



Paul S. Lafata

November 5, 1948 - October 4, 2025

Paul, age 76, was born November 5, 1948, in Detroit, MI, son of Paul Lafata and Mary (Alongi). He grew up in St. Clair Shores, frequenting the neighborhood baseball diamond. He graduated from Austin Catholic Preparatory School. Paul served in the army during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970, followed by four years in the reserves. Enjoying one of his favorite pastimes, boating, Paul met Mary Gregor at Lake St. Clair Metropolitan Beach. The two married on October 5, 1985, at San Francisco Catholic Church. Together, they raised three children. Paul was always devoted to supporting their activities, especially cheering on the sidelines of countless soccer games. Paul was a skilled craftsman with a fix-it-yourself attitude. A proud and loving father, family was of the utmost importance to him, hosting dinner every Sunday, showcasing his culinary skills. He worked as a project manager in the automotive industry for 30 years. After retirement, Paul served as the Chesterfield Township Treasurer from 2016-2020 and remained an active member of the community in the following years. He is survived by his loving wife Mary, his three children Amanda (Neil) Kocan, Paul Lafata, and Marissa Lafata, and his younger sister, Bernadette (Robert) Willaert.

Visitation for Paul will be from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary, Friday, October 10, 2025 at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel located at 35259-23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

Paul will lie in state from 8:30 a.m. until a 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at St. Peter Catholic Church located at 95 Market Street in Mt. Clemens.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Rosary

OCT 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

OCT 11. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
95 Market Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Funeral Mass

OCT 11. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
95 Market Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Tribute Wall

FH

“ Paul was a great man, mentor, friend and father figure for me in my early automotive career. I’m sorry for your loss but know Paul touched many lives. Fred Hunter

Fred Hunter - October 15, 2025 at 07:31 PM

RS

“ Rosa S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Lafata.

Rosa S. - October 10, 2025 at 06:09 PM

WJ

“ With love, David and Christine Joseph purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul S. Lafata.



With love, David and Christine Joseph - October 10, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SH

“ Sharon H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Lafata.

Sharon H. - October 09, 2025 at 10:37 AM

TG

“ Paul was a good friend for many years. He will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathies to Paul's family.

Thomas Guastello - October 08, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TG

“ Thomas Guastello purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Paul S. Lafata.



Thomas Guastello - October 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM

VT

“ VECCO Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul S. Lafata.



VECCO Team - October 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM

VT

“ VECCO Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul S. Lafata.

VECCO Team - October 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM

JY

“ Paul was one of the biggest influences in my involvement in our local government. He had a passion for it and it ignited a passion in me. For that I will forever be grateful.

I will miss you Paul! And, I will miss your many e-mails to the township board. I enjoyed your humor in them but mostly I appreciated your knowledge and your willingness to share it with all that were interested. Rest in peace my friend and my sincere condolences to your family.

Janice Young - October 06, 2025 at 03:44 PM