



Paul D. Bresnahan

April 4, 1941 - October 22, 2021

AYER: Paul David Bresnahan, 80, of Ayer, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 22, 2021, surrounded by his family, after an ongoing battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Paul was born on April 4, 1941, and grew up in Shirley. After graduating from Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg, he went on to obtain an undergraduate degree in Accounting from St. Anselm's College in Manchester, NH and subsequently a MBA from Clark University, Worcester.

In 1967, Paul married the love of his life, Louise A. McGuane, and they went on to enjoy 54 years of marriage together. He took pride in his faith, community connections, unbeatable toastmaster skills and unending love and appreciation for his family and friends.

After 27 years, Paul proudly retired from Digital Equipment Corporation in 1994. He then went on to work as a manager of the Devens Conference Center and finally a Financial Advisor at his own practice on Main Street in Ayer. In addition to his career, Paul devoted much of his time to the community. He started the Saturday recreational basketball program for Ayer youth in the late 1980's, was a Town of Ayer Selectmen for nine years, board member and Chairman at North Middlesex Savings Bank for 25+ years, Advisory Board member of Nashoba Valley Medical Center and a member of the Ayer High School Council. One of his later elected positions was to the Board of Assessors. Overall, he was a town leader and the model good citizen devoted to service to others in his community.

Paul's many loves included spending time with his close friends. It could have been golfing, grabbing a beer at the Piccolino or Nashoba Club, enjoying a fresh lobster in Seabrook, cheering on the Boston College Eagles in section QQ or hosting a barbeque on Sandy Pond with boating and water skiing. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Louise A. (McGuane) Bresnahan. He is also survived by his many loving family members, including his children, David and his wife Maura Bresnahan of Newton, Betsy and her husband Timothy Dolan of Ayer, Paula and her husband Stephen Janes of Groton, and James and his wife Mandy Bresnahan of Ayer; his brother, Joseph Bresnahan; grandchildren, Abby, Olivia, Jack, Shane, Michael, Jane, Kevin, Teaghan, and Callan; as well as his beloved nieces, nephews, and family. He was predeceased by his father, John T. Bresnahan, Sr., mother, Helen F. Bresnahan; his brother, John T. Bresnahan; and his niece, Janis Bresnahan.

Calling Hours at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte. 2A) Ayer will be held Thursday, October 28th, from 4 to 7 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley on Friday, October 29th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Paul's name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. www.michaeljfox.org. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall

PR

“ So sorry to learn about paul, louise. Our sincere sympathy to you and family. With loving thoughts and great remeberances Pat..pete and jamie.

patricia rockwood - October 27, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Paul D. Bresnahan.



October 27, 2021 at 02:29 PM

NM

“ So sorry Louise to hear about Paul. Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Norma Morrison

Norma Morrison - October 26, 2021 at 10:08 PM

PC

“ Billy and I are so very sorry for your loss. He was a truly wonderful man with a warm heart and soul. From the moment I met him, he was "Uncle Paul" to me and he will remain "Uncle Paul" in my heart forever. Love, Pam and Billy Callahan

Pam Callahan - October 26, 2021 at 03:53 PM

WD

“ Paul was true pillar of the Ayer community. He served the Town and its citizens loyally for decades, and he will be sorely missed.

Wally Dwyer - October 26, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DS

“ I remember Paul at the Shirley dances at the American Légion Hall when we were in High School. He was always a popular guy! He will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Dick and Sheila Smith

Dick Smith - October 26, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Paul D. Bresnahan.



October 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Karen Blood

“ Karen Blood sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Bresnahan



Karen Blood - October 26, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DF

“ Was a supreme pleasure to bump into Paul (we called him "Bressy") and Louise at St. Mary's Annual Bazaar, or the "Pic." The man always had a smile on his face, loved to talk local politics and share a laugh. Such a big heart. Our deepest condolences to Louise and his entire family. May your many happy memories sustain you. All best.

Debra and Paul Clancy, Ayer, MA

Debra Faust-Clancy - October 26, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Paul D. Bresnahan.



October 25, 2021 at 08:54 PM

BG

“ Paul truly was a great citizen of Shirley and Ayer, particularly for his unselfish and dedicated time to his church and community, however, he was a better husband, father and friend to many of us fortunate to have known him. Rest In Peace.

Bobby Gardner - October 25, 2021 at 10:42 AM

JE

“ I am so very sorry, Louise. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family.

Jackie Esielionis - October 25, 2021 at 09:52 AM

SR

“ Great guy, sad to lose him. Him and his brother(s) would stop in to the old JOL on Sundays for “coffee” now and then. I have known the whole family for many years. Peace to you.

Steven Rogers - October 25, 2021 at 08:45 AM

PA

“ Paulette Aragones lit a candle in memory of Paul D. Bresnahan



paulette aragones - October 24, 2021 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ To Louise and Family, for the guy that was always the first in line to help ANYONE and EVERYONE in need of ANY kind of assistance! Condolences and much love, Philip

Philip McGuane - October 24, 2021 at 09:16 PM

PA

We are so sorry for your loss! Please accept our condolences and Prayers. What a nice man.

paulette aragones - October 24, 2021 at 10:55 PM

TM

Louise and family, please accept our condolences. Paul always had a nice word or two whenever he saw you. RiP Paul you fought a great battle.

Tom & Kathy McDowell, Mary Lou McAlpine - October 25, 2021 at 04:43 PM

DW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences of the passing of Paul. He was a class act.....R.I.P. for a job well done Paul.....PHINE and Donnie Wallace

Donald R. Wallace - October 24, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Mrs. Bresnahan and family. I'll always remember those Saturday morning drives with Mr. Bresnahan at the helm from Ayer to Chestnut Hill for BC football tailgating. Thank you for always being so good to me Mr. B. I'll miss you. -John

John Callahan - October 24, 2021 at 06:08 PM

SC

So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I don't know if you remember me Louise. My maiden name was Murray.

Sheila (Murray) Conrad - October 24, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul D. Bresnahan.



October 24, 2021 at 05:24 PM

MN

“ *To Louise and Family: My sincere condolences to you all. I remember Mr. Bresnahan coming over from next door when I was a kid to play touch football in our backyard on Oak Ridge Drive. And he helped me with my first job after hockey at DEC. RIP Paul!*

Mike Noeth

mike noeth - October 24, 2021 at 04:39 PM



Annabelle Byrne

“ *Annabelle Byrne sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul D. Bresnahan*



Annabelle Byrne - October 24, 2021 at 04:02 PM



Annabelle Byrne

Louise, and Family. Jack and I are so sorry about Paul. Our condolences to all. Jack and Annabelle Byrne.

Annabelle Byrne - October 25, 2021 at 08:13 AM

DC

Louise and The Bresnahan Clan; So sorry to hear about Paul. To say he lived a full life is an understatement. He was good and generous man. I shall miss him. God Bless. Denis Callahan

Denis Callahan - October 27, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MB

“ *An honor and pleasure to be a friend of Paul. Nothing but the fondest of memories of a life well lived. Mike Bird*

michael bird - October 24, 2021 at 04:01 PM

BH

A good friend for a long time. Quite a guy . RIP Paul Hap

Bob Harrington - October 24, 2021 at 07:02 PM

SA

May he Rest In Peace. I thought the world of him. He was a good man

shirley alo - October 25, 2021 at 11:27 AM

TC

My condolences to the Bresnahan family. The Town of Ayer is so fortunate to have "unofficial Mayors". Mr. Bresnahan took up the reign and we are all forever thankful for all he has done for the community. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, there will be a sense of loss going forward as you would always look forward to seeing Mr. Bresnahan out with his smile and wearing his green. May Mrs. Bresnahan and children have love and light to guide them during this time. Rest in eternal peace Mr. Bresnahan.

~ Tobe Conway

Tobe Conway - October 27, 2021 at 09:34 AM



The highest compliment I can offer: "God is glorified, by man living fully!". by St. Irenaeus. Paul would and could do it all. That would describe Paul!

Arthur Eddy - October 28, 2021 at 06:08 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul D. Bresnahan.*



October 24, 2021 at 03:54 PM