



Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer

September 29, 1937 - January 27, 2025

AYER: Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer, died Monday, January 27, 2025 at Care One of Concord.

Paul was born in Lowell, a son of the late Peter C. Farley and Yvonne M. (Ferron) Moran Farley.

Paul was the beloved husband of Patricia A. (Volungus) Farley with whom he shared 61 years of happy marriage.

Paul was a graduate of St. Patrick's Grammar School and the former Keith Academy in Lowell where he was considered to be a standout athlete.

He served four years in the United States Navy and was stationed on the destroyers Wallace L. Lind and the USS Witek. Paul was honorably discharged as a petty Officer 2nd Class and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Paul attended Lowell State College graduating with a B.S. in Education. He was elected President of the Student Government Association and earned the Silver Key Award for service and dedication to the college. Paul later graduated from Fitchburg State College with a Masters Degree in Education.

It was while they were at Lowell State that he met Patricia. They married and graduated together in 1965.

During his thirty year career at Ayer Public Schools, Paul was a teacher, coach, principal and Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Paul was closely associated with North Middlesex Savings Bank, having served as a trustee and Clerk of the Corporation for 26 years. He retired from his position at the bank in 2012.

As a well-accepted basketball official on Lowell Board 95 IAABO, Paul officiated high school and college games in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. He was the first Commissioner for Basketball in the Wachusett Basketball League and the initial director of the Christmas Basketball Tournament held at Lowell University. He was a former president of IAABO Board 95 and also was a member of Fitchburg Board 44 IABBO.

Hunting, fishing and being outdoors was important to Paul, especially fly fishing in both fresh and saltwater. He particularly enjoyed the times he had fishing with his sons and camping with his family at Salisbury Beach. He was especially proud of his sons and their families.

Paul was a life member of the Ayer Gun & Sportsman's Club and the Shirley Rod & Gun Club. He served as president of the Ayer Gun Club for two years. Paul was a communicant of St. Nicholas Parish.

Paul is survived by his wife, Patricia; his sons, Sean Farley and his wife, Tammy, Kevin Farley and his wife Jennifer all of Shirley, Keith Farley of Fitchburg. His grandchildren, Tyler Farley, Brooke Farley, Shannon Farley and Bryan Farley. He also leaves many nieces and nephews in the Greater Lowell,

Southern NH and Florida areas.

Paul was predeceased by his daughter in law, Keri-Lyn Farley of Fitchburg, and his granddaughter, Erica Lynn Farley of Shirley. He was the brother of the late L. Robert Moran, Mrs. Rita Maille and Mrs. Irene Sheehan.

Paul's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 2-5 Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, February 3, 2025 at St. Nicholas Parish worshipping at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley.

Interment with military honors will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy's & Girl's Club of Greater Lowell 657 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01851.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Paul was my teacher in littleton 1967 and when the Red Sox went to the World series he brought in a TV so we could watch the ball game. R.I.P Mr. Farley.

Stephen Wilcox - April 15, 2025 at 11:44 AM

CS

“ Cindy Schick lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer



Cindy Schick - February 05, 2025 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ Sean Tammy and all the Farley family Im am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was an amazing person I was so excited to get him.as my 6th grade teacher. Word was " he's funny ..fun .. the best." He did used to get upset with me because I would try and sneak over to the class that had the baby chicks but he was certainly cool about it. Funny the things you remember

Cindy Schick - February 05, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JG

“ Condolences to the Farley Family. Mr. Farley was my sixth-grade teacher at Page School in the early seventies. He was one of my favorite teachers, always cracking jokes with us. RIP Mr. Farley Janice Melanson Graham



Janice Melanson Graham - February 04, 2025 at 08:48 PM

XG

“ Pat and the Farley Family, Pat, you and Paul were the cutest couple on campus, seems like only yesterday. I am so very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Xandra Winnis Graham

Xandra Winnis Graham - February 01, 2025 at 11:52 AM

RF

“ Ruthie, Kathy, Hilary, Megan & families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer.



Ruthie, Kathy, Hilary, Megan & families - January 30, 2025 at 03:37 PM

WB

“ My sincere condolences to the Farley family. Mr Farley was a respected man in the Ayer community and I always appreciate his full support for my efforts at the Ayer Gun and Sportsman club.

WARREN E BALL - January 29, 2025 at 06:32 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer



Nancy Sherwin - January 29, 2025 at 10:49 AM

FC

“ So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. Our children were very fortunate to have had Paul as their teacher and mentor...a “VG Man” R.I.P. Shipmate 🇺🇸

Frank Cote - January 28, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MV

“ Sorry for your loss to the Farley family.

Mike Detillion (Ayer VSO) - January 28, 2025 at 05:27 PM

TF

“ The Seeley Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer.



The Seeley Family - January 28, 2025 at 07:41 AM

TF

“ The Seeley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer.

The Seeley Family - January 28, 2025 at 07:41 AM

PS

“ It is a sad day when we have to say good bye to such a great man. Huge influence on a lot of students. My 4th grade memory: Me and James Powers got in a fight outside the classroom, during the fight I threw my books. Mr. Farley witnessed this through the classroom windows. He came running out side and yelled at me, not for the fight, but throwing the books. He did have his priorities. LOL Rest in Peace !

Paul Seeley - January 28, 2025 at 07:35 AM

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer



Anonymous - January 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BD

Mr.Farley, was my football coach for a brief period, all I can remember of him was his compassion towards us the sport , we hated to dissapoint him .A very decent , honest, kind man , we are all better for knowing him , God speed Paul

brian decot - January 28, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Farley, 87, of Ayer.



January 27, 2025 at 05:34 PM



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