



Paul J Foley Jr

January 23, 1943 - April 17, 2020

Paul J. Foley, Jr., age 77, died on Friday, April 17, in Chicago, IL, of COVID-19. Born in Chicago, IL to Paul J. Foley, Sr. and Christine MacIver Foley, Paul grew up in Westfield, NJ, where he graduated from Holy Trinity High School. He attended Niagara University, Niagara Falls, NY, and after college, served in Korea's demilitarized zone as an intelligence officer for the US Army.

He was a dedicated and loyal husband, father, and grandfather who devoted his life to his family. He greeted everyone with a smile, could talk to anyone, and loved to tease, always looking to kid around with you. He was a risk-taker, willing to ride the highest roller coaster or brave the wildest rapids, and recently he went skydiving at iFLY, something he always wanted to do. He loved to fish, grill, and find the latest and greatest craft beers. His favorite activities with the young "grands" were flying kites, building and tending to bird feeders, and getting ice cream (preferably a Choco Taco treat) with them while playing at the park. In the summertime, he would bike to the farmers market, wearing one of his favorite baseball hats from his prized collection.

Paul was an avid sports fan, cheering for his favorite teams, the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Green Bay Packers, Chicago Cubs, Atlanta Braves, and recently, the Pittsburgh Pirates after his grandson, Quinn, was drafted to the team in 2019. He loved to garden, earning him the title of "urban gardener" because even in the city he found a way to make things grow. And he could

always be found with his favorite craft beer in hand.

Paul worked for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for nearly 35 years.

After retirement,

Paul served as the Executive Director of the Golf Course Builders Association (GCBA) and its foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was instrumental in reestablishing the Sticks for Kids program in the USA and worldwide. His love of golf fueled his work and he took great pride in his time with the GCBA.

Soon after leaving GCBA, Paul and his wife, Judy, moved to Chicago to be near their two (2) eldest daughters and their grandchildren. Paul enjoyed staying busy in the community and served as a Board Member for the Edgewater Development Corporation. He was proud to perform his civic duty as a Judge of Election for the City of Chicago. And, when Chicago weather cooperated, he was the starter and ranger at the Sydney Marovitz Golf Course on the beautiful Chicago lakefront, often sending his family photos of the sunrise over the lake. He and Judy enjoyed visiting his son and grandchildren in the Philadelphia area and his youngest daughter and grandchildren in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his loving wife Judy (Voigt) Foley of 50 years; his four children of whom he was so proud: Christine Priester of Cary, IL, Kerry Maman (Isaac) of Evanston, IL, Paul Foley, III (Dana and her daughter, Isabella) of Doylestown, PA, and Jill Alexander (Ryan) of Los Angeles, CA; nine "grands" who he never stopped talking about; Madison and Quinn Priester, Max, Owen, and Levi Maman, Olive and Jack Foley, and Sienna and Vera Mae Alexander; and two sisters Carole Foley of Denville, NJ, and Kathleen Cornwell of Pollocksville, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Peter and Patrick.

Christine will remember a dad who would always watch sports with her and a

dad who never missed a game, cheering for her and her kids as they played their favorite sports. She will forever cherish the many photos of all the sporting events they attended as a return ticket to moments otherwise gone. He was the original #girdad.

Kerry will remember a dad who was kind, genuine, and selfless, always reaching out to see how he could help while his children juggled work and young children. His advice was always “don’t sweat the small stuff.” He would dedicate his free time to attending countless school events and games for his children and grandchildren. He was a jokester, making his family laugh with his teasing and silly jokes. She will hold dear their shared love of scones, cashews, and apple crisp.

Paul will remember a dad whose impact on his grandchildren was immeasurable. He never let an opportunity pass to fly a kite with them, teach them to fish, teach them sports, or just simply engage with them. Paul will also remember relaxing with his dad and drinking IPAs, essentially every time they were together.

Jill will remember a dad who gave the best back scratches during Mass, the grandpa who always had a gentle, patient and comforting hand on the back or arm of his grandchildren, a husband who called his wife, Mom-o, and a kind person who would make small talk with any person he met.

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held when the world reopens once again and family and friends can gather for a Memorial Mass at St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Chicago and raise their glasses, together.

Instead of gifting flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to the COVID-19 Relief Fund at Northwestern University Medicine in memory of Paul

J. Foley, Jr. www.foundation.nm.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul J Foley Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *SORRY TO HEAR THIS. PLAYED SCHOOLYARD BASKETBALL WITH PAUL SINCE I WAS FOUR YEARS YOUNGER. IN 1967 , PAUL BEFRIENDED ME AGAIN AT FT CAMPBELL. LAST SAW HIM AT THE EGAN/ BYRNE WEDDING. WAS A GREAT GUY. LTC(R) TOM CROWLEY*

Thomas Crowley - May 13, 2022 at 07:34 AM



“ *Paul will be remembered for his magnetic smile, kind words, and athletic ability as a terrific basketball player at HTHS. God bless you, Paul.
Sincerely,
Ginny Pasternak*

Ginny Pasternak - July 14, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *Deepest sympathies to the Foley family. Paul was an amazing person with boundless energy, enthusiasm, smarts, and always the first to step up and pitch in, whatever the task. Paul's devotion to, and immense pride he had for his family was ever-apparent. Our thoughts are with you all. Peace, love and light, the memory of Paul will always bring smiles to those whose lives he touched.
Jennifer and Bob Borchardt*

Jennifer - May 01, 2020 at 10:20 AM

TN

“ Sincere condolences to Judy and family on losing such a loving and remarkable man.

Paul was the spark that ignited Edgewater's remarkable commercial development over the past 10 years as an invaluable Board Member of the Edgewater Development Corporation. He brought his long years of executive experience in formulating the crucial information that developers, commercial brokers, businesses and financial institutions need to make an investment decision. For years he chaired the Available Properties Committee and pioneered a program to track all vacant commercial properties, encourage the development of new businesses through outreach to the real estate investment community. Paul's enthusiastic dedication to doing the work, included walking the streets each month, to monitor each property and document the progress through his New Developments, New Businesses, Coming Soon and Available Properties reports, all of which was invaluable to the revitalization of Edgewater's commercial districts.

Paul's commitment to this community will long be remembered by his colleagues in real estate, marketing, commercial brokerage, and EDC Board Members who enjoyed his monthly banter and tales of experiencing the hidden gems of Edgewater!

We miss you Paul, and thanks for the memories!

Tina Travlos Nihlean - April 29, 2020 at 05:31 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to Paul's family. I became friends with Paul many years ago as a "regular" at Sydney Marovitz with a standing 5:30 a.m. tee time in the Summer. Paul always had a story about something he did (neighborhood restaurant recommendation) or something great going on with his grand kids. For 3 years I was a starter/ranger at Marovitz and worked closely with Paul. He was a kind, wonderful man and really "taught" me the ropes at the golf course. He will be missed.



Regards,
Kathy Scopelliti

Kathy Scopelliti - April 29, 2020 at 03:53 PM



Awesome post

Dan Vincent - July 24, 2023 at 09:22 AM

JO

“ Paul was such a presence at the Sydney Marovitz golf course. He would take the time to get to know you if you were a regular and he was always interested in what was going on in your life. He was a very proud husband, father, and grandfather often communicating the latest news in the Foley household. Lastly, Paul new how to tease you out of whatever funk you might be in. He will be missed!

Joe - April 27, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CB

“ Nick and I are sincerely sorry for your loss. We didn't know him well but our paths crossed often enough when you lived in Lincoln to know he was a classy man full of integrity and devotion to his family! May all of your lovely memories bring you peace at this difficult time! Our deepest sympathy to all of you! May he Rest In Peace!

Nick and Cherie Birkel

Cherie Birkel - April 25, 2020 at 07:41 PM

EK

“ I knew Paul for only three years. He was the starter in our senior men's golf league here in Chicago. I was eager to start playing golf this year -- not due to any skill on my part but to once again connect with Paul and the rest of our group on a regular basis. Paul was universally liked and respected by our members; he respected the game, kept us on pace-of-play -- well on "old-man pace" anyway, and was an all-around asset to our program. But most of all, Paul was a friend -- quick with a warm greeting when I arrived at our course, equally quick with a friendly comment about my failure to be invited to play in the Masters', PGA, Open, etc. for yet another year. (and the ensuing chuckle). Like most of our group, Paul shared his stories about his family and heard my stories. i shall miss him, and I offer my sincere condolences to all members of his family. God bless.

*Edward Knod
Chicago*

Edward Knod - April 25, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Barr Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 05:09 PM

MH

I saw the wonderful synopsis of Paul on PBS this evening. I remember meeting and visiting with Judy at St. Joseph's parish in Lincoln. My maiden name is Foley so we visited about the possibility of being related. My condolences to Paul's family. Maureen (Foley) Hake, Lincoln, NE

Maureen Hake - December 11, 2020 at 10:00 PM

LM

I knew paul/grandpa my whole life we did everything together and i hate to know that hes gone.

Levi Maman - March 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM