



Paul H. Gustke

October 25, 1931 - July 23, 2020

Paul H. Gustke was born in River Rouge, Michigan and passed away peacefully in his Sarasota, Florida home with his loving wife, Paulette at his side.

Paul was son to the late Hugo William Gustke and Margaret “Lounghway” Gustske and brother to Eleanor Smith (deceased), Joann Sievert (deceased), and Gail Brewer of Yorkville, Illinois.

Paul enjoyed a full life and stated he felt lucky to have shared it with the love of his life, Paulette for over 27 years; sailing, traveling, and dancing together.

Paul grew up in Chicago and attended Catholic school all his life. He graduated from DePaul University with a degree in physical education. Paul loved sports and competition. Besides his main sport of bowling, he was an avid skier, golfer, tennis, basketball, and softball player & was a certified diver. He also had a keen interest in genealogy.

Paul was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1955 and served 2 tours of duty in the Pacific aboard the USS Columbus (CA-74) and achieved the rank of Petty Officer Third Class E3 Radarman.

Paul worked until retirement in the Chicago Public Schools as a physical

education teacher at Tuley – Clemente High School. He also was the owner of several successful businesses.

Paul loved the water and frequently sailed on Lake Michigan. After retirement he was able to spend more time sailing in the warmer climate of Florida. He had a Hunter sailboat which the couple lived on for a year as they sailed the coasts of Florida. In 1994 they docked at their new home at Sarasota Harbour.

Paul was an avid bowler. In 1960, he founded the Western Division of the “National Collegiate Individual Match Game Championships” and continued as its director for 22 years.

Paul was inducted into DePaul University’s Hall of Fame in 1987. In 2018 he became the 25th bowler to reach 60 years of tournament play in the USBC Open Championships and has won over 100 trophies for his bowling prowess. He was also inducted into Sarasota Manatee County Men’s Hall of Fame in 2019.

Paul also had a love for ballroom dancing. He danced several times a week with his wife and together they became proficient at Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine Tango.

Paul had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh and have a good time. He often said that he would live forever. He quipped that he was right until just recently when he graduated into the big gymnasium in the sky. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Paul will be buried at Sarasota National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Paul was a dear friend and colleague. My prayers go out to Paulet and Paul's family and friends. Toni Lorvig

Antoinette M. Lorvig - August 02, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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uncle Paul was always nice to me.i always liked him,even when I was 20 ...41 yrs ago,and he schooled me at ping pong.

dave brewer - August 04, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“ Paul was always a teacher with high professional and personal standards, and a great and and loyal friend. Countless friends are deeply saddened and will miss him but will have many lasting memories to cherish.

Rich Tomoleoni

Richard Tomoleoni - August 02, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ My thoughts & prayers go out to the Gustke family.
Sarasota-Manatee Hall of fame member Cliff Martin

Cliff Martin - August 01, 2020 at 01:50 PM