



Paul Thomas Verschaeve

September 14, 1952 - February 7, 2026

Psalm 112:6 “A righteous man will be remembered forever.”

Paul Verschaeve of Utica Michigan, was ushered into the presence of the Lord on February 7, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Paul loved the Lord and leaves a legacy of abiding faith, generosity, passion, and humor that will forever be cherished. He was a loyal husband, a strong father, and a faithful friend.

Paul was born on September 14, 1952, in Hamtramck Michigan, to Ralph and Irene Verschaeve (Karpinski). He graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in 1970 and went on to study engineering at Michigan Technological University. He finished his education at Lake Superior State University, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Paul met the love of his life, Jan Verschaeve (Taormina), at Bishop Gallagher High School. Paul loved and cherished Jan and was looking forward to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary with her this year. He laid down his life for Jan with diligence, kindness, and love—a legacy that will be felt throughout the generations. Above any award or accolade, Paul was most proud of his five daughters—Carrie, Katie, Pam, Colleen, and Shawn—and he made sure that they (and the rest of the world) knew it!

Paul surrendered his life to Jesus in 1981 and never looked back. He knew then that two things would be required of him—to faithfully serve his Lord and to love his wife—his trajectory was set, and he lived out a life informed by his faith.

Paul was a tireless worker both professionally and privately. He never slowed down after retiring from Ford Motor Company, diligently working several part-time jobs in retirement with the same determination and dedication to excellence that he gave to his career. He regularly served in a local jail ministry, sharing the Good News and providing hope to those who need it most. Paul was faithful in the small things, making a point of taking care of his neighbors and anyone else who happened into his sphere of influence.

Paul loved his family well. He is survived by his wife Jan; his daughters Carrie Phelps (Brian), Katie Zuehlk (Andrew), Pam Silva (Alex), Colleen Lett (Jacob), and Shawn Prucnal (Nik); his grandchildren Luke, Jordan, and Kenzie Phelps; Esther King (Manu), Ben, Sara, and Mary Zuehlk; Sam, Gemma, and Margot Silva; Marcus, Josh, and Laine Lett; June, John-Avery, Rosemary, and Ben Prucnal; his brother Jerry Verschaeve (Carol), his brother Chuck Verschaeve (Carol); and his nieces and nephews.

Psalm 112:2 “His children will be mighty in land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.”

Paul can confidently say with the apostle, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

To God be the glory!

A Memorial Visitation will take place on Sunday, February 15th from 2:00pm to

8:00pm with a 6:00pm Memorial Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Revive Our Hearts ministry. To make a donation please call 1 (800) 569-5959. <https://www.reviveourhearts.com/>. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Memorial Service

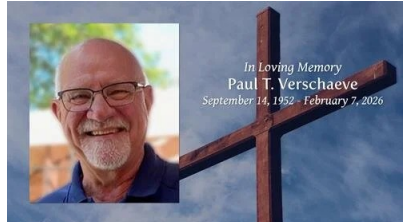
FEB 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Thomas Verschaeve*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - February 14 at 10:11 AM

CS

*We are so sorry for your loss. We can't imagine how hard this must be, but we hope you find comfort in the love that surrounds you and in the many memories you shared with Paul.
Please know we are thinking of you and your family.
A donation has been made in honor of Paul to Revive Our Hearts.*

Carol and Tony Salera - February 15 at 09:14 AM

NS

I am so sorry for the families loss. Paul was such a sweet and funny guy. He talked about his family all the time. I had the pleasure of working with him for over 2 years. I pray that God holds you all in His hands and bring comfort and peace to your hearts that he is with our Lord and Savior. He will forever be remembered and missed.

Nikki Silver - February 15 at 03:08 PM

RL

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss Jan and family!
Love and prayers going out your way...
Ron, Carol Lardie*

Ron Lardie - April 16 at 11:37 AM

KR

“ *My heart is aching for your family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Every time I saw Paul, he had a smile on his face. Loved life. Said nothing but kind words. So funny. Just such a joy to know. May God comfort your family and give you peace knowing that he is with his Jesus at this very moment. Praying for you! (((HUGE HUGS))) - DrK*

Kristi - February 19 at 09:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



February 14 at 02:56 PM

GW

“ *Meeting Paul in 1970 as freshmen at Michigan Tech turned out to be truly a life changing experience. We spent our first Thanksgiving away from home in an empty dorm because we didn't want to cut our hair. We would go on to become best friends for many years. Thanks to Paul, I met and married my wife of over 50 years, Karen. After marrying Jan, our families would grow and enjoy camping trips, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. Will always remember his sense of humor, hearty laugh, caring and compassion for everyone. Not to forget the many golfing adventures we enjoyed with old friends and new.
Rest in Peace.*

Greg Wolfe - February 14 at 09:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



February 13 at 06:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.

February 13 at 06:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.*

Chris and Debbie Eichman - February 13 at 05:11 PM



“ *I first met Paul and Jan when I was around 15-16 years old. As everyone has said, he was a really good person who exemplified what it meant to live your beliefs. I remember when Shawn was born, the banner on the garage was wonderful. It said It's a Girl! Again!! He was a good father, husband, and person. A very caring man. When my mother passed away and I was dealing with all the details, Paul was the first one to ask about my plans after everything was over as I lived with my mother. I was her caregiver. I had no idea. His calming presence and prayer really helped my anxiety and panic.*

These are just a couple of memories. I have many more.

Heather Paxton - February 13 at 08:58 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.



February 13 at 07:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.

February 13 at 07:37 AM



“ Anthony Gearardo and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.



Anthony Gearardo and family - February 12 at 10:12 PM



“ Early days - 1970 - of Paul at Michigan Tech. Whenever I think about Paul, these are the days I remember. Great guy.



Tom Nadolski - February 12 at 07:03 AM

DW

“ *What a precious man, friend, husband, father and grandfather but mostly a brother in Christ. We love you all and are praying always! May God heal your hearts. Love, Jeff and Denise Wolf*

Denise Wolf - February 11 at 11:05 AM

LT

“ *Paul was definitely a man of God and a great father and grandfather to his family. He showed my husband how to be a good father and husband because my husband didn't have a good example from his own father.*

Paul was so excited to start at the jail ministry and spread the word of God. He was always gentle with words and spoke softly and without judgment . He was a blessing to all who knew him. He will definitely be missed. We enjoyed vacationing with the whole family in our younger years. Paul had great faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. From the Thero Family

Linda Thero - February 10 at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



February 10 at 11:31 AM

JM

“ *Jeff & Jen Maccagnone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*

Jeff & Jen Maccagnone - February 10 at 11:31 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



February 10 at 10:22 AM



“ *Las Manzanitas purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



Las Manzanitas - February 10 at 09:51 AM



“ *When I think of Paul, I think first of all of his smile. Paul was a model example of a faithful Christian, faithful husband, and faithful father. We were blessed to be friends with Paul and Jan for over 40 years. We shared good times such as, Square Dancing, playing games, experiencing heartwarming New Year's Eves with friends at thei Verschaeve home. And of course there's Paul's worlds greatest bar-b-q ribs. we will miss him.*

Tony and Lynne Itria - February 09 at 11:36 PM



“ *I never met Paul, but I have witnessed the legacy he leaves of strong faith through the lives of his 5 daughters. They are all remarkable women and I can imagine the joy he felt each day from having daughters like them.*

Carley Rivard - February 09 at 09:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



February 09 at 06:10 PM



“ *With Love, The Harveys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



With Love, The Harveys - February 09 at 02:09 PM



“ *Rafa & Esther Perez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*



Rafa & Esther Perez - February 09 at 01:53 PM



“ *Rafa & Esther Perez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Thomas Verschaeve.*

Rafa & Esther Perez - February 09 at 01:53 PM