



## Paul Howard Curell

March 23, 1947 - February 4, 2025

Paul Howard Curell, 77, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025, in Traverse City, Michigan after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Paul was born in 1947 to the late Sherman and Agnes Curell in Midland, Michigan.

He is survived by his loving wife Sharon; his brother Michael (Kathy); his dearest twin daughters Carrie (Craig) and Krista (Tom); and his cherished grandchildren, Jack and Sara. He was predeceased by his brother David (Darlene).

Paul graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in education and dedicated his professional life to public education. He began his career as a junior high school special education teacher at Vassar High School and eventually transitioned to teaching third and later, sixth grade at Vassar Central Elementary School. He went on to make an even bigger impact on young peoples' lives when he became the school's principal, a role he held for 5 years. Paul dedicated 31 years of service to the Vassar School District.

Upon retirement, Paul and Sharon moved full time to his favorite place on earth, their cottage on Pickerel Lake in Kalkaska, Michigan "God's Country", in Vassar and northern Michigan and everywhere else they visited during their 52-years of marriage. Paul and Sharon cherished the love of their family and friends. An accomplished pianist, chef, and an avid fisherman and boater, Paul was also a staunch advocate for conservation efforts. He helped start and operate Vassar's first recycling center and worked closely with the Blue Lake Conservation Commission to keep our lakes clean.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Kalkaska at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Hartley Outdoor Education Center in Paul's memory and kind spirit will live on in the hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church  
438 Co Rd 612  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Darlene, Conor, Collin and Sam Frederick purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Paul Howard Curell.



Darlene, Conor, Collin and Sam Frederick - February 11, 2025 at 07:12 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Paul Howard Curell.



February 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM

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“ Thinking of you at this difficult time. You shared many great things about Paul with me when we worked together...great memories for you and your family. Prayers go out to you and your family. 🙏

Phyllis Shamel - February 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Paul was my son, Paul's, teacher in grade school in Vassar. Later Paul and Sharon moved into my condo complex. They were wonderful neighbors. I can remember going on many walks, past their home, and listening to him play beautifully on his piano. May God bless your family now and always. Love, Fran Emling and family. 🙏❤️

Fran Emling - February 05, 2025 at 06:52 PM