939 - November 30, 2020

Paul Richard Whelan, 80 of Bloomfield, NJ passed away on November 30, 2020. Paul was born in East Orange and lived his entire life in Bloomfield. He graduated Bloomfield High School and self-taught 3 languages and was considered an expert in Spanish Civil War. He published a book "Soviet Airman in Spanish Civil War" that is available on Amazon. Paul was avid reader and learner. He had an open mind and heart. Before retiring he worked as a Plumber for Local 24 for over 45 years. Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years Patricia M. Whelan; children: Barbara Kaplan, Leighann Redling, Henry Whelan, Sean Whelan; brothers Henry E. Whelan of Plainfield, Illinois and George L. Whelan of Marshall, Michigan; Grandchildren: Nancy Cofone, Jessica Cofone Khouzam, Joseph Romano, Kristen & Brian Schreckstein, Casey, Henry & Gavin Whelan, Joey, Jaylyn and Julia Whelan, Evan Kaplan; great-grandchildren: Ian Shields, Alexandra And Zackary Khouzam. Paul was predeceased by his parents Henry and Edna Whelan, daughter Patty Whelan and brother Arthur G. Whelan of Bloomfield and grandson Benji Cofone. In lieu of flowers please donate in Paul's memory to St. Jude's or Newark/Bloomfield Elks Lodge, 296 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Glendale Cemetery
28 Hoover Ave
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Robert W. Stewart lit a candle in memory of Paul Richard Whelan



Robert W. Stewart - December 25, 2020 at 06:29 AM

RS

Pat and family, I just heard the news from my Dad. May God give you strength during the days ahead.

Robert W. Stewart - December 25, 2020 at 06:31 AM

DS

“ Debi Stewart lit a candle in memory of Paul Richard Whelan



Debi Stewart - December 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

RS

“ Robert Stewart lit a candle in memory of Paul Richard Whelan



Robert Stewart - December 22, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DH

“ *Donna Stewart Henle lit a candle in memory of Paul Richard Whelan*



Donna Stewart Henle - December 22, 2020 at 06:36 PM

NF

“ *Nancy Fiore lit a candle in memory of Paul Richard Whelan*



Nancy Fiore - December 11, 2020 at 08:59 AM

NF

“ *Pat, and the entire Whelan family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of paul, I just heard and am heartbroken for all of you, we lost my mom and Dad a few years now and all I can think about is the wonderful times we all shared at Aunt Mary and Uncle Dave's house, you are all in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless all of you! Nancy Fiore, Lucy & Phil's youngest daughter.*
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Nancy Fiore - December 11, 2020 at 08:58 AM

JW

“ Paul generously gave of his time to help the boys of Troop 22 do their Eagle projects. Patiently sharing his building knowledge. I will forever be thankful for the time he gave my son. My heart goes out to all of his family!
Joanne Wasilewski




JOANNE WASILEWSKI - December 06, 2020 at 06:58 PM

CM

“ The Whelan Family ~ My heart goes out to you all, for you lost an amazing man. I was lucky to grow up around one of the best families I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I loved the big family, the crazy full house of people, the laughs and sarcasm and that feeling that you were ALWAYS welcome! Mr. Whelan was just a great person and such a devoted husband and father. Those who were lucky to know him were truly blessed. May he rest in peace and be with those he has lost. Patty is with her Daddy now.

Cheryl Mascuch Miller

Cheryl Miller - December 06, 2020 at 01:37 PM

 Cheryl Peaslee

“ *Uncle Paul, I will miss you dearly. I so enjoyed having you and Aunt Pat stay at my house when you came out to visit. Your funny, charming wit was what made me us all love you so much. When you would leave to go home, you would hug me good-be and say "I love you". You will never know what that meant to me. I have so many good memories of coming to your house as a kid, to bringing my kids to your house to share some of the same memories I grew up with. The chaos, the love, the sarcasm. it's what I loved about visiting. I am grateful my children got to spend time with you and our crazy Whelan family. I love you and hope to see you again someday.*

Cheryl Whelan Peaslee



Cheryl Peaslee - December 05, 2020 at 08:51 PM

DL

“Fare infinitely well,
You who have valorously dared
This last, unshared
Unending and all-perfect quest;
You who at length can tell
The things God has prepared
Are best,
Are best.”

...from a poem by Sister Madeleva Wolff

My heart breaks for the Whelan family. You have suffered a stunning loss. Paul was a man of extraordinary humanity. How blessed were we who had the privilege of knowing him.

I grieve with you,

*Donna
Montreal, Canada*

D. Lane - December 05, 2020 at 01:43 PM

HW

“Pat and Family, We pray that Jesus will comfort you in this time of your great loss, and give you happy memories of Paul. We love you all, and want you to know that we are here for you if you need us. Pat, I want you to know that you are one of the Sisters I never had, and I thank God for you. I appreciate you and love you very much. Our whole family loves all of you, and pray for your comfort. Just remember what a wonderful loving husband and father Paul was. Henry and Juanita and family

Henry Whelan - December 05, 2020 at 12:02 PM

KK

Beautifully said dad. Love you all and will miss uncle Paul so very much! ❤️

Karen Kunkle - December 07, 2020 at 03:09 PM

HW

“ *My Dear Brother Paul. I miss you so very much, but I'm not going to say goodbye. I'm going to say till we meet again in that beautiful, loving new home Jesus Christ has prepared for our next life together. I will miss all those great trips we made to the Air Museums, and most of all regret that we didn't get to go again as we had talked about. I remember all the fun get together's, birthday's, weddings, etc, that we got to enjoy at each others homes. I'll never forget what a loving, and happy Brother you were. Pray that you are having a joyous reunion with Patti, Mom and Dad, brother Art, and all our family members that have gone before us to the new home Jesus has prepared for all of us. You were such a wonderful brother, you will always have a loving place in my heart.*
Brother Hank

Henry Whelan - December 04, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BK

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Barbara Kaplan - December 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.*



December 03, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.*



December 03, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *so sorry to hear of Mr. Whelan's passingMr. Whelan had a great sense of humor and it was always fun to be in his companyMy deepest sympathy to Mrs. Whelan ,Henry Barbara ,Leigh Ann ,Sean and the entire Whelan family.....Leonard Yuhas...*

Leonard Yuhas - December 03, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.*



December 03, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JW

“ *Poppy and his favorite girl Julia* ❤️



jaylyn whelan - December 03, 2020 at 10:29 AM

JW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



jaylyn whelan - December 03, 2020 at 08:12 AM

TK

“ *Dream trip to China in 2005 with my father-in-law and his birthday buddy Julio Figueroa. We had the best time! Just wanted to share some our memories.*



Todd Kaplan - December 02, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JF

We had a great trip together in China 🇨🇳

Julio Figueroa - December 02, 2020 at 09:46 PM

BK

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara Kaplan - December 02, 2020 at 09:09 PM

CW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Casey Whelan - December 02, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.



December 02, 2020 at 04:54 PM

GT

“ Dearest Whelan Family. So saddened by the loss of our loved one. Want you to know that your family is also my family too. Really hate that Paul didn't make it but God knows best. He saw that he was so tired and he couldn't stand much more so he said "Paul come with me to a much better place where you will never have to endure any more sickness and will be so happy with the place I have prepared for you. You will be with your mother, Dad, Art, and your daughter and grandbaby. They are awaiting your arrival"
I know how hard it is for you all but just remember all the good times and the wonderful memories. Love each one of you and pray for peace and comfort.
Don and Geneva



Geneva Testerman - December 02, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.



December 02, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MH

“ Medfirst Homecare purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.



Medfirst Homecare - December 02, 2020 at 10:09 AM

KS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kimberley Spitz - December 02, 2020 at 12:18 AM

BK

“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara Kaplan - December 01, 2020 at 11:12 PM

KK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Karen Kunkle - December 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.* ”



December 01, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Whelan.* ”



December 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - December 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - December 01, 2020 at 12:26 PM