



Paul Jerome Klaus Jr.

December 3, 1944 - December 14, 2018

Paul J. Klaus, Jr. of Maitland, Florida, passed away gently into the loving arms of our Lord on Friday, December 14, 2018. Paul was born in Rochester, New York on December 3, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Paul J. Klaus, Sr. Paul is survived by his loving wife, Judy, their children, Kimberly Klaus Schmitt (C. Scott Schmitt), Maitland, Florida, and Paul Aaron Klaus (Jennifer Moniz), San Diego, California, and 5 grandchildren, Madeline Schmitt, Julia Schmitt, Charlie Schmitt, Oliver Klaus, and Charlotte Klaus who brought him so many warm smiles. His siblings are Margaret Breslow, Roger Klaus, Randy Klaus, and Laurie Latragna with their spouses, children, and grandchildren who honor Paul's legacy. He graduated from St. Monica's Catholic School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, John Carroll University, and Rollins College. He proudly served in the United States Army and Army Reserves Forces. The Insurance industry brought Paul and Judy to Central Florida in 1971, then to Westfield Center, Ohio in 2001, and back to Central Florida in 2011, where he retired in 2017. Many life-long relationships with Central Florida and Ohio clients were built throughout his dedicated career. It was at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, where Judy and Paul first met and then married in Sandusky, Ohio on July 1, 1967. 51+ years of fond and interesting memories unfolded with many rounds of golf, youth soccer coaching, cheers for Florida Gators, strong friendships, and many family joys. A funeral Mass and commemoration of Paul's life will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. in the chapel at St. Margaret Mary Church, 526 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, Florida where Paul felt privileged to be a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and share his deep faith. Following the service, all are welcomed to join our family's celebration for Paul at a reception in the church's Family Life Center. In Lieu of flowers, Paul and Judy encourage donations be gifted to "The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation", 1615 L. St. NW #430, Washington, D.C., 20036/ Mary Hesdorffer, Executive Director, who guided and supported us throughout this journey.

Comments



“ Judy,
You and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers. I always appreciated Paul's passion for the insurance business and his enthusiasm when he won a deal. He was a mentor to many and touched a lot of people's lives over the years.
Greg and Martha Oakes

Martha Oakes - December 21, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ Judy and family,
Paul was a good friend and a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. I enjoyed playing golf with Paul but even more talking to him about our lives. He loved to talk about his garden and was oh so willing to share the fruits of his labor to us and many others. He was a dedicated worker and will be missed greatly at Westfield. Men like him come along so seldom. He was not selfish with his time and was always quick to offer assistance if needed. I will miss his friendship.

Ron Stephonic

Ronald Stephonic - December 21, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ We know Paul was loved and will be missed by his family and he also will be missed by his many friends and co-workers. Our paths crossed at Westfield but eventually went beyond the business. Paul brought insurance expertise and a willingness to share his experiences and an overwhelming desire to help anyone and everyone. His demeanor was always positive and helpful. He was someone I counted on and was always there for me. Paul became a good friend sharing conversation over a meal, on the golf course or at an occasional Indians game. He was very passionate about his chosen career but he really came alive when talking about his children and grandchildren. Through Paul and Judy we came to know his family despite never having met them. We were glad we were able to have one last visit with him in the spring. Carol and I will remember him fondly.

Jack Adornetto

Jack Adornetto - December 20, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ I had a chance to look at childhood photos recently; vacations, holidays, family get togethers. Most photos that triggered a smile and a warm memory, Paul was in them. Aunt Judy, Paul, Kim and the entire Klaus family, you have my regards.

Jude Huzicko - December 20, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ Dear Judy,
Such fond memories of our lives together in Westfield. Paul's green thumb was always an inspiration to me as a fellow gardener. How he transformed that little patch of weeds outside your condo into a beautiful and productive garden was amazing. Of course, he was always willing to share "the fruit of his labor" (loved the tomatoes) with many of us. But of all things I shall remember the most unique and beautiful orchid he transplanted and you gave to me for my birthday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this difficult time. Knowing he is in the presence of our Lord brings great comfort. Our Love to you, Rebecca and Ron Stephonic

Rebecca Stephonic - December 19, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ Judy - saddened and sorry to learn of your loss. Wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

glenn & Mickey Holzhauser

glenn & Mickey Holzhauser - December 19, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ I worked with & sat next to Paul for several years while he finished out his long, dedicated insurance career in Lake Mary, FL. We talked very frequently while working together & he was always willing to lend a hand, offer some great advice, unique insights in the business & insurance world and be an "underwriting buddy" for me. We laughed a lot together & he shared some of his trials & tribulations he was going through at the time. Ever since he retired I have not had anyone in our office or really the company to such be a friendly co-worker, mentor of sorts & "guru" when I needed an answer - or at least where to find the answer. He is one of the few people who our insurance agents are always asking me about or when reminiscing about the "good ole days" - because he touched so many people in the insurance business in Central FL / all over the state & Midwest. I saw him in Winter Park awhile ago, but I was unable to stop & talk - I really wish I would have now! Tim Middleton, CPCU, Orlando, FL - Field Mgr.

Tim Middleton - December 18, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ Truly an amazing man, father, and role model. I have numerous fond memories of Mr. Klaus from my childhood that I will never forget. I spent so many Saturday soccer games with him along with countless weekday practices as well as several beach trips, wrestling matches and boat outings while growing up. He was so gentle, patient, and encouraging to me and to all of the other boys on the various soccer teams. He will be missed but I know he is in a much better place within the presence of our Lord and Savior. Thank you Mr. Klaus for the wonderful childhood experiences and memories.

Steven Hoffman - December 18, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ Jim and I remember the beautiful sunny summer day when you were visiting your mom and we had the chance to spend the day out on our boat with all of our children. As we recall, there was a lot of water skiing competition and fun was had by all. Jim and Paul had a chance to compare insurance notes and you and I reminisced about our high school days. It was a fun and relaxing day for all. I am sure that you have many memories like this one that you and your family will treasure forever.

Jim and Judy Smith - December 18, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ Paul was a true friend whom I will greatly miss! Tim Ramsier

Tim Ramsier - December 18, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Dear Judy, Paul, Kim and family:
I wish there were words to comfort , just know my heart aches for your loss. May your surrounding Love give you all a sense of Peace during this difficult time. Paul Was solid and a true inspiration as a Man in all areas of his life. I thank him for his example and influence he had on Jeff. Paul's legacy will live on Love Susan Onderko



susan Onderko - December 18, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Jerome Klaus Jr..



December 18, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Judy, We are sorry to hear about Paul's passing. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Joan and Dick Ambro

J Ambro - December 18, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Dear Judy and Family:

I am so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. I truly enjoyed being his Administrative Professional for many years at Westfield! Peace and love be with you and your family during this most difficult time.

Debbie Friedrichsen

Debbie Friedrichsen - December 18, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Judy and family.

I am so very sorry about your loss. Paul was very good to me and my family during my career at Westfield.. I can remember Paul bringing in a shopping bag of golf balls to my boys since you guys lived on the course!!!!

I am thinking of you during these difficult times.

Ken Engel - December 18, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this tough time. Paul's hard work and loyalty was appreciated by all who worked with him.
-Westfield Orlando Office



Garrett - December 18, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul Jerome Klaus Jr..



December 18, 2018 at 08:03 AM



“ Judy, your cousins Bill, Dave, Pete, and Jim were sorry to hear from Doug that you lost Paul. This won't be a very joyous Holiday Season at your house, but all of us want to wish you and your family the very best. Bill

William E Malinovsky - December 17, 2018 at 08:32 PM



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Roger Klaus - December 17, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ My condolences and deepest sympathy goes out to Paul's family. Paul was a good man, well respected and will be greatly missed.

And, to Paul, thank you for your service to our country so we continue to live freely.

Rest in peace.

Susanne Wahl
Westfield

Susanne Wahl - December 17, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Jerome Klaus Jr..



December 17, 2018 at 06:36 AM



“ On behalf of the staff at DeGusipe Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family.



Luke Spalding - December 16, 2018 at 11:34 AM