



## Paul Nelson

March 18, 1942 - July 15, 2023

Paul H. Nelson, 81, of Royal Oak, MI passed away on July 15, 2023. Paul was born March 18, 1942 the son of Henry and Josephine (Tinskey) Nelson in Highland Park, MI. Paul was a man who enjoyed the little things in life. He enjoyed collecting coins, classic cars, discovering new music and DIY projects. During his working years Paul spent his time working as a purchasing agent. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 51 years: Janis and their son: John.

Honoring Paul's wishes there are no services scheduled at this time. The family asks that you share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my dear first cousin, Paul. I wish I would have known about it sooner. I lived and worked in the UP for many years so we were not in touch. My Dad, George J Proctor (Uncle Jimmy) was close to Paul and the families shared holiday gatherings, I know. My dad adored Paul and loved his friendship and family. The last time that I saw Paul was when Paul paid his respects at the funeral of my Dad. We had a lovely conversation about my Dad. I have an adorable photo of Paul as a baby. I think my Mom was his Godmother. So if the family is interested in the photo, I can send it. Please accept my deepest condolences to all who loved him.

Patricia Proctor

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Patricia Proctor - December 12, 2024 at 03:05 PM

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“ Paul was a good friend at SHS. He and I shared many a conversation about music and briefly were part of a small group of acquaintances that attended jazz concerts together. We fancied ourselves as the JSOA - jazz society of America.

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Tom Lambert - August 03, 2023 at 08:34 AM

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“ Ryanne L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Nelson.

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Ryanne L. - July 23, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Paul Nelson.*



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July 22, 2023 at 09:09 AM



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TK

“ Paul & I, and our wife's, had known each other for over 50 years. We had started out our married lives at about the same time, finding ourselves as next door neighbors in an apartment complex in Royal Oak. As time passed, we remained in touch, both of us settling into our homes in Royal Oak as well.

The most outstanding memory of my friendship with Paul was what would be remembered for years as the Great Firewood Adventure. We both had woodburning stoves or fireplaces in our homes and we found ourselves with the chance to score, quite literally, a TON of firewood, free for the taking. It came from a huge tree on my parents' property in Westland, and we spent one of the longest days in our lives moving that firewood from Westland to Royal Oak.

We were getting kind of "punchy" by the time we were bringing the second load of wood for the day back home, but by the time we got that batch off-loaded at our homes, we were darned near comatose. That batch of wood, lasted us for over two years, and always made for good conversation when we visited each other's homes, and would sit around the old wood-stove, reminiscing about the time we wiped ourselves out moving that doggone firewood.

Though I hadn't seen much of Paul in recent months, I will always remember his friendship, along with the "bone jarring" hard work we did together that day. He was a good friend, and a good man, and I shall miss him.

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Tom Kennedy - July 21, 2023 at 08:24 PM