



Robert Paul Palese

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Robert Paul Palese, 83, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, passed away on Thursday, March 28th 2013 after a two-year battle with melanoma.

Robert was born in Wilmington, Delaware on November 23, 1929. He graduated from P.S. DuPont High School in 1947. He was in the U.S. Army's 47th Division at Camp Rucker from 1951 to 1953 in the Army's marching band. Robert was preceded in death by his son Robert David, his mother Agnes, his father James and sister Jeanne.

Robert was married to his wife of 60 years Aline Tarwater of Birmingham, Alabama on February 14, 1953.

He worked as a salesman for Advance Paper and Chemical and for Galer and Hulst for almost 40 years. His real love was music and he played in bands including with trumpeter Clifford Brown, the Manny Klein and Ralph Marterie bands, the Wilmington Symphony, the Rhythm Doctors for 25 years and his own band and the Bob Parker Orchestra. He was actively involved as an usher at St Edmond, and was previously the Vice President of UNICO, the Italian American Service Club.

Robert is survived by his wife Aline, daughter Cheryl Ann (Sherry) and her partner James Groome, daughter Catherine (Blair), her husband Enrico Coiera and their son Lucca; by his sister Darcy and her husband Robert and other family and friends including Sherry's four foster children.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 11:00 Am at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE with Father Ray Forester officiating. Visitation will be held beginning at 10 a.m. in the church and a reception will follow at the St. Edmond's church hall

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963. Robert's family wishes to thank the staff and volunteers at the Delaware Hospice Center at



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Milford, and the staff at the Delaware Veteran's Administration and Tunnel Cancer Center.

Please sign the online guest registry at this site.

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MD

Marty Drinan posted:

Hello Sherry,I am sorry to hear this news. I remember the many times you talked about your family in Rehoboth. You will be in my prayers.Marty

April 1 at 8:00 PM

GH

George Heinel posted:

Condolences.George Heinel

March 31 at 8:00 PM

DB

Debbie Brown posted:

So sorry I cant be there but I just wanted to tell all of you my love and prayers are with you. Some of my fondest memories are of summers at Ethel Mae's when yall would come from Deleware. Uncle Bob had an amazing spirit and made me feel so special everytime I had the pleasure of speaking with him he would always end with I love you doll come see us. Well I didn't ever make it to Deleware but I will see him again. Love you all, Debbie Tarwater-Brown

March 31 at 8:00 PM

CW

Charles (Chuck) Willis posted:

Deepest Condolences

March 31 at 8:00 PM

KG

Karen (Little) Gilliford posted:

The Paleses were our next neighbors when I was young. They moved away but our families still remained close. My deepest sympathy to the family. He will be missed but never forgotten.

March 31 at 8:00 PM

GP

Gayle Dupras (Palese) posted:

bob was my father andy palese's cousindeepest condolences

March 31 at 8:00 PM



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JP

Jeffery Putz posted:

Bob was one of the greatest gentlemen that I ever dealt with in my purchasing days at Blue Cross; he always came through. Our friendship continued after we both retired and I had the distinct pleasure to meet his entire wonderful family over the years. You will be missed Bob!

March 31 at 8:00 PM

SK

Susan Kane posted:

Mrs. Palese and family, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. I am the great niece of Father Paul, Father Vincent, and Mary Burke. Mr. Palese was such a great friend to them especially my Uncle Paul. I will never forget his kindness and thoughtfulness to him. I miss Uncle Paul deeply each day. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the funeral and services this week. I will keep you all in my prayers. Sincerely, Susan Kane ("known as Susie to my uncles and aunt")

March 30 at 8:00 PM

ED

Eugene J. Chap, M.D. posted:

My condolences to the family. Mr. Palese was a friend and a neighbor for many years. May his soul rest in peace!

March 30 at 8:00 PM

RL

Richard Little posted:

My old Friend My favorite drummer, my favorite neighbor, ana ALL THAT JAZZ.....! I'm gonna miss you, Sllticks!j,,,,,

March 30 at 8:00 PM

BM

Bob McCloskey Jr. posted:

Sorry to hear about Bobby. He will be missed. Sending my condolences.

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TK

Tom Mc Kenna posted:

Bob and I were friends at PS Class of 47. I also got together with Bob at Ft. Rucker when I, as a new Second Lieutenant on the base, and he an MP, stopped me when he saw my Delaware auto plate. We hashed over old times, but I soon after shipped out for Korea. I also ran into him later while working in downtown Wilm. Sorry he's gone. Tom McKenna

March 29 at 8:00 PM

KJ

Karen Jessee posted:

Such a handsome man of remarkable talent with a lovely and positive outlook on life. He will be missed. So glad Richard and I got to visit and laugh with both of you when we did. My deepest condolences. j

March 29 at 8:00 PM

BM

Bette Anne & Jack Mcnicholas posted:

Dear Aline, Sherry and Blair and Family, I had recently heard that Bobby was ill and sorry to hear that he has passed away. Please accept our sincere sympathies and condolences with prayers and thoughts for all of you during this time of grief. God Bless you all. Love, Bette Anne

March 29 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jan Butler posted:

To our dear old friend from our childhood, we will certainly miss seeing you at St. Edmonds every summer.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

JH

John Healy posted:

A great guy who will be dearly missed

March 29 at 8:00 PM



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Janet Gray posted:

My sincere sympathy to all, Sherry, Mrs. P, and Blair. I know there are no words to get you thru this time, but I will say Mr. P. was one of my favorite friend's parents. He was always smiling, and thoughtful, and had a kind heart...and boy could he play drums!!! I still remember his own sound proof "studio" in the basemnt.He lived a great life...Love to all, Janet

March 29 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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