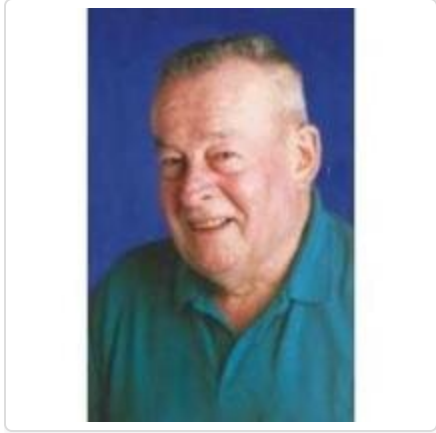




Paul J. O'Connor Jr.

March 13, 1932 - August 20, 2005

Paul J. O'Connor Jr., 73, of Syracuse, New York died Saturday, August 20, 2005 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Paul was born March 13, 1932 in Auburn, New York, the son of Paul J. and Elizabeth (Hart) O'Connor. He worked in the newspaper business for 46 years and retired from the Post Standard in 1996 after 34 years of service. After retirement, he enjoyed camping at Riverforest Park, Weedsport and Brennan's Bay, Sandy Pond. He was an avid SU fan.

Paul is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan (Behm) O'Connor of Syracuse, New York; his seven children, Patty Gersbacher of Liverpool, New York, Paul J. III (Diane) O'Connor of Timmonsville, South Carolina, Sue (John) Besten of East Syracuse, New York, Kathy Durkin of Clay, New York, Debbie (Tony) Garafolo of Onondaga Hill, New York, Dan (Juanita) O'Connor of Camillus, New York and Joanie (John) Mahar of Onondaga Hill, New York; one brother, Patrick O'Connor of Syracuse, New York; 20 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services: Tuesday, August 23, 2005, 10:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home and 11:00 a.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina St., Syracuse where a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated.

Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, 4100 E. Genesee Street, Dewitt, New York.

Calling Hours: Monday, August 22, 2005, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Paul's grandson, Michael O'Connor Kidney Transplant Fund, c/o Kathy Durkin, 8203 Sarona Lane, Clay, New York 13041.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul J. OA?Connor Jr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you, Granpa. Even though you have gone to a new place you are, and will always be Loved, remembered, and most of all Missed. I will always remember all the great times like Darien Lake and long long trips to the BigM in Weedsport. Most of all I will miss the huge smile you always had when ever any of your family/friends where around. I Love and Miss you.*

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prays are with all your family. When you lose a loved one, nothing else seems to matter anymore.*

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Shannon and family, Even though we never met your Grandpa, we're sure that he was loved by many and that you have a lot of great memories. You're like a daughter to us and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your sudden loss. He must have been quite a guy to raise such a beautiful family! May God watch over and help you all through this difficult time. Love, Ellyn (AXA/MONY)

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear All: We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Paul O'Connor. As you know, our parents both died in April of 2004. My brother, Bruce Sofinski, has sent a contribution on behalf of the Sofinski Family to the kidney fund per your wishes. Best Wishes, Sandra Sofinski, MD, JD

August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *When I think of my Uncle Paul, several words come to mind.... loving, funny, hard working, sincere. He will be greatly missed by many, but leaves a wonderful legacy behind in his family, who all carry something of him with them in some way.*

August 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM