



Paul John Forti

June 24, 1949 - October 29, 2023

Paul John Forti, 74, of Easton, MD, formerly of East Hanover, NJ, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2023, in Baltimore, MD. Paul was a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and mentor. Paul received his B.A. in psychology and M.A. in counseling from Seton Hall University. More than two decades later, after garnering professional experience in marketing, sales and human resources at AT&T, Paul furthered his education and earned a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from The Union Institute. In recent years, Paul served as professional executive coach, using his psychology expertise to help people achieve extraordinary results in leadership and executive management.

Paul was a man of diverse passions. An avid lover of photography, he had an uncanny ability to capture the beauty in the everyday, turning fleeting moments into lasting memories. His photographs, like his spirit, will continue to inspire and bring joy to those who behold them. Through his lens, he documented the essence of life, leaving behind a visual legacy that will continue to inspire.

As a Civil War enthusiast, Paul not only accumulated an impressive collection of books, artifacts, and memorabilia but also actively participated in historical reenactments and educational events. He loved to transport himself and others back in time, learning deeply about this era while creating fond memories with his close friends. Paul spent many hours volunteering with those friends, helping to improve and preserve the parks he visited.

Deeply connected to his heritage, Italy held a special place in Paul's heart. He reveled in the opportunity to explore its landscapes and historic sites, savor its cuisine, and immerse himself in its rich culture. His travels were more than vacations, they were journeys of self-discovery, a testament to his adventurous spirit and a celebration of life's diverse tapestry. In the weeks prior to his passing, he had just returned from Sicily, noting the trip to his children as "magical."

Paul devoted much of his time to serving as a Eucharistic minister and volunteer counselor at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul's greatest source of pride and joy, however, was his family. He leaves behind three children, Paul (Nichole) Forti, of California, Carrie (Brian) Fox of Maryland and Marisa (Rod) Forti-Marriott of Connecticut. He also leaves behind his 6 grandchildren, Sophia, Kate, Riley, Zoe, Mia, and Mason.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Paul is survived by his siblings, John Forti, David Forti and Donna Attanasio, and his former wife of 38 years, Carol Tyson. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, as well as his cousins. The Forti family takes solace in the memories of a man who was a source of laughter, camaraderie and unconditional love.

As we mourn the loss of Paul, let us remember him not with sadness but with gratitude for the richness he brought to our lives. May his spirit of adventure, his passion for knowledge and his unwavering love for friends and family continue to inspire us all.

A mass in Paul's memory will be offered at Saints Peter and Paul in Easton MD on Thursday November 9 at 11am. A private service for family will follow. The family requests that donations can be made in his honor to Seton Hall Fund at www.shu.edu/giving.

A mass in Paul's memory will be offered at Seton Hall University on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00am.

Previous Events

Mass

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to Paul's family. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

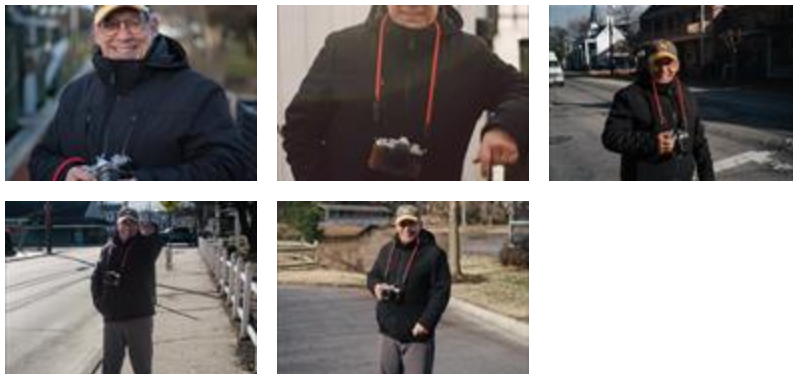
Paul was a good colleague to me 20+ years ago and in the years that followed, a good friend. I was shocked to hear that he is no longer with us. I miss him deeply.

To honor Paul, I've uploaded some photos from my visit this summer, one old photo from NJ and one of me and him when he visited us where I live in Copenhagen a few years ago.

I have more old photos from other times but I need to find them. Let me know if you want me to share them with you. Most are on Google Photos so I will need emails to share them.

If Paul left me his camera equipment I can pick it up on my next visit to the states. My email is jvlauritzen@gmail.com. You can also contact me on Facebook Messenger.

*In memory of my good friend, Paul,
John Valliant Lauritzen*



John Lauritzen - November 15, 2023 at 01:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul John Forti.*



November 07, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul John Forti.*



November 07, 2023 at 06:28 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul John Forti.*



November 06, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear of Paul's passing. We met over three years ago and had been friends ever since. We shared many things such as long walks and many wonderful meals together. I loved his constant positivity to life and passion for photography. He was witty, generous and kind. A good friend gone much too quickly. Rest in peace Paul. You will be truly missed.*

Donna Martin - November 06, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ My condolences to Paul's family. I am so saddened by his sudden and unfortunate passing. We met years ago at a Fourth Degree indoctrination with the Knights of Columbus and quickly became fast friends. Paul was a great friend to have. He was always in a good mood, never dwelled on the negative, etc. When we went to my family activities, he was always charming and my family, likewise, greatly enjoyed his company. He was what I call an easy friend to have. I can't believe he is gone. I will miss him greatly on the boat, shooting, our meals, talking, etc. Fair winds and following seas, my good friend.

Alexis Kramer - November 05, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul John Forti.



November 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ I can't believe my extraordinary friend Paul, aka affectionately “Maestro” is gone. For over 30 years we kept in almost daily contact and visited each other whenever possible. He was a friend mentor and confidant. He was best man and photographer at my wedding. I'm 58 but truly believed he would outlive me. Always a positive attitude and lust for life. Im sadly missing him already and will forever fondly remember Paul and his larger than life persona and exuberance .
Rest in peace Maestro you lived your life to the fullest !

Adam Cartagena - November 03, 2023 at 03:39 AM

SF

“ I remember when were little kids. You and your parents lived upstairs in my parents home in New Brunswick. You were the “brain” and I was the kid with holes in the knees of my dungarees. RIP

Sandy Formick - November 02, 2023 at 08:54 PM

TL

“ So sorry to hear of Paul’s Passing. He was to young and had a lot of life to live yet. Sorry that there will be no memorial for Paul in Easton Md. where he lived and worked and went to Church. He leaves many friends behind in Easton as well as his Church St.Peter &Paul. I know Paul would have wanted to be remembered in his Church in Easton. Seems the family is not recognizing that. If they were close to him and really knew him they would know that! Such a shame. 🥺

Terri Leanza - November 02, 2023 at 08:40 PM

AC

I feel the same exact way ! I’ve been waiting to hear so I could attend his funeral.

Adam Cartagena - November 03, 2023 at 03:43 AM



The obituary says :“A mass in Paul’s memory will be offered at Saints Peter and Paul in Easton MD on Thursday November 9 at 11am.”

Marilyn Sliva - November 03, 2023 at 10:42 PM

CD

“ this is so sad. my thoughts to pauls family and friends. paul was one of a kind, a good guy and a good friend. met him on a european tour 4 years ago and have been in contact ever since. even though i am in australia i miss him so much already. RIP Paul

carol duggan - November 02, 2023 at 05:30 PM

DR

“ *May your memories bring you peace and comfort. I will always have a special place in my heart for Paul. He always had a big smile and a terrific sense of humor. I will always remember Paul Forti in so many ways. God Bless. Dyan Recchia*

Dianne Recchia - November 02, 2023 at 11:54 AM

DZ

“ *Dianne Zumas sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul John Forti*



Dianne Zumas - November 02, 2023 at 11:05 AM