



## Paul N. Price

August 25, 1950 - January 9, 2023

Paul N. Price, 72, of Republic, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023 at his home.

Paul was born August 25, 1950 in Chicago, IL, son of the late Leonard and Carol (Weltner) Price. He graduated from East Lansing High School in 1968 and went to Ferris State prior to transferring to Central Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education. Paul served as a teacher, principal and superintendent throughout his career; he started out in Michigan, followed by Colorado and back to Michigan. Paul coached several sports including but not limited to high school baseball, basketball & track. He moved to Republic, MI in 2000 and took a position as Superintendent for the Republic School District, retiring in 2011. While in Colorado he obtained his Masters in Education. Paul was a member of Delta Sigma Fraternity at Ferris State & Sigma Phi Epsilon at Central Michigan.

Paul loved sports and stayed involved as an MHSAA referee for over 50 years. He especially enjoyed attending his children & grandchildren's sporting events. He was their #1 fan and will be missed in the gym. He truly appreciated all the friendships he made as a referee and educator. Paul cherished his annual trips to Lake Michigan Recreational Area in Free Soil, MI. He loved spending time with his Group Camping family for over 40 years. Spending time outdoors, camping and traveling to visit friends & family were

some of his favorite activities. Mackinac Island held a special place in his heart, he lived there after college. Paul was the Police Chief and worked for the horse drawn carriage tours while making memories with his best friend, Bill & brother, Jon. Paul was known for his famous beef jerky recipe and brought a smile to everyone's face when he walked in with some to share.

Paul is survived by a son, Jason (Nicki) Price of Crystal Falls; a daughter, Casey Price of Johnstown, OH; adopted daughters, Andrea Price of Denver, CO and Sarah Beth & Jessica Price; a brother, Jon (Sandy) Price of Holland, MI; two sisters, Karen (Tom) Roth of Grand Rapids, MI and Brenda (Tom) Prendergast of Naperville, IL; seven grandchildren, Vienna, Lyle and Lee Price and Amira, Moulay, Asiyah & Assim; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Vicki.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 18 at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. A celebration of life will follow at the VFW in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family and will be used to establish a scholarship at the Republic-Michigamme Schools in Republic, MI in Paul's memory.

Condolences to the family of Paul Price may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net).

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

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## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

VFW

108 Superior Ave.

Crystal Falls, MI

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Price Family, Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Paul. I found out from Jodi Knapp just a few minutes ago. I saw him at the 1969 class reunion briefly but did not get the chance to talk about all of the wonderful times we had together at ELHS which I know you all remember as well. I will be keeping you all in my Prayers and close to my Heart as time moves forward. Good Bless you all.

Kindest Regards,  
Rick Carrow

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**Rick Carrow** - January 18, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ So, how do I start? Paul taught my son (Ryan) and me how to start a fire, and cross-country ski. He took Ryan out Kayaking after he totaled his truck--- and I was mad. So he just grabbed him up--- and took him for a talk:-). He taught me how to make the best Jerky on the planet! He introduced me to his sister Brenda (I needed her to show me how to be a better mom). He introduced me to Tom--- just to make me laugh and pee my pants.) I still revel in those memories. And- Andrea- I love you so much- you spent a lot of time with us! Wow- I know we are not together now. I am sorry for that. But I experienced basketball games- Jason, Casey's--- graduation- Andrea's graduation and wedding, and so many more. He will forever be in my heart! I miss this family! Such a close- REAL family. Love Denise

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**Steve Hettinger** - January 17, 2023 at 10:51 PM

BE

“ It was my 2nd year driving carriage tours on Mackinac Island and my boss approached me telling me to show this guy the ropes. It was known as “shotgunning”, teaching a new driver the tour and how to drive. Little did I know that encounter would lead to fifty some years of friendship. We became roommates and shared loves and laughs for many years. We played sports together, we were going to bike to Utah and Key West, (did neither) and both became educators. I met his young family in Lansing and then again in Colorado. Somehow, I never made it to Republic. I had a home in St Ignace and that’s where my journey would stop. We would catch up when he would pass through the Straits. Am so happy to hear of the impact he made and the family he became a part of in his home of Republic. One cannot ask for much more in one’s life. I will miss Paul Price and I am better for having known him. Your next tour has begun. Enjoy your journey driver.

Love you  
Bob Elmer



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**Bob Elmer** - January 17, 2023 at 10:50 PM

FS

Can remember him as a great pitcher when I was a little kid on Mackinac Island. Think they called him sundown. Heckuva ball player. Good man. See you on the other side some day. RIP.

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**Frank St.Onge** - May 13, 2023 at 08:01 AM

BG

Worked with Paul at Forest Area Schools. Just found out of his passing...a light in this world has surely gone out. He kept everyone at FACS on their toes. He was a great influence with my boys. Sending healing prayers to his family.

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**Bonnie Gonyet** - June 27, 2023 at 06:57 PM

TP

“ *The Partners at Seven Pillar Properties purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paul N. Price.*



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**The Partners at Seven Pillar Properties** - January 17, 2023 at 10:36 PM

BB

“ *I knew Paul for years through the sports scene in Marquette County, but the past few years I got to know him well as he became my volleyball partner official. He was truly my mentor. I enjoyed our time together, the stories he shared, and the banter that came with all of the game workers. I was so deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Volleyball season will never be the same for me and I will miss his face on the other side of the court.*

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**Briana Bancroft** - January 17, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.*



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January 17, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Paul joined me and my late wife, Chris, when we crossed the plains to the mountains. Paul was heading to Colorado for schooling and work. We would camp early and go on running explorations near the campsites! Always ready for an adventure!*

**Derek Rainey** - January 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.*



January 16, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.*



January 16, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ I have countless memories of my father, who was actually survived by three adopted daughters & two biological children (a daughter & a son as well as daughter in law).



The first time I learned to ski, when he taught me to ride a bike, my teddy bear 🧸 collection that he would lovingly help me pick out bears for at various times, puppies that our dogs had, our family vacations throughout childhood, going to wait in line at space mountain additional times, when he let me get my first dog (a Dalmatian named Shelby), and when I was having a rough time in my teenage years my dad came to visit & make sure I was ok.

My father loved dogs and horses. He enjoyed nature and athletics. He really loved all of his children so very much & did his best with all five of us. He had a big heart ❤️ and was a very dynamic/deep/funny/silly/respected/complicated man who made an impact on people/in life.

He was/is my father & I am so very saddened by his passing. It is a very weird & challenging experience to lose a parent.

I was less than two years old when he entered my life & became my father (legally).

I wish for all who shared in his life (as a student, colleague, sibling, child, grandchild, in a romantic relationship etc.) to celebrate his life & have ease as they grieve his passing.

He is greatly missed & left this world too soon. Im not clear on the confusion on some incorrect information in his obituary. It doesn't change facts/reality and fundamentally my father's passing was a loss to us all, but firstly it was he who lost his life.

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Sarah Bird - January 16, 2023 at 12:12 PM

BB

“ Jason and family, I was so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great guy. We had a lot of fun working together and he always had a smile on his face. He lived life to the fullest and adored you all. He dearly loved talking about the grandchildren. May he Rest In Peace and you find comfort in your happy memories. Sincerely, Betty Coduti

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**Betty Burke-Coduti** - January 16, 2023 at 08:42 AM

LA

“ Love your Angel- Andrea purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Paul N. Price.



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**Love your Angel- Andrea** - January 16, 2023 at 12:16 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.



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January 15, 2023 at 09:51 PM

TR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. As the Athletic Director at Ishpeming High School, I worked closely with Paul as he officiated sports at our school. I enjoyed our conversations throughout the years both on and off the playing field. I remember calling him about a future game. He answered my phone call but he was relaxing on Mackinac Island, one of his favorite places to be, at the time. He was well respected and a kind man. I will miss his sense of humor and his friendship. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Cherish your many memories of him.

Terry Roberts

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**Terry Roberts** - January 15, 2023 at 09:02 PM

PC

“ Paul has been an honorary member of our family for nearly 50 years. We all marvelled at his friendship with Bill. "How and why does this actually work?" Remains the question of a half century. I hope they are watching soap operas and cheering for Tiger Woods. What a pair. Rest Easy, Paul.

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**Paul Crystler** - January 15, 2023 at 06:48 PM

KD

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's death. I worked with Paul whenever he worked the Negaunee track meets. Paul was the starter and I was the clerk of the course. We worked very well together and became friends over the years. I will miss him whenever I watch track. I will keep him in my prayers. Keith DeFant, Negaunee, Michigan

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**Keith Defant** - January 15, 2023 at 12:52 PM

AW

“ Dear Jason, Nicki, Casey, and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He will surely be missed by all that knew and loved him. Hope you can find some peace in all the wonderful memories you have. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Fondly, Doug and Ann Wagner

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**Ann Wagner** - January 14, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.



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January 14, 2023 at 06:39 PM

BM

“ I knew Paul when he was the Superintendent at RM. I was on the school board and I respected many of his innovative ideas in education. It was Paul that suggested the 4- day school week that Republic Michigamme implemented to keep the school open. In more recent years, Paul and I both worked at RM as substitute teachers. My favorite question he'd ask, "Who you in for?"  
My sympathy to all of Paul's family. He will be missed!

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**Brenda S Mattson** - January 14, 2023 at 11:45 AM

DR

“ Denise and Ryan purchased the Lovely One Spat hiphillum Plant for the family of Paul N. Price.



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**Denise and Ryan** - January 14, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DO

“ Paul was my Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother at Central Michigan University. He was endearingly called 'DAD' by many of us partially because he was a couple years older and also because he was so caring and helpful. Paul coached many of our SPE teams which earned all-campus championships. I always enjoyed catching up with him at our annual SPE 3-day golf outing in Mt. Pleasant. Rather than play golf, Paul would ride around the golf courses and visit with all the various Brothers. He knew how bring smiles with his heckling. I always enjoyed Paul's humor and will greatly miss him. Another Special Brother has left us way to soon.

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**Denny 'D' Oosterbaan** - January 14, 2023 at 12:23 AM

PB

“ So very sorry to hear about Paul passing he will truly be missed by many. Prayers to the family.

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**Pam Boussum** - January 13, 2023 at 09:02 PM

TR

“ I am heartbroken to learn about the loss of Paul. I was able to form a great relationship with Paul after years of coaching volleyball with him as a ref of more than half of our games. He had a great sense of humor, was always fair in his game, and just a great person to be around. His loss will be felt hard in our community. My heart goes out to his family in this hard time and I just want to thank his family for sharing Paul with us in the sports world for so many years and so many nights of the week.

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**Toni Roberts** - January 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM

SW

“ Even though he has been retired for years, Paul made his appearance here at R-M School almost daily. Whether it be teacher subbing or coming to use the computer in the library, he was here. He usually buzzed in around the same time (late morning) so he could get his computer work done and go home for a nap, which I kindly told him every time, "you suck". He would always ask me "whatcha working on?" or "did the mail come yet?" which then he knew if he had to go and check his. Some days he would slip me some of his famous beef jerky and tell me not to tell anyone. Lol. He just wanted more subbing days. Haha. He made me laugh and he even made me mad sometimes, but he was like a father figure to me. I will miss him tremendously, as will many. He has touched the lives of so many people-it's astounding. Jason, Casey and the rest of the family, he will forever live in our hearts. I will make him an honorary office here at school like he wanted.

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**Sarah Wheeler** - January 13, 2023 at 10:38 AM

SS

“ Paul always, I mean always when he saw me, stopped and asked how things were going. He let me chew his ear off during a football or basketball game, and then 2 days later ask me how me and my family were. Im so sad to hear this news. He was a good person to me. Im sorry for your loss.

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**Scott Syrjala** - January 13, 2023 at 10:19 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I always appreciated speaking with him at the games that he did for our teams. He had great relationships with coaches and players. A great man. 🙏

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**Brad Grayvold** - January 13, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JP

“ Correction, Paul is survived by 5 children: Jason, Casey, and adopted daughters Jessica, Sarah and Andrea.

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**Jessica Price** - January 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul N. Price.



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January 12, 2023 at 10:04 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul’s family during this very difficult time. Paul was a tremendous man and friend. He will be missed by many, I was very proud to get to know him and will cherish great memories that I had with him through athletics as a coach and official.

*With Sympathy,  
Mark Marana & Family*

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**Mark Marana** - January 12, 2023 at 01:11 PM

SK

“ I will always hold fond memories of Mr Price from his time at Republic Michigamme. He, in many ways is one of the reasons that school is still in that community. For that I will always be grateful. All of our love and prayers to his family.

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**Susan (Truckey) Keller** - January 12, 2023 at 01:11 PM

CA

“ I'll forever be thankful for Paul Price and all he did for Republic-Michigamme School. Praying wonderful memories will bring you all comfort during this difficult time.  
Thank you, Paul, for being so devoted to our little community.

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**Chelsea Anderson** - January 12, 2023 at 12:42 PM

MB

“ Jason and family, we are sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. He touched the lives of so many people. We will miss his humor and beef jerky. You are in thoughts and prayers during this time. The memories will always remain....

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**Mike & Mary Bjork** - January 12, 2023 at 07:01 AM

CK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I was fortunate to get to know him through his reffing while I was taking photos. Whether I was at a track or cross country meet or a football or basketball game, he always made a point to chat for a few moments. He really enjoyed talking with all of the kids and getting to know them. A great man has been lost. Thoughts are prayers to all of you and may your memories of him bring you comfort.

Cara Kamps - January 12, 2023 at 12:06 AM

GA

“ I am still in major shock with loosing Paul. Dave St. Onge, Paul Price and I worked a game in Iron Mountain on Friday Night I dropped Paul off in Republic at 10P on my way home! The last thing he said to us was "see you in Ishpeming on Monday night and he often said I just love you guys!" Come Monday late in the day, we learned that Paul had left us! So hard to deal with life changing events like this!

Gene Aho - January 11, 2023 at 10:03 PM

JG

A lot of heavy hearts from this sad news. Paul was loved by so many.

Jackie Giulilani - January 11, 2023 at 11:28 PM

DO

Paul was my Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother at Central Michigan University. He was endearingly called 'DAD' by many of us partially because he was a couple years older and also because he was so caring and helpful. Paul coached many of our SPE teams which earned all-campus championships. I always enjoyed catching up with him at our annual SPE 3-day golf outing in Mt. Pleasant. Rather than play golf, Paul would ride around the golf courses and visit with all the various Brothers. He knew how bring smiles with his heckling. I always enjoyed Paul's humor and will greatly miss him. Another Special Brother has left us way to soon.

Denny "D" Oosterbaan - January 14, 2023 at 12:02 AM

MP

“ I've had the pleasure to work with Paul for many years officiating volleyball. What a kind, loving man. I'll miss his subtle sense of humor and his minimalist smile. Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Mark Petrie** - January 11, 2023 at 07:40 PM

PD

“ Jason & Family, as the former Athletic Trainer in Negaunee, I spent many nights at the same athletic facility as Paul. He always made a point to come over, say Hi & ask how my family was. He will be sorely missed by many in the high school sports world. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Pam Dost

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**Pam Dost** - January 11, 2023 at 06:31 PM