



Paul R. Hudak

July 15, 1952 - April 29, 2015

Paul Hudak, Professor of Computer Science at Yale University for 33 years and Master of Saybrook College since 2009, passed away on April 29, 2015 at Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven, CT. with his family by his side. Paul was diagnosed with leukemia and received a stem cell transplant in 2010 to cure it. His death was the result of side effects of his treatments. Paul's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Smilow Cancer Center who cared for him so well throughout this journey.

Together with his wife, Cathy Van Dyke, Hudak cultivated a welcoming community in Saybrook College that felt like a home to all. Always an avid sportsman, Paul enjoyed coaching his daughters, Jennifer and Cristina, in soccer and served as president of the Hamden Soccer Association. He founded the Hamden Youth Lacrosse league and coached the Hamden High School's girl's lacrosse team for nine years. At Yale he was faculty advisor to the Yale Women's Lacrosse Team. An accomplished pianist, he formerly played in a jazz quartet, Collectively Speaking, was a faculty advisor to the Yale Jazz Collective, and always enjoyed "jamming" with Yale students and with his family.

Hudak, age 62, was born in Baltimore, Maryland to Clark Hudak, Sr and Michelina Hudak, and is survived by his siblings Clark Hudak, Jr, David Hudak, Gregory Hudak, Daniel Hudak, and Elizabeth Hudak, who all still live in the Baltimore area. Hudak graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1973 and went on to receive his MS at MIT and his PhD in Computer Science at the

University of Utah in 1982.

Paul will be remembered for his kindness, approachability, love of the outdoors and his dedication to family while being a consummate researcher. His love for his wife, daughters, and granddaughter, Aubrey, who was born in January 2015, was immeasurable and will continue to be felt in his absence. He will be greatly missed by many.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Paul Hudak will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Battell Chapel, 400 College St. New Haven. Burial will be in Grove St. Cemetery. Calling hours are Saturday from 2 - 6 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Be the Match Foundation. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

Grove St. Cemetery

227 Grove St.
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral service

MAY 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

Battell Chapel at Yale
400 College St.
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Cathy, Jenny and Cristy: We were so sad to hear about Paul's illness and passage. He was such a great guy, so giving and always positive and caring. And always an adventurer. It was amazing how much he packed into his life, and still had so much heart to share with family and friends and colleagues. Our hearts are with you all.

Cathi Best and Steve Braddon

Cathi Best - June 02, 2015 at 01:02 AM

Tania
Quinones

“ Paul was a client of mine at Payne Whitney Gym; I was his Personal Trainer. It's rare when you come across someone who has every reason in the world to "give up" but doesn't. Quite to the contrary even, Paul showed up avidly, with always a smile on his face and no matter how difficult any thing we did was, he made it a personal duty to do all in his power he could do. I watched him sweat, I watched him start to move, I saw him jog again, make strides in his progress and as the smiles of accomplishment swept over his face, my heart would also sing. He would tell me stories of his supportive wife and the amazing accomplishments of his children which made him so proud. All he wanted to do was get out in the world and experience it. The many vacations he and his family would take were impressive and I was inspired by this man and all he would do. He shared with me magnificent pictures of him at the precipice of mountains while on vacation, mountains he was so proud he was able trek up. What I will always remember about you Paul, is your smile and your love of life, your vibrancy, your amazing spirit. I take from you, from our shared life experience, a zest and appreciation of life. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to know you. May you rest in peace, with that brilliant smile. To the family, whom I never met, but am also proud of, I wish you comfort and peace.



Tania Quinones - May 06, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ In Memory Blue Spruce Tree was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.



May 04, 2015 at 10:29 AM

PJ

“ Dear and wonderful family and friends of our cousin Paul Hudak . Paul will always be remebered by me as a humble brighthearted person kind of heart and loving always. The world is definitely a much better place because of his life. HE leaves behind a wonderful legacy in his wife children and grand children as well as the thousands of students he taught over the years who have been enriched because of him .I saw him last year at the mens golf outing in Ocean City MD and enjoyed his company. Debbie and I were not able to make it to Connecticut but know that our love and compassion are for all he left behind. In deepest sympathy ,Paul and Debbie Valle

Paul Valle Jr - May 03, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.



May 02, 2015 at 11:05 AM

LS

“ *Cathy, Cristina, & Jen -*

From the moment I met Paul my first week at Vanderbilt University at his fraternity spaghetti dinner, I knew he was a very special person! His kindness, his gentleness, his warmth, his intelligence, his sense of humor, his spirit...all flowed through him that first meeting. Those special qualities (and more) are what made Paul such an amazing man and I learned so much from our friendship ever since that first night. He always would tell me how blessed he was to have such a wonderful family and how much he loved you all and the life you built together. He was so proud of his family! Paul's spirit has touched so many...and I for one am so fortunate to have had him as my friend for over 40 years. RIP my dear friend... You will be missed!!

May you take comfort in the wonderful memories of his life with/and love for you!

Lee, Jane, & David share in sending you our deepest condolences during this very sad time...we are keeping you all in our hearts and prayers.

*Sending Hugs & Love,
Liz, Lee, Jane & David*

Liz Storch - May 02, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



May 02, 2015 at 12:14 AM

DA

“ Our thoughts are with the Hudak family at this sad time. We are very sorry for your loss.
Dana and Randy Adams

Dana and Randy Adams - May 01, 2015 at 07:02 PM

HT

“ *Harley Trung purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



Harley Trung - May 01, 2015 at 03:05 PM

MC

“ *Cathy, Jennifer, and Cristina:
May you find comfort in knowing that Paul lived a beautiful, full, and inspiring life that touched many others, and that his spirit remains with you. We knew Paul only briefly, but feel we have lost a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Peace,
Mary Jane and David Cope
Santa Cruz, California*

Mary Jane and David Cope - May 01, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



May 01, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



May 01, 2015 at 11:01 AM



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May 01, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *Paul will be sorely missed by the Saybrook community and by all. He lived a rich full life. With Sympathy, Rick Bribiescas, Deputy Provost and Saybrook Fellow.*

Richard Bribiescas - May 01, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Hudak family. I will always remember the positive influences he had on working with the youth of the community. He was always a gentleman and wonderful to work with. May you find peace during this difficult time.*

Dave DeMartino

Dave DeMartino - May 01, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



May 01, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ *I worked in Computer Science for many years and Paul was a very warm, genuine person; a great professor and talented musician as well. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. May God give you strength and peace.*

Sincerely, Lori Hammell

Lori Hammell - May 01, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



May 01, 2015 at 07:59 AM



“ *Ed and I were saddened to hear about Paul's passing. He was a great guy who always greeted you with a big smile and a warm hug. He will be greatly missed. May the constant love of caring family and friends soften your sadness, and may cherished memories bring you moments of comfort. May lasting peace surround your grieving heart. All our love, Ed and Lucy Sushko*

Ed and Lucy Sushko - May 01, 2015 at 07:22 AM



Pradeep
Varma

“ *Rest in Peace Paul. A brief life, to be remembered and cherished by Yale, New Haven, and the CS department for all your accomplishments in the years spent here.*

Pradeep Varma - May 01, 2015 at 01:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul R. Hudak.*



April 30, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember Paul as a kind and gentle man. I also remember so many years of fun at the Hudak home on Herring Run, and in Towson. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Your cousin,
Mary Valle Cashdollar and Husband, Jim.*

Mary Cashdollar - April 30, 2015 at 04:27 PM