



## Paul D. Gontarski

February 23, 1963 - July 16, 2020

Paul D. Gontarski, 57, of Hamden passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020 in Yale New Haven Hospital. He is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn Cleary Gontarski, his children Christopher J. Gontarski, Katie E. Gontarski and Timothy P. Gontarski, all of Hamden. Also two brothers John F. Gontarski of NJ and Glenn Gontarski of Old Saybrook and a sister Susan Kitchell of NM. He was born Feb. 23, 1963 in New Haven a son of the late John F. and Mathilda Soliday Gontarski and was a graduate of Hamden High School and the CT School of Electronics. Paul was employed for many years as an electrician with Local #90 of the I.B.E.W. from where he retired. He was a longtime official with USA Swimming, was a member of the Hamden Fish and Game Club and had done volunteer work at Gaylord Hospital.

Calling hours will be Sunday, July 19th from 4:00-7:00pm at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. All visitors must wear masks, social distancing will be required and there will be no congregating inside the Funeral Home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gaylord Hospital Brain Injury Residential Program, 50 Gaylord Farm Rd, Wallingford CT, 06492. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

JUL **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Paul and I grew up together as children all I can say is that he had a big heart and I know he is in heaven god bless Paul see you soon enough

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**esco bennett** - July 22, 2020 at 05:48 AM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family. Paul always greeted you with a smile, and left you smiling. We will miss him as will so many others who were blessed to know him.

*The Froehlich Family*

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**The Froehlich Family** - July 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM

CV

“ I met Paul while attending IDPA at Hamden Fish and Game. We made good friends and shared many good times. I was fortunate to have shared his company twice at the Front Sight shooting school in Nevada. I never saw him happier than when he was there. I am lucky to have called him my friend. He will be missed. My condolences to the Gontarski family.

*Carlos de la Vega*

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**Carlos de la Vega** - July 19, 2020 at 12:50 PM

GM

“ It’s with great sadness that we all took this news of hearing that our friend and local 90 brother has passed away. Paul was a true local 90 brother and over the years helped so many get through a very bad down turn with supplying work when we needed it most. I had the pleasure of being with him on one project and saw him train and mentor Lou N as a apprentice who is now one of our finest Mechanics now. I had the opportunity to work with his Daughter Katie at the science center and know seeing her talents and kindness and dedication that her father had to have a big hand in all that. Paul will be missed by us all and we all send our love and support to his family at this time.

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**Gary M** - July 19, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul D. Gontarski.



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July 19, 2020 at 10:16 AM

BB

“ We we’re all so very saddened and shocked to hear of Paul’s passing. Our deepest sympathies to the Gontarski famil. We will miss Paul’s contagious smile and positive demeanor. He was always there for you to help if you needed and he was so proud of his family. My heart breaks that I won’t be able to see him again but heaven added another angel! I’ll miss him very much as will my family!

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**Bill Battipaglia** - July 18, 2020 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ *The Mel, Dadio and Warner Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Paul D. Gontarski.*



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**The Mel, Dadio and Warner Families** - July 18, 2020 at 01:38 PM

CD

“ *I'm sorry to hear about Paul's passing. I can remember when I was first involved with the Cleary/ Howard/ Daley functions Paul was so friendly easy to talk to and always smiling. I will miss that about him. My condolences to the entire family. ❤️*  
*Chris Daley*

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**Christine Daley** - July 17, 2020 at 09:14 PM

BH

“ *Carolyn, my heart goes out to you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*  
*--Beverly Hodgson*

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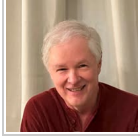
**Beverly Hodgson** - July 17, 2020 at 05:41 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to Carolyn Cleary we were neighbors in Whitmeyville*

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**Claudia Judd McGratj** - July 17, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ I meet Paul through his participation in IDPA at Hamden Fish and Game. He was one of the most positive persons you could meet. He always had unique ideas for us to try during this event. His presence there will surely be missed. My condolences to the Gontarski family.

*Ed Pass*

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**Ed Pass** - July 17, 2020 at 11:57 AM

PB

Although I only met Paul a few times I was impressed by his great personality and spirit, always smiling and personable I'll be glad to have known him. Paul Battipaglia

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**Paul Battipaglia** - July 18, 2020 at 11:46 AM

KJ

“ We will greatly miss Paul's enthusiasm and smiling face at Gaylord. We enjoyed having Paul join us for archery, golf and skiing with the Gaylord Sports Association adaptive sports programs. Sending our condolences to Paul's family and friends for this tremendous loss. We hope you are still smiling from above Paul!  
Sincerely,  
Katie Joly

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**Katie Joly** - July 17, 2020 at 11:43 AM

KJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Katie Joly** - July 17, 2020 at 11:26 AM

KA

thank you so much for sharing this💜

katie - July 17, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul D. Gontarski.



July 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Paul D. Gontarski.



July 17, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MV

“ Paulie was always so happy and enthusiastic to be involved in IDPA at his club Hamden F&G, and was especially proud of having run IDPA for many years.

*He was an inspiration to all who participated with him.*

*And occasionally, after the shooting was done, could be heard asking---"are we going to Odie's after, for pizza and beer"??*

*That would make the day complete!!*

*I'll miss ya buddy!!*

*Mike Vasil*

Mike Vasil - July 17, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Paul at my daughter's swim meets. While on deck, he shared with me his health struggles & his working to getting back to officiating. What a miracle! He will be sorely missed by his family but also by his swim family. You all have my prayers.

Kristen Marquis - July 17, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Paul, I miss you already. You have always made me laugh! You were the best brother a sister could ever ask for.



Sue Kitchell - July 16, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Paul and Carolyn visiting me and my sons in Durango, Co



Susan Kitchell - July 16, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ I am so sorry for your lost. We go a long way back with the Gontarski family, from swimming to babysitting. We shared many good times together and I have fond memories.

Geraldine DeLucia-Petrulis - July 16, 2020 at 09:45 PM

MA

“ I am so sorry to hear this. When I was a very young child I spent many days at Paul's house. What a wonderful family. RIP Paul.

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**Margaret** - July 16, 2020 at 09:23 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry Carolyn and the rest of Paul's family. I have the fondest memories of Paul. He is a true angel and will always be watching over you! Xoxo RIP my friend

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**Sur Falvey** - July 16, 2020 at 03:46 PM

LB

“ My condolences to all of Paul's family. it is especially tragic to lose someone so young.  
I never met Paul but I am Glenn's cousin in law and know that Paul had suffered a tragic injury.

Love,

Cousin Linda

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**Linda Barrett** - July 16, 2020 at 03:35 PM