



Paul Richard Yager

February 15, 1945 - November 2, 2018

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With his wife near, Paul Richard Yager, 73, of North Rome (Ulster), PA., lost his battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and lung cancer, on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018. He quietly passed at the Wilmot Cancer Center at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York.

Paul was born at home in East Northport, Long Island, New York, to Joseph F. and Margaret J. (Brown) Yager on February 15, 1945. He was the third son and the third of four children.

He graduated from Northport High School in Northport, Long Island in June of 1964. He started working at odd jobs at the age of 12 to make money to purchase items that he needed for school, etc. He continued doing odd jobs after graduation until he was hired to work as a cook as in one of the seven kitchens at the Kings Park State Hospital on Long Island. He worked there for six years, leaving in 1968 when he moved to North Rome, Pa with his eldest brother, Joseph and his mother.

After moving to North Rome, he worked for a short time as a cook at a Sayre store's restaurant, as a car washer for a car dealership in Wysox then at Masonite. In 1973, he was hired as a cook at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. While there he gained quite a reputation as a cook. He could look at a store-bought item and then make from scratch, without tasting it, and have it taste the same as the store-bought item. He could also take a recipe

for a family sized meal and turn into enough food to feed a large crowd of 200 or more and was capable of cooking for 1,000 people. His homemade macaroni and cheese was a huge hit and they almost always had very little left over at the end of the day. He retired in 2011 after working there for 38 years, ending as head cook.

In the spring of 1973, he started to build a house and on Sept. 22, of that year he married Judy Ann Eiklor, daughter of Lyle L. and Mildred M. (Tripp) Eiklor of North Rome at the North Rome Wesleyan Church. While he was hospitalized in the Robert Packer Hospital in September, they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

In the early 1980's, Paul and Judy started attending and became members of the Bumpville Bible Church. While there he became a deacon/trustee, was church treasurer, was on the church baseball team and helped with VBS. His talent for cooking was also put to good use.

After many years Paul and Judy left the Bumpville Bible Church and started attending the North Rome Wesleyan Church where they also became members. While there Paul continued to use his cooking skills, helped with VBS, and helped transport children to the Wednesday night children's ministry activities. His greatest joy was helping to put together Thanksgiving baskets for families that needed some help at Thanksgiving and helping to organize and go Christmas caroling.

In early years Paul enjoyed fishing in the Long Island Sound and bowling. After moving to North Rome, he did some hunting and enjoyed camping. He also enjoyed music from the big band era, old classic movies, loved to read mysteries and enjoyed working on word search and crossword puzzles and reading his Bible. His favorite comedian/actor was Harold Lloyd, was started in silent films and continued acting when talking movies became popular. He also enjoyed going to the grandchildren's various sports and school activities. When he married farm girl Judy, he didn't know what he was in for—ending up chasing cows, helping tattoo calves, working in the hay field, etc. He even helped in his father in law's sawmill and the two also did a little bit of

carpentry. Even though he wasn't used to farming life, he was game to help out. At one point when his father in law became ill and couldn't do the chores during the winter of 1975-76, Paul and Judy did the chores for 50 head of cattle, before and after he went to work each day, and they were also blessed with the help of a neighbor, Elmer Crain, who cleaned the stalls.

Paul was a quiet, somewhat reserved man, with strong views on whether things were right or wrong. He also had a tremendous work ethic, and a quick wit when you least expected it. He liked to tease his wife by telling her that he was "Mr. Wonderful." His favorite nickname for her was "Petunia" which aggravated her as she doesn't like petunias. He had strong family feelings and even though he couldn't put it into words, he loved his family dearly. He was a good man that wore many hats-husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle, friend and for his granddaughter it was grandpa daddy.

Paul is survived by his wife, Judy at home; daughter Holly Shaull of North Rome; grand-children, Samantha (Yager) and Ryan Nolt of Wysox, Pa and Troy Shaull of North Rome, Pa; great grandson, Oliver G. Nolt of Wysox; brother, David H. and Karen Yager of Palm City, Florida; sister, Margaret and Kenneth Zieve of Greensboro, North Carolina; nieces, Kim Yager of Palm City, Florida and Rebecca and Gary Bilello of Summerfield, North Carolina; nephews, David J. Yager of Palm City, Florida and Jerry and Jackie Zieve of High Point, North Carolina; great nephew, Anthony Bilello of Summerfield, North Carolina; various cousins and mother in law, Mildred Eiklor of North Rome, Pa.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph F. Yager (d. August 1964); mother, Margaret J. Yager (d. July 1990); brother and sister in law, Joseph E. (d. October, 1979) and Irene Yager (deceased); sister in law, Jeanne Yager, (d. April 2001) and father in law Lyle L. Eiklor (d. November 2010).

Following Paul's wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Burial will be in the Rome Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Those wishing to make memorial donations in Paul's name may do so by

mailing to the "Youth/Children's Ministries" of North Rome Wesleyan Church, 3374 North Rome Road, Rome, Pa. 18837 or "School Fund for Troy Shaul" at the North Rome Christian School 3376 North Rome Road, Rome, Pa. 18837. Paul's family would like to thank Rev. Ed Torres and families of the North Rome Wesleyan Church, all of their friends, various other church families, and neighbors for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and other acts of kindness expressed to them during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Rome Cemetery

Route 187
Rome, PA 18837

Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



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