



Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr.

June 21, 1963 - February 13, 2018

Paul R. Wais, Jr. age 54 years, lifetime area resident of Athens, N.Y. passed away at his home surrounded by his beloved family on February 13, 2018. Paul was born on June 21, 1963, and is the son of Anne E. Wais of Athens, N.Y. and the late Paul R. Wais, Sr.

During his lifetime, Paul was an accomplished musician as a guitarist and lead singer for over twenty five years playing in several different bands. For his entire life, Paul was a dairy farmer, his being one of the last existing dairy farms in Athens, N.Y. Paul was a graduate of The Coxsackie-Athens Central School, Class of 1981, a member of The Zion Lutheran Church in Athens, a former member of The Coxsackie Athens Little League serving as Board Member and coach for many years, and a member for many years as Vice President for The Greene County Farm Bureau until his death, and formerly was on the Athens Zoning Board of Appeals.

Paul was a kind friend to all he met, it did not matter how long that he may have known you.

Besides his Mother Anne E. Wais of Athens, survivors include his wife of 27 years, Jane(Gilmore)Wais, daughter Julia Wais, son, Paul V. Wais, son Michael Wais and son James Wais, sisters Patricia Green (Ralph), Pamela Ericson (Emil), Wendy Wais (Mark), Jill Wais (Paul) and Betty Zaroba (Paul), and his brother John Wais (Jean).

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, N.Y. on Friday, February 16,

2018, from 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Visitation at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Athens, N.Y. on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. with Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The New Athens Rural Cemetery, Athens, N.Y.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414, or to The Jack and Jill Late Stage Cancer Foundation, 3282 Northside Parkway N.W. , Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30327.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

New Athens Rural Cemetery

Olivette Drive
Athens, NY 12015

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
(518) 945-1065
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
24 North Washington Street
Athens, NY 12015

Mass

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
24 North Washington Street
Athens, NY 12015

Tribute Wall

JH

“ My fond memories of Paul include his performing at the annual Greene County NAMI dinners at the Quarry Steak House and seeing him shortly after his diagnosis at his barn one fall afternoon loading hay up into the barn with his sons. As it has been said by others he was truly a kind soul and a friend to all those that crossed his path. My thoughts and prayers for comfort and strength are with his entire family.

Jeffrey Haas - March 06, 2018 at 12:11 PM

SR

“ Sometime's although it is difficult to question the higher power, I still think the man got it wrong on this occasion. One word that best describes my thoughts and memories of Paul was "humble"... Most will go a lifetime and never ever get it, live and learn.

My Condolences to Jane and the family,

Scot Rosenthal

Scot Rosenthal - February 25, 2018 at 02:30 PM

CH

“ We were so very, very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. We don't live in the area any more, but I read the newspaper from "home" occasionally and seeing this obituary took me by surprise. Please accept our condolences and virtual hugs. May your strength as a family help you thru this time.

Michele and Jim Rivenburg

Chele - February 20, 2018 at 10:43 AM

LG

“ To Jane and all of the Wais Family, I am so sorry and deeply saddened to learn that Paul passed away. Paul was truly "one of the good guys". Among other occasions, I will always remember the fun times we had night time skiing at Jiminy Peak and the pleasant conversations we had when I'd stop by the farm during evening milking.

Rest in Peace.

Leka Gjonaj

Leka Gjonaj - February 19, 2018 at 05:29 PM

SM

“ To Jane and the Wais family- I was so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. I feel so blessed to have gotten to know Paul even for such a short time. Your family, especially Paul, always made me feel so welcomed and thankful for my work at the farm. I know he will be greatly missed by many.



Shelly Mackowski - February 19, 2018 at 01:19 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. The entire Wais Family are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Kacur Family

Peter, Brent, Jeff, and Paige



Brent Kacur - February 18, 2018 at 05:00 PM

JC

“ God rest his soul, I met this man once and felt how nice a guy he was..... I had the privilege of playing in his Dad's Band and I miss him too, Peace Be with You.

Jeff Cooper - February 18, 2018 at 04:17 AM

MK

“ To the Wais Family - Jane and children
So very sorry for your loss. We have very fond childhood memories of Paul and from reading all the lovely comments it sounds like he was an amazing husband, dad and friend. I pray that you will be comforted by those close to you in this very difficult time. Thank God for Paul and the life he lived - it sounds like he was an great example of living well and loving well.
God bless your family.
Mary (Corridan) Kesting

Mary Kesting - February 17, 2018 at 11:27 PM

GD

“ To Jane and the Wais family:
I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Though it has been many, many years since I have seen Paul, he was one of those people that you never could forget. We had a lot of good times in school, whether on the football field or in the classroom. He was a good friend and a great teammate. May you be comforted by his memories and the joy that he gave to so many people. He was and always will be truly one of a kind.
Greg Durnford

greg durnford - February 17, 2018 at 07:49 PM

CD

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to all of Paul's family at this difficult time..we know of Paul through his sister Pam..Blessings to you all and God's comfort..Chris & Deb Drennon*

Chris & Deb Drennon - February 17, 2018 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ *Deepest sympathy to Paul's family. The Key Family*

The Gordon Key Family - February 17, 2018 at 12:28 PM

RH

“ *God bless the Wais family through this time. I knew Paul a short time years ago, but long enough to see what a beautiful family and life he had. Such a good soul taken too soon. Condolences to his wife, children, parents and siblings. 🙏*

Rene Hanna - February 17, 2018 at 09:11 AM

RS

“ *My condolences to Paul's family and friends. He was a good man. It seems way too young. At least he is at peace now and no longer in pain. Thy will not mind be done.....*

My thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏🙏🙏

Bob Smith

Robert Smith - February 17, 2018 at 02:47 AM

TK

“ Wendy, Pam, Patty, Jane and the entire Wais family, we are deeply saddened by your loss. Paul was a kind and gentle soul who brought happiness to all who knew him.
I will always have fond memories of spending time on the farm, enjoying the fresh air, summer sunshine and best of all being with a wonderful family.
We hope you find comfort knowing Paul is at peace and you are in our prayers.
Tom & Christine (Grasse) King

Tom & Christine King - February 16, 2018 at 10:03 PM

DP

“ Dear Trish and family, Please know our thoughts, prayers and hearts are with each of you for the loss of your dear brother, Paul. May he rest in peace and may your treasured memories bring you some comfort. Bill and Donna Parker

Donna Parker - February 16, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 16, 2018 at 10:50 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Murphy Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



With Love, The Murphy Family - February 16, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer. Paul was a caretaker and a loving husband, father, uncle, and brother in law (in our hearts, a brother). Although he was a very busy man, he always found time to coach our kids in sports. But more importantly, he showed them how to live life gracefully. We will always treasure the days we spent in the barn, in the fields, in the dug out, in the VIP lounge, and on all our vacations. We will never forget all the wonderful days we were blessed to spend with you.*

Love you!

Mike and Tish

Patricia Salvino - February 16, 2018 at 08:54 AM

ZF

“ Dear Jane and Wais family,

We are so very sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Although we cannot begin to understand the depth of your sorrow, please know that we share your loss. Paul was a truly warm and genuine man, and he will be greatly missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We wish each of you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Peace.

Joseph, Cathy, Rachel & Annie Zanchelli

Zanchelli Family - February 16, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories*



Patricia Salvino - February 16, 2018 at 07:26 AM



Rooster in the Hen House!

Patricia Salvino - February 16, 2018 at 08:54 AM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to Jane, Wendy, and the entire Wais family. From the hallway, to the band room, to the field, Paul carried himself with a quiet confidence and charm others aspire to. My heart goes out to you for your loss. Be well.

Jim Coyne

Jim Coyne - February 16, 2018 at 06:36 AM

AB

“ Memories remain across time and distance. Sitting in West Africa, I'm grief-stricken to hear about Paul's death. My heartfelt condolences go to his wife and children as well as to the entire Wais family. He was a wonderful person. Already thirty years ago music and the farm were his passion. And I remember how proud a Dad and husband he was when, in 1994, my husband and I came to visit them at the farm and he was holding the tiny baby, Julia, lovingly in his big hands.

Memories are stronger than death.

Your German cousin Annette

Annette Buehler-Dietrich - February 16, 2018 at 06:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 16, 2018 at 06:07 AM

SU

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Susan - February 15, 2018 at 11:01 PM

TM

“ I have known Paul Jr. since he was a child. He and my youngest sister went through school together, and I grew up with his oldest sister Trisha. Paul was a wonderful, God-loving person who lived by the Christian values his parents taught him. The light in the world is a little bit dimmer today because of his passing, but the heavens are brighter. May the Lord welcome him home, and may God's perpetual light shine upon him.

Tom Masselli - February 15, 2018 at 08:51 PM

KB

“ The very first time I had the pleasure of meeting Paul was when our sons (Paul and Trever) were cub scouts. It turned out that Paul knew my husband from High School and our daughters were in the same grade and all four did music together in school so I saw Paul and Jane at every concert. Paul was a wonderful baker, what yummy cookies our scouts had the pleasure of eating, and he gave the den a tour of the farm and taught the boys about bees. Jane, Julia, Paul, Mike and James may your wonderful memories fill you with peace during this time. Know that you will be with him again and that he will always be near. He loves you all very much.... Love, Kirsten and the rest of the Baldwin family

Kirsten Baldwin - February 15, 2018 at 08:44 PM

NA

“ Jane and family so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. If you need anything please call. He was a great guy and loved by all. Take care.
Love, Mike, Nancy and Megan Adrian

Nancy Adrian - February 15, 2018 at 07:34 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy, Rip Paul.

Bill Matter - February 15, 2018 at 04:48 PM

JG

“ John Gaughan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr.



John gaughan - February 15, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 15, 2018 at 04:19 PM

 Donna Williams

“ I remember the first time I walked into the dairy barn with my container to get some milk. Rock and Roll playing, content cows pooping away with tails swinging and a strikingly handsome smiling man walking towards me to sell a few dollars of milk. After filling my bottle, he said "thank you for supporting the milk" as I stacked my quarters on the table. There was such grace in this little moment all because of Paul.

Donna Williams - February 15, 2018 at 04:04 PM

MB

Yes that sums it perfectly. thats our Paul

Maureen brosnan - February 16, 2018 at 03:55 AM

LD

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love from Wayne, Louise, Dylan and Gianna Deyo

louise deyo - February 15, 2018 at 04:02 PM

MB

“ Our Condolences to the Wais Family, May the love you shared and the memories you made help ease the pain of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Mike & Chris Beers - February 15, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



February 15, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *The Seymour family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



The Seymour family - February 15, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *Mike, Brigid and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



Mike, Brigid and family - February 15, 2018 at 11:19 AM

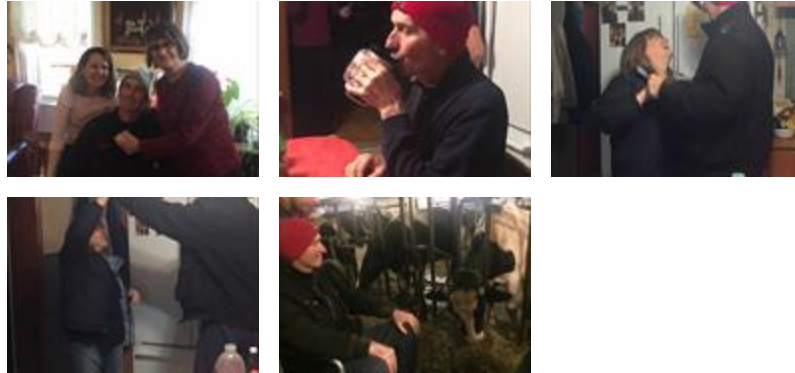


“ *Paul Wais, great man, great father, great husband, great musician , great teammate. You will always be my Captain. R.I.P. my friend*

Joe Bonacci - February 15, 2018 at 08:48 AM

CM

“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Claudine McGinnity - February 15, 2018 at 08:40 AM

BF

“ *Our prayers and thoughts to the Wais family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Bo & Marybeth Favicchio*

Bo Favicchio - February 15, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



February 15, 2018 at 01:24 AM

TB

“ I have such fond memories of playing in the band at Sunnyhill with Paul and singing harmony with Paul (and Julia when he would call her up on stage). Our voices all blended so well together and those were fun and happy times. I remember the summer when he was growing those "porkchop sideburns" for his role in the Taking Woodstock movie. I am so saddened to hear of his passing and send my condolences and prayers for comfort to the Wais family. ~ Tara Becker

Tara Becker - February 14, 2018 at 10:42 PM

SB

“ Much love to the Wais family. I will always hear Paul's wonderful voice singing at my brother, Walter's, memorial; Paul graciously stepped in to sing with my father and me. He sang a solo that meant so much to my family. I will always hear him improvising a song of love to Jane when he came to work on singing and speech at my teaching studio in Chatham. He was music through and through on Earth. May his loving soul swiftly return to the great heavenly music from which he was made. Sheri Bauer

Sheri Bauer - February 14, 2018 at 10:27 PM

HF

“ 3 files added to the album Memories



Holly Favicchio - February 14, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



February 14, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *Condolences to the Wais family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Michael & Wendi Carroll



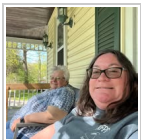
Wendi Carroll - February 14, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



February 14, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ *My condolences to the Wais family. I remember Paul as just a kind person to me as i had lots of sleep overs with Betty as kids.*

Christine Lavissiere-Tuikka

Christine Tuikka - February 14, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .*



February 14, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *So happy we had some Barry White action in the kitchen a few weeks ago. Paul you are a class act! Xoxox*

Claudine McGinnity - February 14, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With love. The Sverance Family*



The Severance Family - February 14, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *Janie- so sad to hear of Paul's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. Love- Carol and Dave Wagner and family*

Carol Wagner - February 14, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences, so very sorry for your loss. The Boeri Family*

karen boeri - February 14, 2018 at 07:36 PM

RP

So sorry to hear about Paul's passing. He was a great person and loved by all. You and your family are in our thoughts. May he Rest In Peace now. The Piccolo family.

Rita Piccolo - February 14, 2018 at 07:54 PM

CK

“ My deepest Sympathies for the entire family. I was very saddened to hear of your loss today. My he rest in peace.

Cindy Kniffen - February 14, 2018 at 07:25 PM

MV

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Pam and your whole Family ...I was very sad to read this... May he R.I.P I'm so so very Sorry for your loss....❤️🙏

Marla Nolan (Vincent) - February 14, 2018 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ Jane and family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. May your many happy memories of Paul comfort you at this most difficult time. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Janet Conrad - February 14, 2018 at 06:24 PM

JZ

“ I'm so very very sorry for your loss. I'm sad beyond words.

Jane Zanchelli - February 14, 2018 at 05:48 PM

EL

“ My deepest sympathies to Paul's family. He was a great guy gone way too soon. May his memories keep you close. God Bless you all. Love and prayers.

Erika Lavissiere - February 14, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Wais Family and especially Jane, Julia, Paul, Mikey and James. We love Paul very much and we've been friends with Jane and Paul for over 20 years. We got together, went to gigs, met for dinners, celebrated each others milestones, saw our families grow, loved Woodstock & Saratoga, NY and enjoyed each others friendship. It has been so simple, and so wonderful. We didn't need to live close to be close. Paul was an amazing person and he will be missed deeply.

May his memory be a blessing to those who love him.

With a heavy heart, your friends, Deb and Joe Carbo

Deborah Carbo - February 14, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 14, 2018 at 03:46 PM

BI

“ *Many, many great Memories Paul! From our childhood to adulthood! Going to miss you... With a heavy heart and a warm smile. Wish we lived closer. Jane, all of our best to you and the kids (I mean young adults - dang they grow up so fast)... Superhero is correct! I'll never forget is attitude! He blessed us all with his strength and grace!! (just like his Dad) If you ever need... please... or if you ever pass through Florida, please look us up.*

God Bless you all..

Love;

Bill, Ginny, Max & Alex Mecabe

Bill - February 14, 2018 at 02:52 PM

SM

“ *Jean, I am sorry to read of Paul's passing. May his memory be a blessing for all the family and his many friends.*

Steven Mann - February 14, 2018 at 02:26 PM

SM

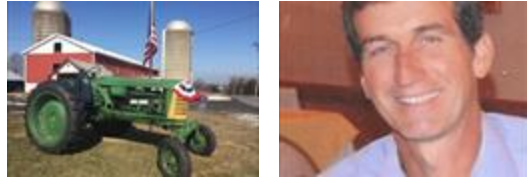
“ *Steven Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr.*



Steven Mann - February 14, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 14, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Oliver tractors, coffee, heineken, guitars, music, hayfields, barns, cows-we will always think of you when we see these. we have so many wonderful memories of our time together.. we are brokenhearted. we will remember you with a great love in our hearts. With deepest love, Neil and Maureen

maureen - February 14, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 14, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul R. Wais Jr. .



February 14, 2018 at 11:48 AM

JW

“ Paul Wais showed for every party his family was invited to, even for just 2 hours. In December he was at our holiday party and got a coffee cup and if you wanted to exchange the gift you could and he said, Well this cup is to small for me so I would like to exchange it for another gift" We were laughing hilariously as we did not expect him to say that. It was so funny and days later I was still laughing.

Jean Wais

jean wais - February 14, 2018 at 10:11 AM