



Paul Lukach

March 8, 1947 - May 16, 2019

Paul Lukach, a man who loved with an open heart and moved with kindness and curiosity, died last Thursday at a gentle hospice facility in South Haven. He was 72 years old.

As a devoted follower of Christ, his faith underpinned much of his compassion. Now it helps bring him peace following a terminal illness. He was a member of Crossroads Family Church in Portage, Ind., as well as its Men's Club.

Paul was brimming with a zeal for people at all times, a gregarious conversationalist with boundless interest and an eagerness to engage with everyone — old friend or stranger. He loved riding his bike around the streets of Chesterton, where he grew up, and seeing the goings-on around town, running into friends, or stopping to read a book in sunny weather.

As a volunteer, he enjoyed taking part in charitable events — particularly bike rides — and participated in several mission trips to the Caribbean.

Paul Eugene Lukach was born on March 8, 1947, in Gary, Ind. and, at age 9, moved to Chesterton, where he attended high school and lived throughout the rest of his life. He enjoyed learning about all kinds of subjects, with an affinity for history, theology and art. Riding the South Shore to peruse the museums in Chicago was among his favorite ways to spend a day.

Perhaps most of all, Paul loved his family and keeping in touch with as many relatives as he could — he always knew what was going on with everyone. He was also a proud son, brother and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his mother Eleanor (“Avis”) and his father William. He is survived by his three brothers: Jerry (Nancy) Lukach, Bill (Robin) Lukach and Doug (Cindy) Lukach; and their families, which include nieces Kate (Ian) Woodworth and Sara Lukach; nephews David, Adam and Jacob Lukach; and great-niece Eleanor Woodworth.

Along with his trips to the city, he took time often to visit family members in Kingsport, Tenn. and Los Angeles, Cal., among others. Paul relished time with his family, especially for special occasions and gatherings — as well as during Purdue sports contests. Purdue loyalty has run in his family for years, and Paul was perhaps the most enthusiastic member, tracking sports from men's basketball to women's swimming. Of course, he also loved the way it allowed him to connect with his family and friends.

Professionally, Paul dedicated 24 years of work to Paulson Oil Company and was recognized for his diligent work ethic and retired from the company in 2012.

Longtime Chesterton residents may have met Paul at one time or another — frankly, the chances are probably high. He was his own “man about town,” a regular (and recognizable) bike rider who greeted anyone who would return the favor, always with his own unique openness and excitement.

In lieu of flowers, and in keeping with Paul's values, the family requests that contributions please be made to VNA Hospice, Rebuilding Together or Crossroads Family Church Children's Ministry. Memorial services will be held Thursday, June 13, with visitation from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the service proper all at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304. To leave online condolences to the family, please visit www.ee-fh.com.

Events

JUN **Memorial Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:30PM

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Chesterton Chapel

517 Broadway, Chesterton, IN, US, 46304

JUN **Memorial Service** 06:30PM

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Comments



“ Paul would always ride his bike and stop in to Running Vines to just talk and have a glass now and then. He told the best stories and shared his adventures. We even had a special wine glass for him with an etching of an old bicycle. I have fond memories of Paul and I have missed him. My condolences to your family for the loss of Paul.

JodyBono - June 25 at 09:54 PM



“ I met Mr. Lukach when he came to a book reading I did at the Westchester Township Museum. He was inquisitive, curious, interested, and I had the most wonderful conversation with him. After that I would see him around town and say hello to him. He was such a kind human being and I'm so sad to hear of his death. I really enjoyed his spirit and he was an important part of our community.
Fondly, Heather Augustyn

Heather Augustyn - June 07 at 11:45 PM



“ Paul always took time to talk to my daughter and her special needs son at church. He truly wanted updates from doctors visit so that he could pray for him. Even after my grandson passed away, Paul took time to stop and talk with Cara. He will be missed enormously.

Jane Christman - May 29 at 10:41 PM



“ So, so sad to hear of the loss of another classmate. Paul was indeed a loving soul. He occasionally stopped by my office on Wabash Ave in Chesterton just to say hello, and we would trade stories for an hour. All of my love to your family. --Michael J. Griffin

Michael Griffin - May 25 at 01:15 PM