



## Paul A. Richter

May 1, 1936 - August 1, 2020

Albany, NY-Paul A. Richter, of Albany, retired New York State Trooper passed on August 1, 2020. Born May 1, 1936 in Woodside, Queens, NY. He was the son of the late Hans and Margaret (Wehinger) Richter. He attended P.S. 152 and W.C. Bryant High School, graduated from L.I. Agricultural and Tech Institute (now SUNY Farmingdale), New York. He also graduated from the New York State Police Academy and the NTC Polygraph School. Paul served in the U.S. Army 1956-1958 with honorable discharge.

On May 1, 1960 Paul married Marie Claire Penaud from Niort, France at the St. Jean the Baptiste Church, Manhattan, NY.

Paul entered the New York State Police on January 2, 1962. He had served in Troops C and B. He retired as a Zone Sergeant on disability as a result of an on duty shooting incident in Lake Placid, NY on 9/30/1973 during a traffic stop. Shot three times, one in the neck area leaving him totally paralyzed from the waist down. After many months of combined excellent care at CVPH, Plattsburg, NY and an intensive rehabilitation program at Sunnyview Hospital, Schenectady, NY he was discharged able to ambulate with a cane and leg

brace. For seven months Paul was visited everyday by his devoted family, friends and members of the New York State Police...these visits kept his spirits high. Paul remembered that Christmas 1973 at Sunnyview when the staff asked his brother Carl to dress up as Santa Claus, Paul and his children did not recognize Carl as Santa. He and his family lived in Tupper Lake, NY at the time and moved to Albany, NY in 1980 to get away from the severe winters. Paul always loved the Adirondacks and its people.

Paul was a life time member of the New York State Police PBA and the Association of Former NYS Troopers-Adirondack Chapter; a member of the Tupper Lake Mt. Arab Lodge 847, F. & A.M., Tupper Lake Moose Lodge 640, Albany Elks Lodge 49, IPA, American Association of Troopers, Italian-American Heritage Museum, Spinal Cord Society-Capital District Chapter, and the world famous Grump Club.

Paul received the NYSP "Brummer Award", Troy Police PBA "Gold Shield Award", Warriors on Wheels Award, Burke Rehabilitation-Research Program Citizen Award, and the Jefferson Award for Public Service. Paul was a gubernatorial appointee by Gov. George Pataki to serve on the NYS Spinal Cord Injury Research Board, which he proudly served on for 16 years without monetary compensation. Paul always was appreciative of the assistance he received from fellow board member, Dr. Allen Carl, making it possible for him to attend each meeting.

After Pauls injury, he directed his energy as an active advocate for the funding

and research toward finding a cure for spinal cord injury paralysis. He was involved in the Spinal Cord Society Capital District Chapter's annual research fund benefit for 30 years. He found pleasure when he was a volunteer driver for many years for the St. Peters Hospital mobile meals with fellow volunteer, Eleanor Finkelstein. Paul was the driving force and Chairman behind the creation of the "Gray Rider Trooper" monument project which is in front of the New York State Police Academy and was dedicated on 9/30/1993, exactly twenty years to the day of his injury. He also initiated a state wide grassroots research board/program which has funded over 90 Million dollars to researchers in NYS. Paul gave his time and money to see these projects thru to completion.

Paul often said, "what ever accomplishments I may have been fortunate enough to have achieved, it is because of the constant loyal support and help from my family, friends, volunteers, law enforcement community and the Grumps.

Paul enjoyed time with his family, helping others, driving his vintage Chevy Caprice Sedan, the few winters he spent in sunny Florida and lunch with friends at Dee Dee's Tavern. He appreciated the fine customer service from Lev Shoe Repair, Ragonese Imports and the Lucky Garden Restaurant, Paul's Garage and always the help he received from Dr. Carl's assistant Shanti. Paul missed his pre-injury days of in Tupper Lake of hunting, fishing, camping, golfing and skiing.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Claire, six children; Valerie (Michael) Burdo, Christine (Lance) Richardson, Claudine (John) Costello, Lisa (Carl) Albright, James (Kristin) Richter, John Richter and partner Katie O'Keefe; his brother Carl Richter, grandchildren; Olivia Richter, and Maryna and Andrew Richardson and his many friends. Paul was very proud of the accomplishments of his six children which he attributed to their hard work and their mother, Marie, who dedicated her life to her family.

Our family would like to thank the nurses at St. Peter's Hospital Community Hospice Inn for taking such great care of Paul in his last moments.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Paul's family Friday, August 7, 2020 9:00 am to 10:45 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206 (Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; Masks and Social Distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home) and then continue on with a New York State Trooper Escort to the Gerald BH Saratoga National Cemetery for a 12:30 pm Service with Military Honors.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing to remember Paul may consider a

contribution to Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, 270 Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, NY or the NYS Troopers PBA, Signal 30 Fund, 120 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Graveside

AUG 7. 12:30 PM (ET)

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery  
200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul A. Richter*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Marie and Family,  
So sorry to have learned of Paul's passing. He was a tremendous human being, we visited a few times and had lunch with our mutual friend Ray Kisor.  
May Paul Rest In Peace as I am sure he went straight to heaven!  
Steve Stofelano, Jr.  
Wells, NY*

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**steve stofelano jr** - September 21, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JP

“ Dear Richter family,  
I am so very saddened to hear of the passing of Paul. He was a recent but dear friend who I met through my research on spinal cord injury at SUNY Poly and his work with the Spinal Cord Injury Society. Paul and I continued to stay in touch discussing life and science and events. He was a constant inspiration, always following the science closely and pushing for advances and always reflecting a passion for life and family and the police force. I will miss his emails and webcams of beautiful places or articles on how to pick the best hotdog brand. I looked forward to our communications and the occasional offer of sweet corn that he loved so much and would deliver in his big sedan. What an amazing person and life. He will be sorely missed and always remembered. My sincere condolences to his loving family whom he adored. Rest in peace Paul.

*Prof. Jan Paluh*



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**Jan Paluh** - August 27, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CR

*Thank you for your kind words about my dad. I still can't believe he is gone. Christine*

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**Christine Richardson** - August 29, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JP

*Hi Christine, Yes he was sunshine. I lost my mother a year ago suddenly as well and I think of her every day. I try to focus on remembering wonderful lives, silly moments and all of the great adventures together. They are always in our hearts and with us. Jan*

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**Jan Paluh** - September 06, 2020 at 10:13 AM

PB

“ I’m so very sorry to here about Paul’s passing. I was in the hospital and only just heard. Paul always brought me the Christmas wreaths for our home and restaurants and was a regular patron at our restaurants. Had many lovely conversations with Paul, he was a true gentleman. Again my sincere condolences. I will miss him. Pat Byron

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**Patricia Byron** - August 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM

CR

Thank you Pat for you kinds words. Christine Richter Richardson

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**Christine Richardson** - August 29, 2020 at 11:30 PM

TF

“ We are sad to read of a good friend Paul’s passing. He was the best example of courage and will power I know of. I’m remembering some of our trips together:

*Little Sagamore camp, getting caught in a thunder storm on Tupper Lake, giving Marie’s parents a boat ride, and Paul’s legs getting sunburned on a canoe trip. One time he came into the hardware store and told me about noises he heard in the ceiling of his camp. I guessed it to be a squirrel. He bought and set two traps. The next day he showed me his catch in the trunk of his car. He had one squirrel in one trap and three in the shape of a perfect T in the other! We got a good education in stained glass after the accident. We had a good phone conversation last fall. My remaining trooper friends are Hubert and Tim. He will be missed. Best wishes and prayers to the family.*

*Tom and Denise Fortune*

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**Tom & Denise Fortune** - August 15, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LA

*Thank you so much Mr. and Mrs. Fortune, we know how fond he was of you and your family. He often spoke of his times with you. He will be missed.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:32 AM

MO

“ *Dear Richter family,  
Paul was my favorite. I will miss him so much. He was so wise and genuine. I loved my conversations with Paul over the 16 years I have worked with Dr .Z. I will miss Paul very much. Best wishes to John and family.  
Melissa,  
Dr. Zeltner's office*

**Melissa Olcott** - August 10, 2020 at 04:01 PM

LA

*Thank you so much for your kind words, they truly help get us through this time.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:33 AM

BJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Bob Jackman** - August 08, 2020 at 04:40 PM

LA

*Thank you for posting these photos, our father would be proud.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:33 AM

BJ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Bob Jackman** - August 08, 2020 at 12:31 AM

JB

“ Both myself and my wife had the pleasure of knowing Paul. We attended many Spinal Cord Dinners. We will miss his smile. Our nephew Richard Glerum was seriously injured in a MC accident. Just one call to Paul and he was on Richards case. Richard is now only paralyzed in his legs. But they told him he would loose everything from the neck down. Paul told him to work hard because he had 1`8 months. Richard did. God bless you Paul and have a safe trip to heaven. Jim Booth Retired Sr/Inv. SP Loudonville.

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**James Booth** - August 07, 2020 at 07:03 PM

LA

Thank you so much for this story Mr. Booth, we all very much appreciate your kind words.

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**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:35 AM

MK

“ My deepest condolences to Mr. Richter’s family. I never had the privilege of meeting him, but I stood on the long grey line for over thirty years. Once a Trooper, always a Trooper. His family should know that they have the support and appreciation of countless Members, current and retired. God rest and keep him.

*Matt Klein 161st*

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**Matthew Klein** - August 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM

LA

*Thank you so much for your kind words, we really appreciate all of the support, prayers and encouragement.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:36 AM

GB

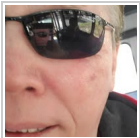
*“ I remember the night Paul was shot and the ensuing search detail for the shooter. I also remember being one of the SP Academy counselors who transported him back and forth between Schenectady and Tupper Lake on weekends while he was at Sunnyview. I was also very appreciative of a call I received from after a shooting incident that I was involved in. He was a true hero and a real gentleman.*

**George R. Berger** - August 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LA

*Wow, thank you Mr. Berger for this, there are so many wonderful people that supported our father and helped him through the years, you truly made a difference in his life.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:38 AM



*“ Paul was a great friend to me and was also a friend of my father who is a retired NYSP Inc/Sgt. He was a strong advocate for the SCI community and also Stem Cell research for a cure for SCI. I will always remember Paul and pray for him. Rest In Peace Paul. John Moynihan*

**John Moynihan** - August 07, 2020 at 03:03 AM

LA

*Thank you so much for the kind words, the support of his friends (like you) is what kept him going and moving forward. Thank you so much.*

**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:39 AM

DB

“ Even in your after life, you don't forget the little guys.

*Thanks Paul and family.*

*DeeDee*

*P.s- Marie my birthday is 6/15. I expect you to call me as Paul always did. ❤️*

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**deidre bertrand** - August 06, 2020 at 08:50 PM

LA

*Thank you so much DeeDee, he loved your place and felt so comfortable there. We appreciate all you have done for him.*

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**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:40 AM

KL

“ *My father, Budd Russell, talked very highly of Paul, would talk of hunting with him and helping him when he was injured in the line of duty, our sincere condolences to your family*  
*Kathy Lanthier ( Budd Russell daughter)*

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**Kathy Lanthier** - August 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM

LA

*We loved your father, such a wonderful man, thank you so much for the kind words.*

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**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:41 AM

MO

“ We at Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center send our condolences and best wishes to the Richter family and Paul's friends. What a recovery he made at Sunnyview and what an accomplished life in service to others and the SCI community. Our thanks to the family for thinking of Sunnyview as a place to send a tribute gift in recognition of Paul's tremendous life. He continues to inspire.

*Peace and grace,  
Mike O'Hara - Sunnyview Rehab Hospital*

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**Mike O'Hara** - August 06, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LA

*Thank you so much Mr. O'hara for your staff, you are the ones who helped get him back on his feet, without the amazing care of Sunnyview our father would have never walked again. With much appreciation.*

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**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:43 AM

WB

“ *Brother Paul, as a fellow trooper surviving a shooting you have always been an inspiration to me, as your injuries were much greater than mine. That inspiration placed you as an example of what remains to be done for our fellow man. We met initially during the time that you spearheaded our wonderful "Grey Rider" at the SP Academy, which I hope remains as an honor to you. In that vein I hope that anyone that passes that statue not sees a nameless Trooper, but all of our brothers and sisters who made a difference as not only Troopers but rare examples of great people serving not only the public but family and friends. Well done my friend, well done, God Bless You!*

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**William Bender** - August 06, 2020 at 02:49 PM

LA

*Thank you so much for your kind words, we really appreciate all of the support, prayers and encouragement.*

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**Lisa Albright** - August 16, 2020 at 06:43 AM

JL

“ *To the Richter family,  
I met Paul just before I left the hospital with my spinal cord injury. He gave me hope and inspiration to work at my physical therapy to get to the point that I could walk with a cane. He motivated me to join the Spinal Cord Society and volunteer at the fundraising dinners.  
He was so thoughtful and helpful asking how I was doing and that of my family.  
I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know him  
My sincere condolences on your loss. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Joan Butler LaDuke*

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**Joan Butler LaDuke** - August 06, 2020 at 02:07 PM

LA

*Thank you so very much for your kind and thoughtful condolences, he is truly missed.*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:28 PM

TR

“ *On behalf of our entire Family we send our condolences. It seems like yesterday we were at CBA together. A very wonderful man who loved his Family and his job of protecting the people of New York. God Speed Welcome Home. The Regan Family.*

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**thomas regan** - August 06, 2020 at 08:53 AM



*Thank you so much for you kind words, we really miss him so much.*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:29 PM

DW

“ My deepest condolences to Claudine, and all of Paul's family. I know he is in a much better place now, without the limitations of spinal cord injury.

*I had the honor of Paul's friendship for over 25 years. And like others, he contacted me shortly after my accident through a mutual friend, Tony (Murph) Falzano. From then on, he was a more than reliable friend, more than my own family at the time. Whether it was helping him on his latest legislative issue, which there were many, or just a random phone call to talk about our shared love of the Adirondacks, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake regions, or even an urgent need for a common SCI health issue, he always gave so much of himself to help me and others.*

*Paul was also a conduit, a go-between, for people and issues he saw in the community that he wanted to help or make better. Or someone he learned of in need, where he could steer them in the direction of another person, which I found myself on the receiving end of numerous times. This was another way he helped me. He gave me a sense of purpose. He let me use what happened to me in my accident in a positive way. To use my knowledge of engineering, and my life experience as a chair user with spinal cord injury, to help someone else. In my book it takes a truly special person pull that off. He did that on a daily basis.*

*He was indeed a true warrior for all of us. Whether it was the annual Spinal Cord Society fundraising dinner, or his spearheading new efforts toward SCI research, or generally making lives better for people with spinal cord injuries, his commitment to the cause was constant.*

*Another thing that struck me about Paul was no matter what the occasion, when you had a conversation with him, in person or on the phone, or even email, it didn't matter, you came away from it with a deep sense of not just comradery, but that he was someone who truly did understand, and who truly cared sincerely about the*

*issues you were facing. And not just because he may have experienced the same issues, but because he was that kind of person; caring, sincere and genuine.*

*Looking back now, even with all that I gained from my friendship with him for that many years, I've learned more in the past couple days. Who would have ever thought that two people's lives would first criss-cross decades earlier at a small sporting goods store in Saranac Lake; the Blue Line Sports Shop. Where a little nine year old boy looking for something to "catch the greatest fish ever", very likely scampered past a display case that would later alter an exceptional State Trooper's life forever.*

*Officer Richter, Paul, buddy, my dear dear friend, rest in peace. You will be missed terribly.*

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**Don White** - August 06, 2020 at 02:04 AM

LA

*Thank you so much Mr. White for your kind and thoughtful words, they truly brought tears to my eyes. He was a wonderful man as I'm certain you are. With much gratitude, The Richter Family*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:32 PM

HG

*“ I am deeply saddened to read about Paul's passing. I met Paul years ago at a dinner at Burke in White Plains and then again years later. He took in an interest in my son who has a spinal cord injury and always asked about him. I was on Paul's email distribution list and it always made me smile to get one of his posts with a point of you I most Always agreed with. A beautiful soul that cared about people. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. May his memory always be a blessing. — Heidi Greembaum*

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**Heidi Greenbaum** - August 05, 2020 at 03:22 PM

LA

*Thank you so much for your thoughtful words and yes, his memory certainly lives on. Thank you again. The Richter Family*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:33 PM

NC

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a great friend. Norman Cote Tupper Lake*

**Norman Cote** - August 05, 2020 at 03:01 PM

LA

*Hi Norman, thank you so very much for the kind words, he loved the folks in TL and missed living there deeply.*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:34 PM

VB

“ *Our deepest and sincere condolences to the Richter Family. Paul was truly one of a kind and will be missed by all.*

*Vito B.*

**Vito B** - August 05, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LA

*Thank you for the kind words, he sure was one of a kind, we miss him!! Thank you again. The Richter Family*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:35 PM

JP

“ They say there are angels who walk among us. Paul was one of them. The level of difference he made in peoples lives is immeasurable. He was all about a good cause and law enforcement but most of all - his love for his family was his priority. Something tells me he’s already busy in Heaven. With heartfelt sympathy -  
Julie Pasquini

Julie Pasquini - August 05, 2020 at 12:49 PM

LA

Thank you Julie, I truly believe that as well, thank you for the kind and heartfelt words. The Richter Family

Lisa Albright - January 18, 2021 at 04:36 PM

SS

“ Dear Mrs. Richter, Jim, John, Claudine and all the Richter Family, Sending my deepest condolences to you the loss of your husband and Dad, it is a very difficult time and please know I will be keeping you in my prayers and remembering all the all the drives I took over to Davis back in the good auld days. Much respect for Mr. Richter’s illustrious career and service. God bless you all. Sheila Savage

Sheila Savage - August 05, 2020 at 12:24 PM

LA

Thank you so much Mrs. Savage for the kind words and condolences. We truly all appreciate it.

Lisa Albright - January 18, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JT

“ *Richter Family:*

*Very sorry to hear of Paul's passing . He was one of the nicest people I knew. We had many long discussions on policing and he always supported me when I was President of the Albany Police Officers Union and Chief of Police. His insight into policing was extraordinary. I appreciated all his guidance.*

*On the social always enjoyed our times at the Grump Club. May he rest in peace.*

*Jim Tuffey*

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**James W Tuffey** - August 05, 2020 at 10:37 AM

LA

*Thank you for the kind and thoughtful words Mr. Tuffey, He loved the Grumps and always had good laughs and stories when he spoke of his times with you all. Thank you again. I*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:38 PM

LB

“ *Dear Marie Claire and Paul's Family,*

*We all meet a lot of people in the course of our lives and a few-- because of their generous spirits, good hearts and shining example--leave a lasting impression. Paul was like that. I met him through his Spinal Cord Society work. He was so down-to-earth and genuine that I liked him immediately. I know he had that effect on so many people.*

*His work on behalf of spinal cord research was tireless and I admired his courage and selflessness--whenever I would ask how he was doing, he would deflect his own health issues to talk about helping someone else. He was such a great guy!*

*Please know how much I thought of him--and how proud I was to have him include me among his many friends.*

*My prayers are with you, Paul, and with your family. Rest in Peace.*

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**Liz Bishop** - August 05, 2020 at 09:44 AM

LA

*Hi Liz, thank you so much for your heartfelt words, he always spoke so highly of you and mentioned even a story about you at Kingsway with so much joy and laughter.. He is truly missed. We appreciate your prayers . The Richter Family.*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:41 PM

FV

“ *Paul was truly who you could never say no to. He was just the best!!! Never complained about his physical condition although he was in much pain every day. I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. He will be missed by everyone who ever new him. What a Gentleman! He achieved so much in his lifetime and all of it was for other people. A very kind and loving man. My sincere condolences to his entire family and friends. May He Rest In Peace.*

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**Frank Valenti** - August 05, 2020 at 09:04 AM

RB

“ *I have so many amazing childhood memories with Mr. Richter and his family that I will cherish ❤️ I am so sorry to hear of his passing, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family 🙏*

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**Rene Jock Bullard** - August 04, 2020 at 08:58 PM

TL

“ *I have a lot of good memories of Mr.Richter and the family. I just wish there were more people in the world like Paul. All I can say is what a nice man .Rest in Peace old friend.Tim*

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**Tim Larkin** - August 04, 2020 at 07:09 PM

LL

“ To the Family of Paul, my sincerest condolences. I will miss his daily/weekly emails about the NYS Police and articles for use in the Gray Rider Newsletter. Being employed by the NYSP for over 43 years, he liked to receive my comments on certain issues. Paul asked me one day about 4 years ago if I would be interested in becoming the Editor for the Gray Rider. After I told him yes, I soon was coming on board to learn the ropes of the position of Editor. He framed my first issue of the newsletter and drove over to my house to present it to me from the his Chevy Sedan. He was always so considerate. I have it hanging among my other State Police memorabilia. Over the years we became friends from my attendance at the Spinal Cord Fund Raisers and other projects Paul was involved with. He loved his family and his State Police family. I will always remember him, his funny jokes and the advice he would always give me. Rest in Peace Paul.  
Linda Lyons

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**Linda Lyons** - August 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM

LA

Thank you so much for the heartfelt words and condolences. His emails are certainly missed. Thank you again. The Richter Family.

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:43 PM

TM

“ Paul was a person I will always remember and always miss. He has gone on to join other Grump Club legends as Barney McGuire, Harry Demarest, Ed Klan, Bob Sweeney , Bill Dooley and so many more. uncle Pauli we're going to miss you, miss you very much. It's been a privilege to have known you the past 40 years.

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**Tom McGuinness** - August 04, 2020 at 05:37 PM

LA

*Thank you Mr. McGuinness for the heartfelt words, he is with the Grumps I'm sure, having a beer and perhaps a hot dog telling stories amongst us. He is truly missed.*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:45 PM

RR

*“ Words are not sufficient to fully describe Paul.....suffice it to say When I visited him in rehab it was a memory that has inspired me since that day, such was His character. His courage in facing life is beyond most ability to understand. A Man who stood taller than most even when sitting in a wheel chair. I am honored to have know him..RIP in peace brother.*

**R.E Prost. Inv. NYST. Retired** - August 04, 2020 at 05:34 PM

LA

*Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful words, The Richter Family*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:46 PM

JD

*“ RIP Paul, condolences to your great family. I knew Paul from the Grumps Club where he would "hold court" talking about the world of today and his beloved law enforcement career. He loved to be around the old cops and was highly respected by all. We will miss him greatly...RIP Brother, Sl'ainte*

**John Dillon** - August 04, 2020 at 05:08 PM

LA

*Thank you for the condolences and heartfelt words, our father loved the Grumps, it was the highlight of many conversations.*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DP

“ Paul and I have shared many thoughts through the years regarding our mutual friends we each knew while members of the New York State Police. Paul always had deep feelings for his friends, the welfare of our country, and the current events in which he always had a comment about. We kept in constant touch by email and I was saddened when learning he had passed. Our mutual friend Herb Buckley that I spoke to a couple days ago said it best, and I quote "Paul was the fabric of the New York State Police". No truer words where ever spoken.  
Paul's name remains on my email list so I can see it daily as a reminder of my dear departed friend.  
Love you Paul, R.I.P.  
Don Pitcher

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**Don Pitcher** - August 04, 2020 at 04:49 PM

LA

*Thank you for the heartfelt, thoughtful words, he is truly missed. Thank you again. The Richter Family*

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**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MS

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to the entire Richter family for their loss. Paul was a true pioneer to the SCI community and there will never be another like him. He reached out to my family within days of my SCI (21 years years ago), and mentored me from then on. He made life sooo much easier on us. The laughs we shared, time we spent together, advocating, lunch, stories we exchanged, our daily phone calls, I already miss. I will treasure our friendship forever, Rest in piece my friend, Love ~ Mike



Mike Di Scipio - August 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

MS

Raymond Kaiser and friend Joyce, Paul, Mike Di Scipio

Mike Di Scipio - August 04, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MR

My most sincere condolences to the Richter family. Your loss is shared by all of us who knew Paul. He was a really fine man and one I have always looked up to. God Bless...  
Mike Glick

Michael Glick, NYSP, retired - August 04, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LA

This is a great photo, thank you for the kind words and thoughtfulness. He is truly missed.

Lisa Albright - January 18, 2021 at 04:48 PM

Rick  
Donah

“ To the family of Mr. Paul Richter -

*Over the past ten years, I have spoken to your father many times about the revitalization of our hometown of Tupper Lake, New York. He was always very supportive of my political efforts to change the status quo! Most recently, he offered to assist with my petition to get NYS to take over the operations of the Big Tupper Ski Area. He was generous with his contacts and his experiences dealing with NYS as a lobbyist and an advocate. I am grateful to have known him and I am sad that he has left us. He loved Tupper Lake and wanted to help in any way he could. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of grief.*

*God bless your Dad and your family.*

*Kind Regards - Rick Donah*

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**Rick Donah** - August 04, 2020 at 01:57 PM

PD

*I have many fond memories of your dad. We've have many adventures while he lived in Tupper Lake.*

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**Peter Drabick** - August 04, 2020 at 02:08 PM

BR

*Paul was a Good Friend. We had Great Visits when he came to Florida for Winter months. I appreciate his FriendShip, we had Great Lunches & Conversations. Our E-Mails kept us in touch, I will miss his Friendship. God Bless you all.*

*Rest In Peace.  
Bob Richardson*

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**Bob Richardson** - August 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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*Thank you fso much for the kind and thoughtful words, Petere and Bob, he is truly missed.*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:49 PM

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*Thank you Rick, He was enjoying working with you on the Big Tupper project. He was always looking to help and make life better for others. Thank you again.*

**Lisa Albright** - January 18, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul A. Richter.*



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