



Paul Daniele

March 23, 1964 - March 26, 2023

Paul Daniele, 59 of Marlboro, New Jersey passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Bayshore Medical Center in Holmdel.

Born Monday, March 23, 1964, Paul was the son of the late Frank and Hazel Daniele.

Paul was raised in New York. He was a graduate of Stuyvesant High School. In the 1980's Paul would begin a long career as an Operating Engineer. He was a member of Local 94 I.U.O.E. For the past 20 years Paul worked at Penguin Air Conditioning as a Chief Operating Engineer.

Paul was very handy and was always fixing things around the house. He was passionate about ballroom dancing. Paul was an avid runner, having run marathons, he enjoyed skiing, and also roller blading. Paul was also a photographer.

Paul was a caring and loving man who will be missed by all those that loved him. Paul expressed often that the last 15 years of his life were some of the happiest, always surrounded by those who loved him.

Paul is survived by his adoring partner, Irina Tolstikova, by his loving daughter Cassandra, and by his caring siblings, Frank and his wife Carol, and Rose

Mary and her husband Vincent and by his loving friends Alex, Paul, Elena, Louise, and Richard.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in Paul's memory be made to Ballroom Dancing for a Better U. A link is provided below.

www.bd4bu.org

Donations to the Sharing Network of New Jersey in Paul's memory would also be appreciated.

www.njsharingnetwork.org

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MO

“ Today is the New York City Marathon and Paul was the best marathon coach I ever had. I think of him often when I run, not only his sound advice as a coach, but also his kindness and support he provided to me as a friend. He made me into the best runner I could be which lead to me becoming an even faster triathlete with sponsorships all over the world. I attribute each and every success I had in endurance sports to his guidance. His training plan that he created for me I still use to this day - despite the advancements of technology and the new apps I could use - I still love his Excell spreadsheet that he created for me in 2006, which I still use and modify for each subsequent year and event. Perhaps the most important thing about Paul that I remember is that he treated everyone with kindness and dedicated himself to doing everything with all of his heart. I sadly lost touch with him when he developed a new passion for dancing and I regret that. I only recently found out that he had passed when I was going to reach out to him to see if he would coach me again because I came to the realization that he was the best person that I have come to know over many years that brought the best out of me in this sport. I have and will continue to carry him with me for every mile I run.

Monica - November 05, 2023 at 03:42 PM

EH

Hi Monica. Thank you for your kind words. I hope your marathon training progresses well. We participate in a 5K race and walk in NJ every year with the NJ Sharing Network. Team Paul's Roadrunners. His daughter Cassie is one of the captains. She ran all through school and college with Paul's guidance and is a good runner herself..took 1st in her age group in the 5K. Join us next spring if you're interested.

Eileen Harrington - June 27, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Paul Daniele*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *A (not so) happy Easter...*

There are never enough words, nor adequate to pick a singular moment, to capture the essence that was Paul.

The decades had not changed his core being much: heart on his sleeve, a passion and zest for life, (danced) to a different drummer...

*Real life MacGuyver,
The incessant optimist,
Missed not forgotten.*



John Chin - April 09, 2023 at 11:59 AM

AD

“ *Most of us are familiar with the concept of a cool uncle. While it was certainly reinforced by things like Full House, no one ever needed to explain it to me. With Paul, I was living the cool uncle experience from birth. Paul had the car, the sunglasses, the hair, even the basement apartment. He certainly checked a lot of the typical boxes. But, it wasn't what Paul had that made him a cool uncle, it was what he did and how he made me feel.*

He introduced me to Mario and Duck Hunt. He let me eat all the M&Ms I wanted. He taught me how to skate. He included me in his own family. He shared everything he had and then some. Through everything, he never made me feel like a child. I was always a peer, whether that was him bringing a goofy smile into playing with me when I was younger or treating me like an adult when the time came that I could help him. Paul was always my friend first.

The loss of Paul is terrible and has wounded all of us deeply. It will be a long time before the memory of his smile no longer brings me to tears, but I'm certain none of us will ever forget it.

Andrew Daniele - April 03, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RG

“ *Rikki Gracia lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele*



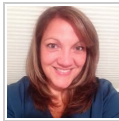
Rikki Gracia - April 02, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JL

“ You all will be in our prayers. Dave and Paul worked together at Credit Suisse. He relocated to Chevy Chase last month. Should there be anything we can do to support Cassie, please don't hesitate to get in touch. With much love and many hugs, david.gould704@gmail.com 1julielemaster@gmail.com



Julie LeMaster - April 02, 2023 at 03:36 PM



Thank you so much. Cassie and I greatly appreciate it.

Eileen Harrington - April 03, 2023 at 09:40 PM

RF

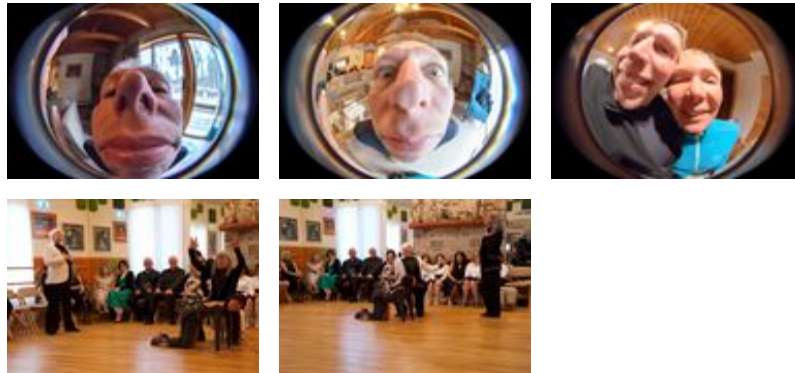
“ Ratner Family lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele



Ratner Family - April 02, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ 297 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - April 02, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *My cousin Paul was like a big brother to me growing up. He was always there for me and we had so much fun together on family vacations, holiday feasts, and camping. It was Paul who invited me to join Boy Scouts, where we both developed some life long friendships. Had I not followed Paul into scouting, I would not have discovered by love of nature and started a great career in forestry. Some of my best memories were when Paul, John, Enrique and I would going camping and talk around a campfire about where we might be wind up in the future or what we wanted to do. We should have kept camping and not drifted apart. I really miss those days and I hope Paul will keep the campfire burning until we get a chance to talk again.*

Vincent Cotrone - April 02, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Amy G lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele*



Amy G - April 02, 2023 at 10:22 AM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - April 02, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ **Richard Santiago**

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.... I met Paul Daniele around 1984 at The World Trade Center / Engineering Department. He was instrumental in training and guiding me as a helper to my duties and responsibilities.

.... I also witnessed his promotion from General Operating Engineer to "Team Supervisor"/Supervisor and saw him tackle the responsibilities with such gusto, his star quickly rose in the eyes of his peers and Port Authority Management and Chief Engineer, Bill Lavin, saw this growth themselves by adding his name to large project aims and goals.

.... The River Water pipeline, or 60" line was under summer maintenance and required a 50 foot riser to be cleaned. I remember Bill Lavin telling him, "Paul, pick your crew of 5 men and make sure there are no accidents". He was a great exemplar, a great team player and to many, he was impactful.

.... What an experience that aided in my garnishing the practical experience required to obtain my New York City Fire Department Operating Engineer Certification.

.... Survivor of both WTC attacks he leaves us in total disbelief and shock. Paul was only 59 years of age but left quite a few folks with wounded hearts at his departure

..... R.I.P. Paul / Thank you for being You / ❤️

Richard Santiago - April 02, 2023 at 06:34 AM

VD

Thank you, Richard.

Vincent Daniele - April 02, 2023 at 09:11 AM

MD

“ I think I will miss Paul’s laughter most of all. That hearty, unrestrained laugh could be heard from a mile away. And whenever you heard it - you knew, undeniably, that it was Paul.

His enthusiasm for life was unmatched. I was always amazed at how he was able to accomplish so much in a way that seemed so.. effortless. He filled every nook and cranny of his life with something he loved or was excited to learn about.

I am grateful to have grown up with Paul in my life. He was never not there.. He was a constant - always setting an example to thrive instead of just survive. [SEP]

I wish I could be there with you all to celebrate Paul’s life. I know that Cassie, Eileen, Irina, my mom, Frank, and the rest of our family have a vast wealth of love and support there on the east coast... but you also have it here on the left coast. Sending our love and condolences from Oregon.

Margaret Daniele - April 02, 2023 at 12:27 AM

RD

“ 19 files added to the album Daniele, Cotrone, and Harrington Memories



Rose Daniele - April 01, 2023 at 09:12 PM

“ Paul, Frank and I grew up in the Amsterdam projects on the west side of Manhattan. We attended St Paul the Apostle grammar school and were members of St Paul the Apostle Church. Paul went on the Stuyvesant High School and later became an operating engineer, becoming assistant chief at the World Trade Center and later chief engineer with Penguin.

I was old enough to remember when Paul was born. I recall Frank and I going to the front of Polyclinic Hospital on West 50th Street in Manhattan and waving up to the window because we were not permitted inside. Our mom had been taking sewing classes at Grace Institute and was making Easter outfits for me and Frank. Paul had other plans and arrived before she could finish the outfits.

Having a new baby in our family made me want to become a mother. I watched Paul grow and pay attention to the smallest things. He would stop and squat to look at ants crawling along the sidewalk - something I was not interested in noticing. He paid attention to detail. Anyone who has ever had a conversation with Paul can attest to the amount of (sometimes excruciating) detail he would get into. But attention to detail was what made him so great at everything he did. He never just did a good job. He was driven to excel - whether in marathon running, engineering, dancing with Irina, photography, carpentry and other work in his home, or landscaping.

He was an operating engineer at the World Trade Center in 1993 at the time of the first bombing attack as well as on 9/11. Thankfully, he was not on site for either. But he was ready to help afterwards. In the aftermath of both attacks he was sought out by the law enforcement recovery teams because he knew the blueprint and corridors of the buildings so well. And he helped to organize grief counseling for his surviving crew after they lost dozens of their engineering team on 9/11.

Paul was kind and he was ready to help - to offer himself, to give.

Deacon Matt asked me for one word to describe Paul. I said "giving." He gave himself to people. I know all of you here have seen that. He was a great dad. He and Eileen have raised a wonderful, smart, beautiful young woman. Cassie is a runner like her dad, who was always so proud of her, whether she was playing soccer, running, or excelling in school. We lost our dad in 1976 when Paul was very young. I hope that we can give Cassie, Irina, Eileen, and each other the support that Paul, Frank and I and our mom received as we were dealing with our loss. We miss Paul terribly. We always will. Hopefully, we can also realize how lucky we are to have had Paul in our lives.

Rose Mary

Rose Daniele - April 01, 2023 at 08:33 PM

RF

Rosemary,

What a beautiful tribute to your brother. What a wonderful man he was. And he was greatly fortunate to have such a loving sister.

Much love at this difficult time,

Rick and Jeff

Richard Fahel - April 01, 2023 at 10:44 PM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele*



Debbie - April 01, 2023 at 04:38 PM

TO

“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele



Toni - April 01, 2023 at 04:09 PM

GI

“ Ginny lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele



Ginny - April 01, 2023 at 03:30 PM

EH

“ Eileen Harrington lit a candle in memory of Paul Daniele



Eileen Harrington - April 01, 2023 at 03:14 PM

EH

“ I am so thankful for all the years we had together. You're light will shine on forever through our beautiful daughter Cassie. We love you and miss you already.



Eileen Harrington - April 01, 2023 at 03:13 PM

GL

“ Paul was such a kind, gracious, unassuming, and fun-loving person. He had an easy smile and often a long story to share. He welcomed all with a unique warmth and kindness. The world is less bright without him. My deepest sympathies to Irina and his family. Love,
Gloria Nilsen

Gloria - April 01, 2023 at 01:18 PM