



Paul Richard Saracelli Jr.

January 14, 1943 - June 11, 2020

Mr. Paul Richard Saracelli, Jr., age 77, of Raleigh, NC, suddenly passed away on June 11, 2020. He was the son of the late Paul Richard Saracelli Sr., and Leona Taft Saracelli. Paul was born on January 14, 1943, in Carthage, NY. He grew up in North Tarrytown, NY, where he lived with his grandmother Elsie Taft and his aunt Pat Taft. He is survived by his devoted wife Kristine, having celebrated their 38th anniversary on June 5.

Paul was proud of his time in the Marine Corps. He served in Cuba and at the airbase in DaNang Vietnam, where he repaired radios for tanks and jeeps in support of the front line combat troops. He was hired by IBM in 1968 to repair mainframe computers and associated hardware for the Field Engineering division, for which he was awarded two IBM Means Service awards. During his IBM career he worked in various headquarters staff positions, and held several management positions until his retirement in 1998. When Kris started Sew Unique, Paul expertly repaired countless customer's sewing and embroidery machines.

Paul loved hiking. Together, he and Kris hiked the Grand Canyon twice, even rim to rim in 1995, and many other National Parks in the west. He loved to travel, and had visited Portugal, England, the Islands, and most of the states in the US. He loved the beach, model trains, astronomy, bird watching, and computers. He especially loved being in his backyard enjoying the company of his dogs.

"If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to heaven
And bring you home again"

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss Kris.

I have very fond memories growing up with Paul and the foundation he gave me to be the woman I am today. He always told me I could do anything I set my mind to, with hard work and dedication.

I retired as an E8, Senior Master Sergeant from the Air Force in 2003, got my Bachelor's Degree and am now the Associate Director of Finance & Accounting for a Global Ministry Organization. The twins are 28 now and both are doing very well. My happiest memories of Paul were when we would sit around with family and friends while Paul played he guitar and we would all sing.

It sounds like you both had a wonderful, full life together.

God's Blessings - Anita Eickhoff

Anita Eickhoff - June 29 at 09:13 PM



“ Thank you so much, Anita. Paul always spoke very fondly of you and I know he was proud of the person you have become.

Kris Saracelli - July 01 at 06:38 AM



“ I remember his catchers mitt hands that would swallow most with a handshake. Never said "Hi", it was always an enthusiastic " HELLO" and your name right after that. Real nice guy and will be missed.
Frank

Frank - June 25 at 07:48 PM