

Paul J. Kelleher

July 26, 1951 - March 3, 2023

Schenectady, NY-Paul J. Kelleher - Wiz, the Wizard, the Legend passed away suddenly, on March 3, 2023 as the result of a snowmobile accident on his beloved Schroon Lake leaving behind a devastated family.

Paul was the son of the late Paul F. Kelleher and Mary Therese Gleason Kelleher.

He married the love of his life, his constant companion and his Sous Chef Lorraine Ochs Kelleher in November of 2005 and together they blended a family of 5 children. Jamie Kelleher Kruppenbacher (Bruce), Meaghan Kelleher Weber (Chris), Kevin Kelleher, Meaghan Kohls (Eric) and Molly Mulligan Rochelle (Dave). They also shared 8 grandchildren, Cody, Marissa, Madelyn, Mackenzie, Bryson, Hailee, Mila and Jackson. He is also survived by his sister Deborah Kelleher Grasso (Larry Deceased).

Paul was a graduate of Keveny Academy where he made friends who remain close to this day. Especially his oldest and dearest friend John Hanrahan.

He was honorably discharged from the US Air Force after serving as an airframe mechanic during the Vietnam war and will be buried with full military honors. He was proud of his service to his country.

Paul found his greatest peace in his favorite place on Schroon Lake. You

could always find him with his son and sons-in-law helping to build the new camp, or behind the grill, or in the kitchen, breakfast, lunch, or dinner, feeding anyone who needed to be fed sharing his Chef skills.

He loved fishing, fast boats, snowmobiling, country music and his truck. But most of all he loved Lori, Jamie, Meaghan and Kevin and being Papa to his grands, teaching them to fish, swim, build a fire, drive a boat or shoot a B.B gun.

Paul leaves behind many friends. Everywhere he went, someone would know him. He also leaves behind, the camp crew Harry, Geri, Betsy and Al, Darrel and Brooke, Stacy, Jason and Jen, Justin, Stephanie and Mike, and many more special cousins.

His warm heart, easy way and sense of fun and adventure will be just a few of the things that all who knew him will remember.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Paul's family Saturday, March 11, 2023 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

There will be an Irish Celebration of Life immediately following the services at his sister's residence at 10 Edward Drive, Schenectady 12306. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come join the family and share your experiences and the fun times you've had with The Wiz.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul J. Kelleher*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 10, 2023 at 03:44 PM

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What a touching tribute to Paul!

Susan Smith - March 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Paul J. Kelleher*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

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“ *Wiz had a fantastic circle of family and friends who would call on him in their time of need. He was always there when you needed him the most. He was always the "go to guy". We all will miss him and all of the great times we had together. Steve Kopach*



Steve Kopach - March 23, 2023 at 08:17 PM

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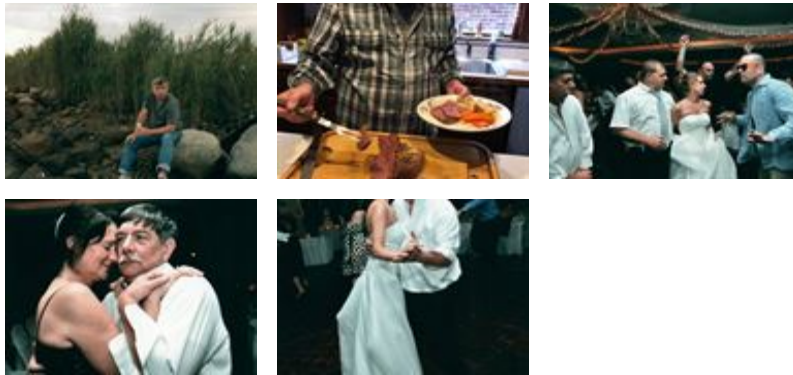
“ Mary Clark lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Kelleher



Mary Clark - March 10, 2023 at 11:21 PM

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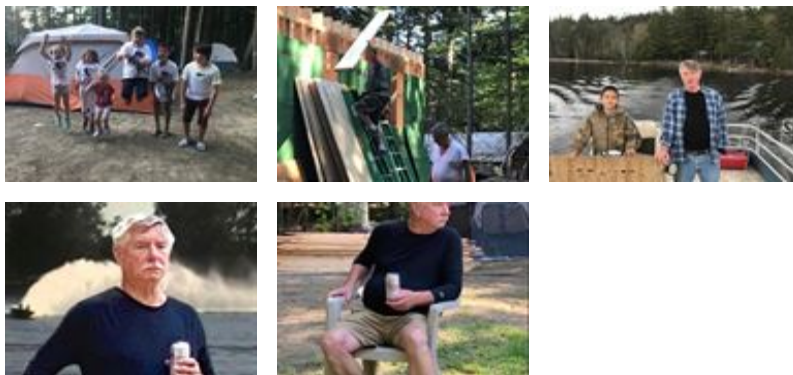
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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kelleher.*



March 09, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul J. Kelleher.*



March 08, 2023 at 06:36 PM