



## Mr. Paul May

July 7, 1952 - December 3, 2024

Paul Eugene May, 72, passed away on December 3, 2024, at Stella Maris Hospice after an illness of several months. Paul was born in Baltimore on July 7, 1952. He was the oldest boy and fourth in line of 12 children.

From an early age, Paul was interested in a variety of music, introducing his younger siblings to more sophisticated sounds than they were used to hearing on local radio. His brothers, Fran and Jim, gratefully acknowledge the significant influence Paul's love of progressive rock had on them.

Paul was also an avid sports fan, which shaped his siblings' love of local sports. Fran cherishes memories of attending many Oriole games in the late 1960s and 1970s with a group of their siblings, including Paul. Paul was a devoted Oriole fan and often proudly wore Oriole hats and shirts. Paul's brother, Bob, credits his love of Maryland basketball to Paul; his admired older brother introduced him to the team at a young age, and he has been a fan since. And Paul's sister, Doris, remembers fondly how Paul loved to watch the major tennis tournaments on TV.

Paul had an intellectual side as noted by his sisters, Mary and Pat, who recall with appreciation how well-read Paul was – keeping current with worldwide affairs and feeding his sense of curiosity. Paul's curiosity surely influenced his interest in exploring new places. His brother, Joe, being so close in age to

Paul, treasures the memories of great times together at the beach on trips with Grandmom. Doris and Mary recall the wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime trip they took with Paul to visit his nephew, Jim, who was studying abroad in Italy.

A household of 12 kids could get raucous! But Paul was known for his sense of humor. His sister, Joan, remembers Paul intentionally free-falling down the steps to get a laugh! And his brother, Bill, recalls with admiration Paul's love for witty banter and how well he took teasing.

For the last 20 summers, Fran and his wife Cheryl have hosted weekly Sunday family gatherings called \$5 Sundays. The Sunday celebrations start at noon and Paul and Bill were always the first to arrive. Everyone in the family loves this wonderful tradition, and Paul had a great time with family and friends, especially his young nieces and nephews.

Paul was a very kind and gentle person with a wry sense of humor and always a twinkle in his eyes. He was considerate and empathetic, expressing an interest in other's needs over his own. His sister, Mag, a nurse, attests to his uncomplaining disposition, for she was often there for him during his illness.

Paul is predeceased by his dear parents, Dr. Robert and Agnes Ripple May, and his sister, Louise May Dix. He is survived by his loving siblings, Pat May Melvin and husband, John; Maggie May Shulka and husband, Phil; Joe May and wife, Karen; Joan May; Fran May and wife, Cheryl; Bill May; Doris May Goodhues and husband, Mike; Mary May Maskell; Bobby May and wife, Becky; Jim May; and brother-in-law Steve Dix. He is also survived by 44 loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life is to be held at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home on SATURDAY, January 18, 2025, from 2-5 PM with a remembrance service beginning at 4 PM. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Paul's name to

The Helping Up Mission 1029 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21202-4705, or  
this web address: <https://give.helpingupmission.org>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
general@mwfuneralhome.com

## Prayer Service

JAN 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Paul May*



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**Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 15, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KL

“ *Thinking of you all sending condolences. My memories of Else are of him being a kind gentle person with a laugh that was contagious. We had great times way back when. He will be missed by all kathy lawton.*

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**Kathy lawton** - January 15, 2025 at 11:55 AM

FM

*Thanks Kathy!*

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**Fran May** - January 17, 2025 at 02:14 PM

PL

“ To My Brothers & Sisters of another Mother & Father. My Love & Prayers are with you ALL. We all grew up in a great neighborhood & went to the same schools. Oh, how great that was. 1st memory was probably going to The Zoo with Bill( he said lets go see my grandmother, Duh) Years later the older brothers took me in& we all lived together in the mid 70's, more fun & yes memories, now which 1 to pick. " Else" & I went to a Colts Game 1 snowy Sunday with The Duvale sisters....& yes we had a blast. Thats enough said about that memory, so many more  
But I think my best memory will be when he broke out of that haze & came home to be with ALL of you. The Family he loved so much & loved him back just as much. I was told years ago to go to my quiet space & listen. I've done this with Pauls "Else's" passing & u know what? I heard him laughing that great laugh he's with Lou & she's giving him sh.. about this celebration of Life you are all having for him saying didn't u celebrate enough when you were down there. He will never be gone from my heart. I love you ALL. Pat Lawton  
xoxo

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**Patrick A Lawton** - January 10, 2025 at 09:10 AM

FM

Thanks Pat they were great memories. 🥹

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**Fran May** - January 12, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RM

Pat, thank you so much for expressing your memories and love for Else and our family. We have always felt the same way about you. Love you brother. ❤️

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**Robert May** - January 12, 2025 at 12:44 PM

TM

“ Beautiful tribute here to Paul. My thoughts go out to you all, his beautiful family.- Terry Murphy

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**Terry Murphy** - January 10, 2025 at 12:39 AM

DG

*Terry thank you so much for the kind words. We will miss our brother.*

**Doris Goodhues** - January 13, 2025 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ *Words can't express my sorrow for you and your family. Please accept my sincere condolences. Sending you and your family all my love and support. His beautiful memories will live on in each of you.*

*Love,  
Michele Spector*

**Michele Spector** - January 09, 2025 at 03:45 PM

DG

*Michele thank you so much for remembering Paul. We will miss him so much xoxo*

**Doris Goodhues** - January 13, 2025 at 10:14 PM

PM

*Thank you all for your kind words! We miss him so...*

**Patricia (Pat) May Melvin** - January 14, 2025 at 12:44 PM

KW

*Proud to be a member of the May family and getting to know some of the 12 of you who were closer to my age just from living so close to Woodburn Av. I love you all and I'll always remember Paul at those CYO dances at St Matthew's as we stayed on the outskirts telling jokes and poking fun at whatever crossed our young teenage minds. Your folks were my godparents and your mom was so kind when I lost my mother in '82, bringing homemade soup and visiting. RIP, cousin Paul.  
Kathleen May Wayno*

**kathleen may wayno** - January 18, 2025 at 06:10 PM

PM

*Thanks so much for your kind words, Kath! xoxoxo*  
*Pat*

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**Pat Melvin** - January 21, 2025 at 04:18 PM