



Paul Victor Dresler

June 10, 1952 - January 14, 2024

Paul Victor Dresler passed away on January 14, 2024. Born on June 10, 1952 in Baltimore and growing up in Arbutus, MD, Paul earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from UMBC and later pursued a Master's degree at Towson State University. Paul dedicated 31 years of his life as a Researcher, Science Policy Advisor, and Program Manager at the US Geological Survey. Upon retirement, Paul spent a few years as a substitute teacher and particularly enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and gardening.

A man of deep faith, Paul was an active member of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Clifton, VA. His service extended beyond worship as he served as a regular usher and member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed chairing the annual St. Clare food drive to benefit the St Lucy Food Project.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Katherine Hopke, son-in-law Frederick Hopke and daughter Madison Dresler. Additionally, he leaves behind two cherished grandsons, Benjamin and Elijah Hopke, a dear sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Bill Villareal and nephews Bill, John, Rick and Paul Villareal. He is predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Mildred Dresler.

A visitation will be held Sunday, January 21 from 2-4 at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, January

22nd at 11 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Clifton, VA. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Marriottsville, MD.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made directly to:

Knights of Columbus Council 12963

P.O. Box 202

Clifton, VA, 20124

The funds will be forwarded to the Catholic Charities St. Lucy Food Project in Paul's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Claire of Assisi Catholic Church
12409 Henderson Road
Clifton, VA 20124

Tribute Wall

CZ

“ So sad to hear about Paul passing away. We met while in our teens and dated for several years. He always knew how to make me laugh and I enjoyed our friendship. He was a good person and his presence here on earth was a positive one. His scientific knowledge and stories about the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries taught me a lot. If I had a question about gardening, I knew who to call. We kept in touch by phone just to make sure all was well with each other. Rest in peace Paul, I will miss you.

Carol (Wilson) Zimmerman - January 26, 2024 at 08:06 AM

DJ

“ I worked for Paul in the US Geological Survey and found him to be committed, hard-working, dedicated to the cause, with a strong sense of purpose matched only by his intelligence and humor. In retirement I enjoyed getting together for frequent happy hours with him and other former Survey partners where we had spirited exchange of political views and observations on the best wines and IPA's. We fished together frequently. Paul delighted in his family, was spiritual, dedicated to helping others less fortunate, and possessed a clever wit. I will miss him.

Dan James

Daniel James - January 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

TG

“ I met Paul in the mid '90s at the Department of the Interior where we were both working as liaisons between agencies and political appointees. I was new to the job, and at smoke breaks and over lunches, Paul mentored me about the tensions between science and politics, and about the people and agendas I would encounter. Over time, he was a partner in planning and running conferences and new initiatives and, most importantly, became one of my best friends, at work, after work, and after retirement. Paul was unimpressed with position and authority and had a great, dry sense of humor. I miss our discussions and debates over beers, and will miss him. Tom Gunther

Thomas Gunther - January 20, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Victor Dresler.



January 20, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LJ

“ Love, Wayne, Ken, and Jocelyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Victor Dresler.

Love, Wayne, Ken, and Jocelyn - January 20, 2024 at 12:42 PM

Jl

“ Paul and I Ushered Holy Mass on Saturday 's at St. Clare's for many years. Paul's passion has always been the Food Drive for Saint Lucy's. We were both retired from the Federal Government and shared a lot of stories. Paul was always very generous with his vegetables from his garden.
My family and his fellow Knights of Columbus will really miss him. I am sure St. Lucy has a "Special "place for Paul.

JimKnodel - January 20, 2024 at 09:23 AM

BK

“ Uncle Paul was an amazing guy. He loved his family and was truly a good man. May the memories of him last forever and bring his family some comfort in this difficult time.

Brendan Keith - January 20, 2024 at 12:57 AM

WF

“ RIP Cousin. Love you and will miss your sense of humor. There are few like you that I could joke with.

Wayne Fowble - January 19, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JA

“ Julie Arnau lit a candle in memory of Paul
Victor Dresler



Julie Arnau - January 19, 2024 at 06:37 AM

JS

“ I will always cherish my 55 year friendship with Paul. He embraced life always and was a true and faithful servant.

Judy Schneider

Judy Schneider - January 19, 2024 at 06:26 AM

SN

“ I knew Paul when he was 14! He became a good Dad to my niece, Katie! He was a kind person! May he rest in peace!
Nancy McGrath Schultz

schultz nancy - January 18, 2024 at 08:56 PM

SN

“ I knew

schultz nancy - January 18, 2024 at 08:37 PM