



## Paul Kies

June 18, 1950 - January 1, 2019

Paul Robert Kies of Shelby Twp., MI passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at the age of 68 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, MI. Paul was born in Buffalo, NY on Father's Day, June 18, 1950. He was preceded by his loving parents, Paul George Kies and Edith Kies. Paul was a devoted and caring husband to Kathy (Schneider) Kies for over 46 years. He was a loving father to Paul A. & Sally (Stier) Kies, Christopher & Elizabeth (Diem) Kies, and Andrew & Deanna (Gerberry) Kies. Proud grandfather ("Opa") to 7 grandchildren: Paul James (PJ), Orrin, Eli, Annalise, Andrew, Nathan, and Ian. Dear brother of Edith (Dietmar) Poelzing and Marlisa (Robert) Kalb. He is also survived by countless loving family members and friends.

Paul was a minister in the New Apostolic Church for 49 years, who joyfully served members in Buffalo, NY, Westlake, OH, El Paso, TX, Dayton, OH, and Sterling Heights, MI. He retired from his ministry in October 2017, in the midst of many loving friends and family. His service as a minister and member of the church included holding services, visiting members, singing in and directing the choir, acting as youth leader, and leading small group discussions. Paul recently retired from Delphi Product & Service Solutions in Troy, MI where he was a Packing Engineer. Paul's spiritual and natural works took Kathy and him on many adventures, and afforded Paul the privilege of touching many lives. He was known for his generous heart, contagious energy, humorous nature, and pure joy for life and relationships. In his short time in retirement, Paul enjoyed volunteering at church and in his community (via MCREST), cooking delicious meals for his wife Kathy, enjoying his lake house, traveling in his infamous Astro Van to visit family and friends, completing home improvement projects, and canning vegetables that he grew in his home garden.

Visitation will take place on Friday January 11th from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home,

Address: 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Charter Township, MI 48315.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday January 12th at 10:30 AM at the New Apostolic Church, Address: 37800 Utica Road (E. of Schoenherr Rd.) Sterling Heights, MI

48312.

For those who are unable to attend service in person but would like to take part in the memorial service, please dial 1-218-632-4424, then enter code 303178# when prompted.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Paul's memory to the New Apostolic Church of Sterling Heights, at <http://www.nac-sterlingheights.org/eGiving> or to the Charitable Ministry of the New Apostolic Church, at <http://www.nac-usa.org/giving/re-charitable.html>.

# Cemetery Events

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**Cremation**

**JAN Memorial Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM**

**11**

Wasik (Shelby)

49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Charter Township, MI, US, 48315

**JAN Memorial Service 10:30AM**

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New Apostolic Church

37800 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights, MI, US, 48312

# Comments

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“ Dear Kies family,

We are very sorry for your loss of Paul. The memorial on Saturday was a wonderful tribute and celebration of his life. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

- Ruth and Craig Denning

The attached photo was from his office retirement with Apostle Hecht.



**Craig Denning** - January 15 at 11:31 AM

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“ So saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great family man. I remember all the volleyball game he attended to watch his sons play. His encouragement and support helped propel each of them to heights even they didn't know they could achieve. He will be truly missed.

**John Zloty** - January 12 at 08:55 AM

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“ Condolences to the Kies family and friends. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

**Raymond Hwang** - January 11 at 01:13 PM

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“ Loved how he came to our house to teach confirmation lessons to the kids. No one smiled more than him and you always felt like you were a close friend when you talked to him. He always laughed how I would complete church tasks at the last minute. Knowing we will not see that smile again for awhile is tragic but his life was a celebration of joy.

**russell capps** - January 10 at 04:44 PM

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“ I am so saddened by Paul's passing. Paul and I worked together for several years at Delphi. He was the packaging arm of my product development team. I remember how excited he was after designing a difficult box for an unusual fuel pump on a GM vehicle. We golfed together in the company tournament....just a great guy and has left us too early. My condolences to the family. He will not be forgotten.

Tom Thompson - January 10 at 12:37 PM

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“ Kies Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. I only knew Paul via working our few trips together at the Plainfield, Indiana warehouse to improve some products. The core group of us loved Paul with his musical abilities thru out the work day. A little singing with Ed Wells and Paul's drum solos were great. Paul and Dick Dent always wanted to go to the Plainfield Mexican for lunch during these reworks. Paul liked the "flan". The stories he share while relaxing at the hotel pool were always entertaining. I'm sure Paul will be greatly missed. I hope and pray that Paul got to really enjoy his short retirement time.  
Rest in peace, Paul.  
Mike McDermott Kokomo Delphi co-worker.

Mike McDermott - January 10 at 10:58 AM



“ Solo drums in the car is a view to see. Growing up I always though he played the drums in a band or something, nope just the car

chris kies - January 10 at 10:33 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Kies.



January 10 at 10:29 AM

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“ Dear Kathy, Paul, Chris and Andrew,

My heart breaks for you and your family with Paul's passing. I was privileged to live next door to this wonderful man. I observed someone who loved his Lord, adored his wife, loved and beamed with pride for his children, and over the moon for his grandchildren.

There are many memories to share, but one in particular I will never forget.

One time Kathy had been away for a couple of days with one of the boys. Paul planned a surprise dinner for her that he served on the floating raft in our neighborhood lake. I watched him carry a table, chairs, umbrella, utensil, etc.. by paddle boat to the raft. When Kathy got home, as if on a date, he escorted her by paddle boat to the raft for dinner. He asked me if I would take a picture of the two of them. They beamed like teenagers.

Thank you Paul and Kathy.

Love Lucy Prawdzik

Lucy Prawdzik - January 10 at 06:03 AM

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“ „During our residence in the US, we met you first at the Utica congregation. Serving as a minister, you shared your deep and profound faith and knowledge about biblical history. But not only your faith was extraordinary, also your endless love and joy and enthusiasm and humor were catching. In everything you did we could feel this spirit, no matter whether it was singing in the choir or organizing a fellowship event, like the legendary soup contest. (Yes, I still have the recipe for your Mexican Tortilla Soup!) You made everybody who entered your home feel like a beloved family member, that's what I have to tell you from Carolin (and I know everybody will agree)... We are blessed beyond words our paths of life crossed and we could share precious hours. You will be in our hearts for ever! Until we meet again, Anette, Bernd and Carolin.“

Dear Kathy and family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers in those difficult times. Have our deepest sympathy.

Our love and hugs from Germany, Anette & Bernd & Carolin

Anette Hoffmann-Frey - January 10 at 05:59 AM

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“ We in El Paso are very sorry to hear of your loss, thoughts and prayers goes to all your family. Paul and Kathy were a joy for the short time they were among us, singing in the choir and serving and many fellowships. our love and hugs, Walt and Louise Klein



Walter Klein - January 08 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Kathy, Paul, Chris, Andrew & Family,

We are so very sorry for your great loss! We were truly saddened to hear of Paul's passing and want you to know that you have been and will be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.  
So glad that we had the pleasure of getting to know him over the years as part of the extended family. We will miss him.

With our love,  
Brian, Ingrid & Ethan Stier

**Brian Stier** - January 06 at 10:07 PM

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“ The first week in December our congregation served as a shelter for 30 homeless women and children. You were there every morning at 6:30 to drive them. They would argue over who got to ride in your van because you shared a new recipe with them each day! They all heard about your famous pickles and we had a late night tasting so they could give them a try! You have touched so many with your love, faith, and that great sense of humor! And the kazoo... who would have thought the “K Orchastra” would be such a hit at this years Christmas Program. To say that you will be missed is an understatement. We are all truly blessed to have called you our faithful servant and friend. Until we meet again, we love you! The Morse's



**Kimberly Morse** - January 06 at 09:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Paul was well known by our Canadian Youth with the roles he played in Kitchener at the concerts, he made us laugh and made us cry. May you find much comfort and peace with friends and family.  
Albert and Dori Loschnig

**Albert Loschnig** - January 06 at 08:01 AM

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“ Kathy,

With deeply saddened and heavy hearts Jil and I send our condolences to you and the family. As you know, Paul's smile would warm any room he entered, his sense of humor and his ability to share his spiritually with everyone he met, will truly be missed. We pray that you will find peace and comfort and even though the huge hole left in your heart will never be filled, allow the spirit of the Lord to find a resting place there.

Love Pete and Jil Birkner

Peter Birkner - January 05 at 01:09 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album 40 th anniversary



Peter Birkner - January 05 at 12:25 PM

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“ Dear Kathy,

As many have all ready told you, we were shocked and so deeply saddened to hear of Paul being called home. He will always remain in our hearts as someone so vital and young! You, your boys and grandchildren as well as Paul's sisters and extended family will be remembered in our prayers during this difficult time of separation. We are so grateful to hear the service will be available for us to connect and listen in.

Our hearts are very moved remembering Bob and Paul working together at Deaconess, so many youth trips, Apostle dinners, fellowships, times spent together in choir and visiting.....even how you two played a big part in our courtship! Bob fondly recalls the Blizzard of '77 when our husbands were stranded at the hospital together and also during another storm coming together at your East End apartment along with Schlegel's and Sister Rech so Paul could still hold our Sunday service. You and Paul cooked a hearty brunch for us before we ventured out to walk through the snow to our apartment again. Other fond memories include the Buffalo guys sealing the parking lot every summer and painting the ceiling light fixtures at our Pine Ridge Rd. church before the Chief Apostle visit.

We are related to you and Paul in our hearts. That bond cannot be broken by time or distance. Whenever our paths would cross again after you left Buffalo, you would greet us as loving friends and that's the way Paul always was. Once you became his friend, that had no end date.

We will always remember Paul as a great example of faith.

We love you Kathy, Paul, Chris and Andy!

Sarah Norris - January 04 at 10:23 PM

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“ Dear Kathy and family, remembering you in our prayers. I always enjoyed talking with you and Paul. He will be missed.

Gail Thompson Carucci

Gail Carucci - January 04 at 08:03 PM

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“ Kathy and all Paul's wonderful family. He held such regard for all his family it was wonderful to spend time in the evenings by the pool talking about careers, families, church group activities and, of course, work. These times together at the Plainfield, IN DPSS warehouse were priceless. I will always remember them and our times together there. I am most disappointed that my wife and I cannot be in attendance but we will pray for you and all your family. He loved you all, I still remember the picture of he and his grandson sitting on the end of the dock fishing. I will miss him. May the Lord bless you and keep you, Richard Dent

Richard Dent - January 04 at 05:55 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Kies.



January 04 at 05:46 PM

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“ Extending our sincere condolences to the entire family. We are saddened by such a loss but God is in control. So glad we had three days together at the Tennessee reunion in August. Its clear that he was a very special and loving husband, dad, grandfather, minister and friend to so many !

Our love, Randy and Jory Gerken

Randy Gerken - January 04 at 10:43 AM

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“ Dear Kathy;  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. My Heartfelt condolences to you and your Family.  
In reflecting back on our many family get together's and as recently as this past August at our Family Reunion, Paul would always have great stories to share and keep us laughing. I remember well how he and I would compare cooking techniques and recipe's.  
On behalf of my family, Jay/Sue, Todd, Kimberly/Darren and myself we will keep you and your's in our Prayers.

Much Love;  
Bud

**Bud Cross** - January 04 at 09:40 AM

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“ Kathy and Family,  
Our walk of faith together with your loved one was far too short. Though our paths crossed through out the years, the privilage to share a closer friendship and relationship only began three years ago when I relocated to Sterling Heights. His smile, humor and warmth was infective. More importantly, his faith was an example to all. May our God, whom he has served and love hid entire life, embrace you and be a source of comfort during these difficult hours. Each of you are in our prayers.  
Bill Blair

**Bill Blair** - January 04 at 09:02 AM

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“ Kathy and Family,  
  
I remember Pr. Kies on many many youth trips and picnics. He will be greatly missed.

**Linda Schaefer** - January 04 at 03:56 AM

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“ Sharon Springstead lit a candle in memory of Paul Kies



Sharon Springstead - January 04 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Pr. Kies as a humorous man. When ever I seen him in Buffalo, he was always nice to me and greeted me with a kind word and a firm but gentle handshake. Prayers for all. Sharon Springstead

Sharon Springstead - January 03 at 11:59 PM

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“ Dear Kathy, children and spouses, and grandchildren, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. I have many good memories of getting together with you, Kathy, Paul and children. I was very shocked to hear this news. You are all in my prayers. May Paul find peace in eternity. Love, Judy Kremblas

Judy Paula - January 03 at 05:59 PM

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“ Dear Kathy, Paul, Chris, Andrew, wives and grandchildren, We express our deep sympathy over the loss of such a fine man, a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather, Minister and our friend. We worked and traveled together in both business and Church, shared many wonderful experiences, fellowships and both tears and laughter, more laughter than tears. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him and experienced his heartfelt love for his fellow man. He was a very special person.

You will be in our prayers daily,.  
All our love,  
Tom & Carol Dobmeier

Thomas Dobmeier - January 03 at 04:35 PM

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“ Kathy and family I was so sorry to hear about Paul. He was such a kind, loving and happy man. He made such an impression on Madison at your family reunion. You are in our prayers. Debbie McCullough

Deborah M - January 03 at 03:11 PM

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“ Paul you always knew how to make a person smile. It was my honor to serve with you, and learn the love of Christ from you. Well done God's good and faithful servant. You will be missed always.

**Frank Laurich** - January 03 at 12:36 PM

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“ Dear Kathy,  
We are so sorry for your loss of Paul even though we haven't seen you both for a while we thought of you many times and we had hoped you were going to move back after Paul's retirement. We were sorry to see you both move away from the Cincinnati area, you both brought joy to the Cincinnati, Dayton congregations.. We are praying for you and your boys. You're in our prayers.

Love to you and your family,  
Jerry and Linda Taylor  
Cincinnati

**Linda Taylor** - January 03 at 09:28 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Kies.



January 03 at 08:54 AM

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“ Priest Paul Kies was always a loving, kind servant of God. Always got a hug, strong handshake and words of encouragement whenever we met. Will always remember the time they stopped at our house to say hello after I got home from the hospital. Kathy and family, you are in our prayers. Dave and Jan Byers

**Jan Byers** - January 03 at 08:48 AM