



Paul F. McNamara

September 22, 1939 - September 7, 2025

Paul Francis McNamara, born in Detroit, September 22, 1939, beloved husband, father, stepfather, and Papa died Sunday, September 7, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and unwavering devotion to his family.

Paul was the cherished husband of 31 years to Cynthia, with whom he shared a partnership rooted in their Catholic faith, love of travel, cards, laughter, and deep companionship. He was the proud and loving father to Kathleen Wildwood (Michael McClennen), Karen Meier (Brian Passwater), Kristin Hull (Jason), and a devoted stepfather to Danielle Hayes (Stephen), and Casie Parlardg (Kenneth). His role as “Papa” was one he took very seriously. Whether passing out cash for report cards, taking trips to the ice cream parlor or cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events, these moments brought him great joy. He is survived by his grandchildren: Alyssa Hayes, Taylor Lantigua (Miguel), Garrett Hayes, Andrew Meier, Kevin Meier, Graham Parlardg and Reid Parlardg. He is also survived by 3 nephews and 2 nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, Gerald and Sarah (Gruber) McNamara, sisters Marilyn Cesnik and Lois O’Henley.

A proud graduate of University of Detroit High School, Detroit College of Commerce (Bachelor of Arts in Accounting), and the Detroit College of Law (Juris Doctorate). Paul went on to practice law in Mt. Clemens for over 50 years. He was known for his integrity, kindness, and keen sense of humor. His career was not just a profession; it was a lifelong dedication to serving his

community and advocating for others.

Outside the courtroom, Paul was an avid golfer who found peace on the fairway. He served on the Salvation Army's Board of Directors where he often employed his grandchildren as bell ringers for the Red Kettle Drive at Christmas time. He was a lifelong music lover, with a special fondness for the Irish tune "McNamara's Band". Whether humming its lively melody or singing with friends and family, the song reflected Paul's joyful nature and pride in his heritage.

Paul's life was defined by his quiet strength, generous heart, and the way he made others feel seen, loved, and valued. Whether offering a helping hand, buying snacks at the concession stand or simply being present, he left an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to know him.

A memorial service will be held at St. Christopher's Church, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, Michigan on September 16, 2025. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a memorial mass at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Christopher's Church or the wishes of the family.

His memory will live on in the laughter of his grandchildren, the stories shared by family, friends and colleagues, and the love that binds them all together.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Catholic Church
1000 Michigan Ave.
Marsyville, MI 48040

Memorial Mass

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Catholic Church
1000 Michigan Ave.
Marsyville, MI 48040

Tribute Wall



“ Nancy and I just heard of Paul's passing. Cindy, you have our heartfelt condolences, may Paul rest in peace. Ron & Nancy Rewalt

Ron - September 18, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ Lisa and Jason Chalker planted 2 trees in honor of Paul F. McNamara.

Lisa Chalker - September 15, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul F. McNamara.

September 15, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Kristin, Karen and Kathleen!
Although I didn't know your dad, I can only imagine that he was a good man who raised three beautiful daughters who have a lot to share in life.! I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending you all positive healing energy to you three and the whole family!
Luv, Marlisa and Jim in CA

marlis slack - September 15, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JF

“ Jim Hayosh & Family purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Paul F. McNamara.



Jim Hayosh & Family - September 15, 2025 at 02:41 PM

AE

“ Annie Elzinga purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Paul F. McNamara.



Annie Elzinga - September 11, 2025 at 08:28 PM

LF

“ Love, The Coleman Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paul F. McNamara.



Love, The Coleman Family - September 11, 2025 at 04:43 PM

KK

“ Kether Kerrane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul F. McNamara.

Kether Kerrane - September 11, 2025 at 02:36 PM

SF

“ Scott & Kelly Ficarra purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul F. McNamara.



Scott & Kelly Ficarra - September 10, 2025 at 10:41 PM

JM

“ I have practiced law in this area for about 44 years and I came to know Paul fairly well. We worked on some files together and we would occasionally have lunch - often with his good friend Henry Sachs. One day not too long ago I picked up the tab at Louie's in Mount Clemens. Paul was quite pleased by this and had the waitress come back because he wanted " a steak to go." That in a nutshell was Paul. Great humor, a man of integrity and a great advocate for his clients. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Paul. You have certainly earned it.

John MacArthur - September 10, 2025 at 04:28 PM

RT

“ Randy Taylor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul F. McNamara.



Randy Taylor - September 10, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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