



## Paul J. Kozlowski

January 22, 1958 - March 9, 2014

Paul J. Kozlowski, age 56, of Sterling Heights, passed away March 9, 2014 at his residence. Beloved husband of Marian. Dear father of Lisa, Brandon and Megan. Dear brother of Dennis Mary Kozlowski, Barbara William Kowalyk, David Susan Kozlowski and the late Karen Makurof. Dear son of the late John and Delphine Wolowiec Kozlowski. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica on Wednesday from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Mass on Thursday at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights where he will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. time of Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials suggested to Henry Ford Hospice or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I sat next to Paul at work for the past 6 or 7 years and got to know him well during that time. He was a really funny guy who was always making jokes. When I was a young engineer he used to suggest jokingly that I would buckle under the pressure if I had even a fraction of the responsibilities that he had. He would ask if I ever wondered how he stayed so cool under pressure, as if he was a James Bond-type character and I would naturally be impressed. On Mondays he would ask me “if you had to estimate, how much time did you spend thinking about me this weekend?” Paul would offer to write me macros despite the fact that he knew nothing about macros and I was actually the one who wrote them. “Oh your chair is squeaking? You want me to write a macro for that?” even though that is certainly outside the scope of what macros can do. I’m not sure he was even clear about what exactly a macro is although he knew it couldn’t fix a squeaky chair. When Paul found out I don’t own a grill, he was very concerned and insisted I should go out and buy one. He really cared about me and in particular my summertime food preparation methods. My lack of grill ownership and other such inconsequential things bothered him more than it should bother any normal person. It was one of his many endearing traits. If it started raining he might pull his keys out and ask someone in his most patronizing tone if they would “be a doll” and pull his car around to the door. If I had computer problems, he would helpfully suggest I go into the settings and uncheck the box that says “crash after sending email” or “restart at random intervals” or some equally silly fictional setting depending on the issue at hand. Paul sent funny text messages during boring meetings. He had a cell phone but for unknowable reasons he would turn it off when he left work. He said he was a “land line kind of guy.” That he was. Paul was a great guy who was a lot of fun to work with. I and many other members of his Nissan family are deeply saddened by his untimely passing and he will certainly be missed around the office. My deepest condolences go out to his family and friends.

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Adam Shomsky - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“*Marian, Lisa, Brandon, and Megan, I'm terribly sorry for your loss. I worked with Paul at Nissan. He was, without a doubt, a mensch. In Yiddish it means "a person of integrity." In English it's come to mean "a good guy." A mensch is someone who is responsible, has a sense of right and wrong and is the sort of person other people look up to. I looked up to Paul--I told him I wanted to be him when I grew up we're about the same age and I meant it. He thought I was kidding. Maybe because we laughed so hard and often about just about everything else. I'll miss him. I hope you can find peace and strength during this difficult time knowing that Paul was indeed one of the good guys.*

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**Mike Drongowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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BW

“*I worked with Paul in wiring and we would talk about sports, his green lawn, Polish food and customs, boating and sometimes wiring. Paul always had a great sense of humor and good old fashion values. He listened and supported me when my mother passed away a few years ago. Before coming to Mexico, he told be to be very careful... I will miss him and my deepest sympathy to the Kozlowski family.*

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**Bert Weinert** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I worked with Paul many years ago at St.Clair Clinical Laboratory. I was shocked and saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great guy and always kept us laughing. All these years later those of us who still work for St.John still tell stories of Paul that keep us laughing. My deepest condolences to the Kozlowski family.

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**Kim Nichols Dehem** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Paul you will be surely missed! You were truly a great guy and friend to all. The world was a better place because of you. We started our Career at Yazaki nearly 20 years ago and I know you were much more of an Engineer than just a "glorified print folder". I miss the days of having time to play Euchre at lunch or a game of hearts on the computer, this is when we know we could get your competitive spirit going. I still laugh that my son has the Buzz Lightyear and Woody action figures from the time I dropped by your house many years ago. I am blessed that we were able to stay in touch after you left Yazaki and catching up for lunch once a year and discuss how our families were doing and of course some football and the Dallas Cowboys. You had a great sense of humor and Im truly sad you are gone. You have left us with only good memories. My deepest condolences to Marian, Lisa, Brandon, and Megan.

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**Keith Little** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Paul's family and friends; may The Lord provide his peace to you as only he can do. I have known Paul for many years and I would always look forward to working with him when he would travel to Smryna, TN. His kind and generous personality always came through anytime we worked together, he always had a smile on his face and something funny to say. He would not hessitate to happily help any way that he could, regardless of the situation. I will truly miss him, he was a good friend!

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**Ken Eastvold** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ I want to extend my deepest condolences to Paul's family. He was very friendly and had a great sense of humor. I met Paul in 2002 when I started working at Nissan and he was always there to cheer everybody up and lighten the mood day after day. We had a lot of great times joking and playing cards during lunch. Paul will be missed.

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**Vedat Haydin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I worked with Paul at Nissan for about 12 years. When I heard Paul was gone, my first reaction was, "I miss him already." He was such a great guy with a one of a kind sense of humor. I'm sad that he's gone, but he left us with lots of good memories. He's probably making someone laugh up in heaven right now. To Paul's family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Dumont** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I had the privilege to work with Paul at Nissan for the last several years and he was a great guy to have on the program. One of the best guys you'd ever want to work with. He was always very kind and had a great perspective on whatever we were dealing with. I feel blessed to have known him. My deepest condolences to your family; you will be in my prayers.

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**Katherine Lipp** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ What can I say, the big guy had a big heart and cast an even bigger shadow. He touched so many people. Years ago, all my friends loved it when Paul was around on the weekends, while my parents were at the cottage, we would play pool, ping pong, or just hanging out and Marian would remind him that he was there to visit with her. The family and holiday get togethers, the times at the cottage, with everyone there for the long weekends. Over thirty years of wonderful, happy and funny memories. Our lives were truly blessed when Paul and Marian met at work all those years ago. Thank Paul for everything. We will all really miss you.

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**David Yagley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We met Paul about 18 years ago when he and his family moved in next door to us. We always knew when he was outside working by his whistling. Also he was the only one who could cut his grass in the dark. He was a good friend, good neighbor and we will miss him. He and his family will be in our prayers

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**Chuck & Joy Foley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Paul, you will truly be missed. The highlight of my day during my years at Nissan was knowing that I'd get to sit with you at lunch and play cards. The jokes and stories we shared there usually kept me laughing throughout the day. Even to this day, I still tell people about the funny comments you made during cards. You were a great friend and I feel blessed to have known you. My deepest condolences to the Kozlowski family, you are all in my prayers.

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**Kendrick Taylor** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Some of our fondest memories of Paul were Up North at the cottage. Marissa, Rachel and Adam would look forward to being there at the same time as Marian, Paul and rest of their family. He made the weekends so fun with his happy go lucky attitude. It seemed like Paul had all the time in the world to drive the boat around the lake and tow the kids on the tube, or drag everyone outside for a game of volleyball or croquet. He also brought up the best fireworks every 4th of July. People would come from all over the recreation area just to view the fireworks display put on by Paul. We will miss your smile, your laughter and the way you "lit up" the room everywhere you went. To Marian, Lisa, Brandon and Megan, our thoughts and prayers are with you. All our love, Dave, Mary, Marissa, Rachel and Adam

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

BC

“ I have very fond memories of Paul, Marian, and family when you lived right across the street on Forest Ave. here in Royal Oak. What a wonderful family to have as neighbors. Paul, of course, put us all to shame with his meticulous care of his lawn and house. No lawn looked better! Paul always had a smile and you could never be sad when he was in the room. When your kids were small, he took parenting very serious and I remember the day he sold the motorcycle and said he could not ride it anymore--because he was a Dad now. I was sad when you moved away to a bigger house, but was always so happy to stay in contact and loved it when you would stop by. I am so saddened by your death, Paul and you will be missed, but you lived your life to the fullest. My prayers continue for Marian, Lisa, Brandon, and Megan and family. God Bless you, Paul. Love to all, Betty Crippen

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**Betty Crippen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Paul is one of those special people as soon as you meet him you like him. We met when Paul hired in at EWD & joined the Jeep group. As Jarrett said below, there are so many funny stories & memorable moments we shared with Paul. I will always remember Paul breaking out in song at the old Toledo 1 plant in Ohio singing "Ring of Fire". Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.

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**Elvert Osbron** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I met Paul in the mid 80s when he and Marian were dating. I am so shocked and saddened to hear about his passing. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers! Pam Christner Brookins

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**Pam Christner Brookins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Since I left the Nissan Business at Yazaki North America a little over 6 years ago, I unfortunately lost touch with Paul and I had no idea he was even sick! His passing comes as VERY sad news to me! My very first day at Yazaki-EWD in Troy in Sept. 1995 was also Paul's very first day there, a LONG time ago now! Paul was quite the character!! The funniest memory I have of working with him is as follows: Once we got assigned to groups at EWD, Paul ended up working on the Jeep Cherokee wiring and I ended up in the Electrical Systems Group working on the system schematics for the Jeep Cherokee. All wire sizing decisions had to go through me as the systems engineer and for some reason Paul's harnesses always had a lot of changes, so Paul was calling me all the time we didn't even have e-mail yet at that time. Paul was very conscientious and always went out of his way to be double and triple sure of what wire size I told him to use so he would frequently call me several times on the same change. One day I was having a particularly bad day and it was Paul's third call to me to ask, "are you sure that's what you want me to do?"; so I responded to Paul, "yes Paul I already told you 2 times that it was. Do you want me to come downstairs to your desk and hold your hand while you make the change?" Of course Paul just let that comment roll off his shoulders at the time, but the next day was a different story. The next day Paul called me and when I answered the phone all Paul said was hang on a second. The next thing I know there is music playing through the phone. What song was it you ask? What else but the Hootie and the Blowfish song, "Hold My Hand". From that point forward whenever that song came on Paul would call my desk and I'd pick up the phone to that song. There are so many more fun/funny stories I could tell, but I think I've taken up enough space already. Goodbye Paul! I'm sure your family and friends who have gone before you were there to greet you and to "Hold Your Hand" on your new journey! To Paul's family, I am very sorry for your loss; but always remember how he brought joy and humor to people's lives!

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Jarrett Nyschick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had the privilege to work with Paul on various Nissan programs for 7 years. I got to spend a lot of time with him traveling to Smyrna, TN and his first trip to Japan. He had a heart and personality to match his size—the biggest around. He was one of the kindest people I have ever known and always went out of his way to help someone. He had the best sense of humor and could make anyone smile. I’ll never forget the times when we should have been working but would end up talking about music, sports, or family. I could always count on him for advice or to put things into perspective. He will be missed by everyone. I would like to extend my most sincere condolences to the Kozlowski family. I am deeply saddened by your loss. God Bless you Paul. Dan

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**Daniel Spencer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM