



## Paul W. Yeager

February 22, 1947 - February 11, 2021

Paul Wayne Yeager, age 73 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at Beebe Healthcare. He was born on February 22, 1947 in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Howard V. and Lucille M. (Powell) Yeager.

Paul received a B.A. in Writing and an M.Ed. in Vision Studies, both from the University of Pittsburgh. He was awarded a graduate assistantship at Duquesne University. Paul was also a certified orientation and mobility specialist, with clients ranging in age from birth to the elderly.

Paul had many achievements during his lifetime that included twice finishing the New York Marathon. He earned a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. He participated in triathlons with his sons. Mr. Yeager also co-authored several federally-funded programs to better serve children with visual conditions.

Paul was an avid collector and enjoyed researching, acquiring, and maintaining various vehicles. He participated in local reenactments. Paul had a passion for history and greatly enjoyed spending time with his two grandchildren, Audrey and Lucas. He was also honored to have been a kidney donor.

In addition to his parents, Paul was predeceased by his brother, Rodger Yeager. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Emily; his sons: Seth, of Wilmington, DE and Lewes, DE and Douglas (Maria) of Dallas, PA; his grandchildren: Audrey and Lucas; his brother Howard L. Yeager (Marcia) of Victoria, BC; his sisters-in-law: Jan, Marcia, Meryll, Jackie, and Carolyn; and his brothers-in-law: Marc, Matt, and Bill.

Services will be private.

The family suggests donations in Mr. Yeager's memory be made to Northeast Sight Services, 1825 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, PA 18643.

Please sign the online guest book located on the tribute page.



# Comments

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“ Emily, I just found out today of Paul’s passing, I remember him fondly and you as well. I always enjoyed working with Paul from my internship in Nanticoke to Lehman. He was always cheerful and professional. I learned a lot from him especially in my early years as a school psychologist. I hope you will find comfort in your many happy memories of Paul. God bless. Sharon John

Sharon John - May 02 at 08:30 PM

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“ Paul was a gentleman and incredible person, I am a better person for having known him ! My sincere sympathy to his family and friends, we have all lost an amazing person in this world, Rest in Peace my dear friend!

Lawrence Ridolfi - April 17 at 10:54 PM

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“ Emily, Doug, and Seth-----Where do I begin to thank Paul for all the years of support, mentoring, advice, guidance, and most of all friendship he gave me? Emily, you and Paul took me "by the hand" and introduced me to LIU 18, Luzerne County, and the reality of being a TVI, or in those days: Teacher of the Visually Handicapped. Paul gave me the confidence and assurance to be the best teacher I could be. Emily--I remember the Grogge Shoppe days---what fun we had and that fun continued. I could go on and on. . .  
Paul definitely left his mark and his legacy will live on. Doug---I am thankful you followed in his footsteps. Seth---sorry I don't really know you but I know what you are made of---keep your father's memories alive. For those of us in vision, we know Eleanor Long is Mother Vision. Paul started the vision program at LIU 18 in the 1970's, so in my "eyes", I always think of him as Father Vision, especially at Luzerne IU 18. Thank you Paul---Your legacy will live on, and you are remembered with respect and admiration.  
Nancy Ashley

Nancy G. Ashley - March 08 at 12:02 AM

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“ Emily, Doug, Seth, and family, So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was such a great guy. I worked with him alot through contracting him for BBVS customers and also mutual students with the IU. He gave everyone his best and will certainly be missed. Susan Phillips

**Susan Phillips** - February 19 at 01:13 PM

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“ Emily & Family

So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Our condolences to you and your family. We loved our trivia times with you two and I had great conversations with Paul about all his vehicles and my fire history.  
God Bless Paul's Soul and all of you.

**Mike Lombardo** - February 18 at 08:13 AM



“ Emily, Doug, Seth and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Paul's death. Emily, you and Paul were great pioneers in your profession. I always admired Paul's enthusiasm and curiosity for whatever he was involved in.  
Sending you healing and caring thoughts.  
Marcia Wazeter  
**Marcia Wazeter** - February 18 at 11:28 AM

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“ Hard to believe that I met Paul Yeager some 32 years ago. I was a first year teacher at the IU and didn't know what I didn't know yet. Paul was a mentor and most of all a great friend. We discovered a common bond in motorcycles and I think I may have rekindled his desire to get on 2 wheels again. We had some great rides on some great roads but enjoyed the comradery the most. As anyone can attest, Paul was never at loss for discussion....about anything. I will miss that. I hope Paul's last ride is the best!

**Peter Ferdinand** - February 17 at 09:45 PM

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“ Paul was the big brother I never had, and I loved him as my own. As a kid while he and Emily were dating, I thought he was the coolest guy, and as it turns out, he was! Anyone who knew Paul knows he was passionate about everything he did, and always went above and beyond: his hobbies and collections, his family, traditions, his profession, his lively discussions, the way he wrote, I could go on and on! I've know him nearly my whole life, and he was a cherished member of our family. Our parents adored him. He was Matt's "partner in crime," and he and Matt created the very best annual Thanksgiving turkey fry events extraordinaire! Nothing will be the same without him. We loved Paul so much, and we'll miss him forever!

Jackie

Jackie Maryak - February 17 at 08:55 PM

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“ Emily,

Paul was gifted to make almost a full 74 trips around the sun, the majority of them with you as you shared your lives together creating beautiful memories and love. My deepest condolences as you continue your journey remembering your beloved Paul. He was a thoughtful, considerate and loving man.

We were so pleased when you and Paul came to Seattle to see Jan and have a good time on Puget Sound. Love and sympathy to you and all your family.

Maralyn Chase  
Seattle

Maralyn Chase - February 17 at 04:02 PM

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“ We remember with great fondness the lively discussions we shared with Paul and Emily over dinners at 1776. After two hours, we felt we had made progress in solving all the world's problems. We will forever cherish these memories of such happy times.

Ginny and Allan Hammock

Ginny Hammock - February 17 at 10:21 AM

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“ Emily, my heart goes out to you and your sons. I am so sorry. I am glad you have the video of Paul with his amazing collections and the recent article in Beach Life.

**Dottie Woodbury** - February 16 at 05:29 PM

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“ Paul's interests and collections were so varied as to allow for in depth meaningful discussions. He was a good friend and neighbor and confident and we will miss his presence in our lives.  
Marjorie and David

**marjorie kobrin** - February 16 at 05:26 PM

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“ Paul has been in my life since I was a little girl when he started dating my big sister, Emily. I thought Emily was the best thing ever and Paul only added to that. My memories of Paul are something I will hold on to and cherish forever. Paul was such a presence, I can't imagine this world without him. Sending lots of love to Emily, Seth and Doug & family. He will be missed.

**Carolyn Newcott** - February 16 at 04:56 PM



“ Emily, my heart goes out to you and your boys. So glad you have the video of him with all his treasures. What an amazing collection and collector!

**Dottie Woodbury** - February 16 at 05:21 PM



“ Emily, I can't tell you how sad this is. Just heard yesterday. Paul seemed like a gentle soul. If you need me for anything, don't hesitate to call me. Love you.

**Mary** - February 16 at 05:48 PM

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“ It was most devastating to learn of Paul's passing. He and Emily were our oldest, dearest friends — 48 years! He was a kind, gentle soul who always thought of others first. He helped so many people in his professional life and was generous to all in need. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Rest In Peace our dear friend. Don and Karen Campbell

**Karen Campbell** - February 16 at 04:45 PM

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“ Doug and the Yeager family,  
I did not get the chance to meet Paul but I have only heard amazing things about him. Everyone speaks so fondly of him and his work at the LIU. His dedication to those who are visually impaired is an inspiration. Sending love and condolences to you all <3  
Jenna McElroy

**Jenna McElroy** - February 16 at 03:33 PM

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“ I had the privilege of being one of Paul's O&M students. From when I was a toddler all the way through elementary school, he was there showing me how to explore my world safely and with enthusiasm. I have fond memories of him tossing a ball with a bell inside for me to find in my backyard, showing me intersection street crossings with toy cars, and instructing me on how to use my first cane. He never once made me feel scared or nervous to go out and navigate the world despite my vision loss; I am forever thankful that he instilled such confidence in me from a young age. I used what he taught me as I went to college in Philadelphia, studied abroad in Italy, and even when I walk to work each day. I could not have asked for a kinder, more supportive teacher and am proud to call myself his student. I

**Kristen Boyle** - February 16 at 12:50 PM

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“ We have known and loved Paul for nearly 52 years. He's been a cherished brother-in-law for 50+ years and has always been an interesting and loveable force of nature. Our hearts hurt for the whole family. We will miss him in so many ways.

Marc and Merryl

**Merryl Samuels** - February 16 at 11:44 AM

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“ Dear Emily and family,  
My sincerest condolences to you.  
I was shocked to learn of Paul’s passing.  
I will always remember our many conversations regarding how to correct the  
“wrongs” in society. If the powers that be would only have listened to him, the world  
would be a better place.  
He was always the consummate professional.  
May his love sustain you.  
May his presence be ever felt  
May his memory of a life well lived fill your heart with joy, laughter and solace.  
Sincerely,  
Naomi

**Naomi** - February 16 at 11:15 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I worked with him many years through the LIU as  
an itinerant therapist. My condolences to Emily, Doug, and the rest of the family.  
Linda Walsh

**Linda Walsh** - February 16 at 11:12 AM

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“ Emily,  
  
So sorry to hear about the passing of Paul.  
It was always a pleasure helping the both of you.  
  
Jim Tomasura  
Luzerne Intermediate Unit Tech Support

**Jim Tomasura** - February 16 at 11:10 AM