



Paul J. Gareau Jr.

October 6, 1938 - June 22, 2025

Paul Joseph Gareau, Jr. of Clinton Township, Michigan, passed away surrounded by his family at Rose Senior Living on June 22, 2025. Paul was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Paul and Catherine Gareau on October 6, 1938.

He graduated from St. Edwards High School in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1956. Following graduation, he became a Pressman for the Wall Street Journal and continued that career through 1995 at various publications throughout Michigan. He served in the Army National Guard (Reserves) of Ohio from 1958 through 1964 as a First Cook. He also worked with his late wife, Carole, as a successful real estate agent.

Paul was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for over 66 years. During that time, he served as Grand Knight at St. Matthias Council and was also Sir Knight of Sacred Heart Assembly. For 30 years, he was also an active member of the Lions Club, awarded Man of the Year for 2003-2004, and served as President of the Sterling Heights chapter from 2004 to 2005.

Paul was an active volunteer at his church, St. Matthias Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. Highlights of his service included Eucharistic minister, usher, bereavement, fund-raising and hosting social functions.

Throughout his life, Paul was immensely curious and loved to talk with people

about their experiences. An avid reader of the Wall Street Journal, he followed world and political news as well as stocks and some sports. He had a lot of interests such as cooking, crafting, woodworking, coin collecting, flower arranging, and card playing, along with camping and traveling. Above all, he loved spending time with his family, enjoying good food and ice cream for dessert. He will be dearly missed.

Predeceased in 2024 by his beloved wife of 63 years, Carole, Paul is the loving father of Paul III (Jane) Gareau, Mary (Mark) Thut, Renee (Jeff) Williams, Pete (Anne) Gareau, Suzanne (Michael) Bolter, Annette (Steve) Bellante, and Chris Gareau; the adored grandfather of Bryan (Brianna), Kristen (Jeevan), Mitchel (Olivia), Michael, Claire, Anna, Sabrina (Garrett), Elaine, Sam (Hailey), Grace, Rachel, Dominic, Casey, Molly, and Joe; and the dear great-grandfather of Daphne. His siblings include Donna (the late Tom) Gallagher, the late Kay (the late Ben) Wright, the late Patsy (the late Art) Hobson, Michael (Gayle) Gareau, Diane Cammarato, Bill (the late Sherry) Gareau, Danielle (the late Lou) Cifranic, Ed (Marybeth) Gareau, Tim (Patricia) Gareau, Dennis (Debbie) Gareau, Jeannine (Mick) Narowitz, Mark Gareau and Patrick (Maureen) Gareau. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Paul's family will receive friends for visitation on Friday, June 27, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Lion's Club pass and review service at 5:00 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus rosary service/chalice ceremony at 7:00 p.m. with sharing of memories to follow at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral mass will continue on Saturday, June 28, where he will lie In State from 9:30 a.m. until the time of his Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 12311 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. He will be interred at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorials are appreciated to Humane Society of Macomb, 11350 22 Mile Road, Utica, Michigan, or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820

Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207 or to www.thecapuchins.org. Please share a story of Paul or leave a memory for his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Lions Pass and Review

JUN 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

K of C Rosary and Chalice Presentation

JUN 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Instate At Church

JUN 28. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Mass

JUN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall



“ Nick and Mallory Gareau purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Nick and Mallory Gareau - June 27, 2025 at 09:11 AM



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

June 26, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Mark, Nancy and Luke Chronowski purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Mark, Nancy and Luke Chronowski - June 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Dave & Cindy Wright purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Dave & Cindy Wright - June 26, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ FMVSS 201/226 planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Gareau Jr..

FMVSS 201/226 - June 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

BT

“ Brian T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Gareau Jr..

Brian T. - June 26, 2025 at 06:35 AM

GF

“ Gareau Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Gareau Jr..

Gareau Family - June 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM

GF

“ Gareau Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Gareau Family - June 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM

LJ

“ Love Trish Callahan, Chris and Janet purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Love Trish Callahan, Chris and Janet - June 25, 2025 at 05:51 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Paul Gareau. I pray that Paul may rest in peace, and that God's mercy console all those who mourn his death. The friars are truly humbled by memorial donations. The Lord give you peace.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - June 25, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CA

“ Renee and family - We are sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. Much sympathy, jeff and Char Angell



Charlene Angell - June 24, 2025 at 03:52 PM

PG

“ Patrick Gareau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Joseph Gareau Jr..

Patrick Gareau - June 24, 2025 at 11:44 AM

PG

“ Patrick Gareau purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Patrick Gareau - June 24, 2025 at 11:44 AM

LA

“ Love, Jimmy and Arlene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Love, Jimmy and Arlene - June 24, 2025 at 10:43 AM

VL

“ Ventcon, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Joseph Gareau Jr..

Ventcon, LLC - June 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM

VL

“ Ventcon, LLC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul J. Gareau Jr..



Ventcon, LLC - June 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM