



## Paul Charette

October 25, 1939 - March 4, 2006

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“ *Paul Charette*

March 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sorry so much time has passed but I just came upon this today. Mr. Charette was a teacher of mine at Clara Barton JHS, eighth grade 1969-70. He was also a favorite teacher of mine along with Mr. Chodun, Mrs. Galli & Miss Thompson. I had two special times that year both involving Mr. Charette. At the beginning of the school year each of his students were given the name of a country. If "your country had a coup d' etat during the year Mr. Charette would buy you lunch, and not from the cafeteria. My country, Syria, had a coup that year and Mr. Charette ran over to The Lantern and brought me a big burger, fries, apple pie ala mode and a Coke in the returnable Green bottle. He also gave me the name "Duke" when he and other teachers were watching a fight on the football field after school in the snow. I guess I was lucky to get a punch in on a much larger classmate and that's why he named me Duke. He was a wonderful teacher and person. I think about him often.*

*Jerry McFarland  
Seguin, TX*

**Jerry Y McFarland** - March 29, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ After a friend told me of Mr. Charette's passing, I immediately thought of what an important presence he was in high school for all of his students. I used to be an employee at the pet store he shopped at a few years ago, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to tell him he was one of the most intelligent people I have ever met.

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**Sean Barkume** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ So sorry that he is no longer with us, and for your loss, Carol. I always admired Paul's artistic abilities and great enthusiasm for the things that captured his interest. The intricate detail in the diorama he created for the view through the window in his English-pub basement was charming and amazing. That eye for detail worked for him in birding, as well as in his art. My favorite memory is of sharing his quest for a Life Bird in Arizona. He, Dana and I hiked up to the naturally formed reservoir in White Tanks park outside Phoenix and spotted the elusive Canyon Wren. Not only was he able to identify it, but we were treated to quite a show. The little birds were making a nest on the cliff above us, and we watched them ferry twigs from the surrounding scrub up to it. It was thrilling to share his excitement, and good to have him there to confirm that we were seeing what we thought we were seeing. Before they had dogs, Paul and Carol had an astonishing budgie named Basil. I am forever grateful to them for opening my eyes to the world of pet birds. I don't imagine that we would have thought of a bird as a pet, but we followed their example and bought our first bird with gift money from our wedding. Our budgies and African Grey have been wonderful companions, and we have Paul and Carol to thank for that. Dodger still plays the "Carol Say That" game, years after meeting Carol. She made a big impression. Paul was deeply loved by his little brother, Dana my husband. Dana has always said that the best of who he is, he attributes to trying to emulate Paul. love,  
Sally

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Sally Charette - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I first met Paul Charette in the fall of 1999 as a junior at Kimball. From the first moment I met him, I was amazed at the tremendous amount of knowledge that he possessed. Mr. Charette had a passion for history and a presence in the classroom unlike anyone I had ever met. In 36 years of teaching, Mr. Charette was able to enrich the lives of thousands of students. I can honestly say that I am a better person for having known him. One of Mr. Charette's best qualities was the way he could tell a story. Some of his most memorable stories were ones that took place during what he liked to call the "golden age" of teaching. I'll never forget the story he told about a time when he caught a student running down the hall way squirting other students with a squirt gun. Apparently he snatched the squirt gun away from the student and smashed it to pieces. "I danced all over it" he said. He would always have a smile on his face when he told that story. One of his proudest moments as a teacher was when he put together a mock political convention in the early 70's. Apparently it was so well done, that it was featured in many of the local papers. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to have spent time with him, both in and out of the classroom. I'll always cherish the time that we spent together. I'll never forget how much encouragement he gave to me when I decided to go into education. I only hope that I can be half as good a teacher as he was. On more than one occasion he mentioned how much he was looking forward to the day when I was hired for my first teaching job. Although he is no longer with us, I know he will be looking down on me with a smile on his face when that day comes. There will never be anyone like Paul Charette. My heart goes out to his wife, family and friends. Mr. Charette, wherever you are thank you so much for your kindness, your knowledge, your friendship and your encouragement. I'll do my best to make you proud. May you rest in peace. If you have a chance, say hello to LBJ for me. Tony Stanley

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**Tony Stanley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Carol, I am so saddened by the news. It seems like only yesterday we were all at Barton! I'm happy to say that Paul visited Kimball not too long ago. Little did I know how much I would cherish the hug and the time he spent with us that day. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Brown

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**Mary Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I worked with Paul at both Dondero and Kimball high schools when I was working in class-size relief. I knew him to be a very bright and caring man and thought of him as a friend who always had a smile! I wish his family peace at this very difficult time.

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**Myrna Dugan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Paul was great to work with. We shared a great love of animals. I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you Deborah Allen Scheduling Tech Kimball

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**Deborah Allen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM