



Paul Carl Kerschensteiner

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Paul Carl Kerschensteiner, 82 years old, passed away on March 26, 2025 at OSU East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

He is survived by his three children: Lucinda Kerschensteiner (David Miller), Holly Kerschensteiner-Logan (James), and Brad Kerschensteiner (Astrid Pabon Toro); grandchildren: Parker, Liam, Mateo and Maria Jose; former wife Amelia (Midge) Dunaway and cousin, Barbara Guskin. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Garbe Kerschensteiner; his sister, Peggy Yerke and brother-in-law, Robert.

Paul was born on April 18, 1942 in Columbus, Ohio. His parents Hildegard and Paul Kerschensteiner immigrated to the US from Germany in the 1920s and raised Paul and his sister, Peggy, in Upper Arlington. As a family, they were active in the Columbus Maennerchor and celebrated many holidays and special occasions at the club. Paul graduated from Columbus Academy in 1960, served in the Ohio National Guard and graduated from Columbus Business University.

Paul spent his childhood summers at Buckeye Lake with his family where he enjoyed trick-skiing, fishing, exploring the canals of the lake and playing euchre late into the night.

Paul grew up working in his father's business, Industrial Machinery Company, where he honed his people skills. He spent his entire career passionately running the business.

Paul was known for throwing a party or two in his lifetime - parties with crazy themes, games and prizes. He took his passion for hosting social gatherings to the next level when he purchased and operated "Club 51" (now Papa Boo's) in the 1980s and 1990s at Buckeye Lake. He transformed the lake life by bringing musical talent from Columbus, renting out the first jet skis, and hosting beach parties including Surf Ohio.



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Paul loved shopping for unique items at the annual Columbus Winter Fair and during his travels, always negotiating for the best price and often returning with larger-than-life pieces like HuckleBear that greeted everyone at the lake house. To commemorate his marriage to Sharon Garbe in 2001, they commissioned an artist to capture the guests in a large life-like painting that mesmerized visitors at their home. The painting is on display at Creekside at the Village in his memory where it can be enjoyed by all.

Everyone who knew Paul experienced his curiosity and endured his candid line of questioning. He loved offering career and relationship advice to young adults. He struck up conversation with anyone and everyone, often being able to intuit something meaningful about their personal lives within minutes. Strangers became lifelong friends.

Paul was also known for his quirky expressions such as “Hi, I’m Glen Campbell!” and “Don’t tell me the labor pains, just give me the baby.” He had a Zen-like acceptance of difficult life circumstances, always proclaiming, “It is what it is”.

In his later years, Paul drove a golf cart to get around Bexley. If friends spotted his golf cart at Panera or Starbucks, they would stop to visit with him.

Family would like to extend sincere gratitude to the staff at Grant Hospital, OSU East and Creekside at the Village who took exceptional care of him.

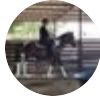
A celebration of life will be held by family in mid-May at Buckeye Lake. Please contact the family for more information.



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Carolyn Barcus posted:

Late to the party . . . but I knew Paul when he and I (and my first husband, Jim) attended Columbus Business University in the 1960's, where he and I served on the student council. We were good friends, and I enjoyed staying at the lake house with his family several times. I lost track of him until the early 1970's when I walked through the lobby of Diebold in Canton, where I worked, and saw him sitting there waiting on an appointment with one of the managers. I sat down with him and we renewed our acquaintance and shared pictures of our families. He was always larger than life and interested in everyone he met. RIP, Paul.

September 17 at 11:37 AM



Michael P Plahuta posted:

Paul always greeted everyone with a long strong handshake and always knew your life story. Great guy

May 9 at 5:44 AM



Lucinda Kerschensteiner May 12 at 4:57 PM

Thanks, Michael! Reach out if you'd like to attend the celebration of life. - Lucinda



Anne Davy posted:

What "a larger than life" guy he was!!!! Love and condolences to his entire family!❤️ There are many stories we love to tell about our encounters with Paul!👏 He invited us along with our friends to shoot that famous canon of his over BL in celebration of Ted and 2 of our friends 60th bdays. June 2000. We are proud to be in the mural he had commissioned for Sharon and his wedding. He was the "inquisitor in chief" at dinners we had together. It was just a fascinating yet unnerving part of his "never met a stranger" personality.😁 Paul goes back 65 years with the Jacobs family esp. during my teen adventures at BL. I realized that Hilda and Paul had their "hands full" when he invited me to a party at their Arlington home and they weren't home.👏👏 It was an extraordinary gathering of Arlington HS friends with schnapps and dancing etc. I asked him to take me home early and he did, leaving the others to their dalliances.👏 It is with great sadness that we will be missing his memorial in May. Love to you all! Prosit, may his light and energy continue to shine in you and all who loved him!!♥♥♥ Let's meet the next time you visit for a special Prosit to your Paul!👏👏❤️

April 4 at 2:31 PM



Lucinda April 5 at 10:21 AM

Thank you, Anne, for sharing these fun stories!! :) Those parties are legendary! Lucinda



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JW

Jennifer Wells posted:

Well, I have only met Paul a few times with Lucinda and David but my favorite memory is my mom and I had dinner with them and halfway through the dinner, Paul looked at me and said what is all over you? I told him that they were tattoos. After dinner we went to a show at the Lincoln Center and one of the stars in the show had some tattoos and he leaned over to me and said oh I like your tattoos way more than hers... I so enjoyed his candor!

April 4 at 12:06 PM

AF

Antoinette D Franklin lit a candle in honor of Paul.

I met Paul in line at Huntington Bank. He just started talking to me. Paul and I became good friends. Paul did not meet a stranger. He loved meeting , talking and socializing with others. Paul added value to my life. I will never forget the time w cherished together. Rest in peace my friend

March 31 at 4:47 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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