



Paul R. Lauschke Jr.

May 15, 1934 - January 4, 2023

Paul R. Lauschke, Jr. passed peacefully with this wife by his side on January 4, 2023. Paul was born to Paul R., Sr. and Evelyn (Schyberg) Lauschke, on May 15, 1934 in Chicago, Il. After his 1952 graduation from William Howard Taft High School, he attended the University of Illinois where he was the president of his fraternity, graduating in 1956 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

In the 1960's Paul moved to the Alton area and founded a very successful real estate company, Paul R. Lauschke, Jr. and Associates. Over the course of 50 plus years, he built a booming business, enjoyed many years of success and made countless life-long friends.

Along with his family, one of Paul's greatest passions was giving back to his community and he did so with incredible vigor. Under three mayors, he served as Chairman of the Board for Alton's Building and Zoning Committee, served five years on the Godfrey Zoning Board, was Chairman of the Tree of Lights Campaign, was appointed manager of the Upper Alton Plaza, and was appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury. He was installed as the Chairman of the Lincoln-Douglas District and also served on the Piasa Bird Council for the Boy Scouts of America. Paul was a life-long member of Lockhaven Country Club where he served as the Vice President of their board and was the President of the Lockhaven Development Corporation. He was the director of

the Greater Alton Association of Commerce, served as President of the Rotary Club, was the President of the Fairmount HOA, served on the board of the Great Rivers ByWay, and was a member of the Alton Nature League.

Among some of his most notable contributions, is the time he spent with Riverbend Headstart and Family where he worked to secure their first bus, chairing the capital campaign to fund the new building for the Salvation Army, and serving as Chairman on the United Way Campaign in 1993 where they broke records with their first million dollar campaign.

Lastly, much of his time was devoted to working to ensure the best healthcare for his community. He joined the Alton Memorial Hospital board in 1970 where he became Chairman in 1995 and served until 2009. During this time, he also served as the Chairman of the Board for the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation from the time of its inception in 1991 until voluntarily stepping down in 2020.

Paul was thankful and humbled to be recognized many times for his business successes and many contributions to the community. He received Paul Harris Award, Realtor of the Year Award, Rotary's Service Above Self Award, Circle of Care Award, Jaycee's Distinguished Young Man's Award, the Gladys Levis Allen Man of the Year Award and the Homer Adams Realtors Award.

Paul's greatest and proudest accomplishment was his family. He married the love of his life, Sandra Landuyt, on April 3, 1982.

Paul is survived by his wife, Sandy, eight children, David (Laura), Rick (Bernadette), Jim (Kelli), Paul (Linda) Lauschke, Cathy (Perry) Albin, Betsy (John) Prosperi, Ryan (Christy), Joshua (Taran) McKey, his grandchildren, Christopher, Ben, David-John, Natalie, Caroline and Lisa Lauschke, Sarah (Brandon) Gray, Jack, Katie and Ellie Prosperi and Cole, Jacob and Andrew

McKey, and two great grandchildren, August Paul and Lewis James Gray. He is also survived by his sister, Corrine (Paul) Anda, their children, John Anda and Laurie Salzer, a brother-in-law, Don (Mary) Landuyt and their children, Kevin, Eric and Mark Landuyt and his beloved Golden Retriever, GiGi.

Per Paul's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded with a private family service to be held at a later date. Those wishing to honor Paul's memory may make a donation to the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation to help ensure his legacy lives on.

Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation
One Memorial Drive
Smith Wing, 3-160D
Alton IL 62002

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul R. Lauschke Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Paul R. Lauschke Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Betsy, sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



MELODY DAVIS-WILSON - January 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul R. Lauschke Jr..*



January 20, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul R. Lauschke Jr..*



January 09, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *It was an honor to have known Paul during my tenure in his realty agency. Paul shared his broad knowledge generously and was one of the few truly brilliant people I have ever known. I always called him "The Best Boss In America" and I meant it, and told him so often. What a privilege it was to have known this man. Blessings and condolences to his wonderful family. Carol Lovelace*

Carol Lovelace - January 08, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *It was a privilege for my family to have served as the families postal carrier for many years. With deepest sympathy and prayers. Dawn McBride Woodrum*



Dawn Woodrum - January 08, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul R. Lauschke Jr..*



January 06, 2023 at 04:57 PM

FB

“ Paul was such a dear friend. I got to know him when I joined Lockhaven 35 years ago. At that time he was already such a pillar in the community, and yet he was so approachable and he warmly welcomed my family and me. As the years went by and times changed he was steady in his commitment to the leadership of his beloved Club. His insight and understanding of "civility" will be a legacy that lives on in the Alton/Godfrey communities.

Paul, thanks for a great run. You were the best. All communities need at least one Paul Lauschke. We have lost a true gentleman.

Frank Bemis

Frank Bemis - January 06, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SP

“ Alton was blessed to have such a man like Paul, who loved his community and gave so freely of his time, advice and knowledge. He is a true example of complete community service. Thank you Paul, RIP

Rohland and Susie Pruetzel

Susie Pruetzel - January 06, 2023 at 12:24 AM

SM

“ Mr. Lauschke was a dear friend of my parents. Our family respected and admired Mr. Lauschke. He was truly a pillar of the community. I am sure my parents were there to greet him in heaven.

sam Massey - January 05, 2023 at 11:41 PM

JM

“ There are hundreds of memories of Paul and his family. When we first came to Alton in 1965, Susie and Paul gave us parenting advice and many Friday nights of fun with Ron and DoJe. Fourth of July at Their house was a crazy annual event. We met Sandy when they were dating and later spent great July 4th celebrations enjoying their wonderful cooking. Paul was a man I could talk to about many subjects. He and Sandy helped us negotiate the intricacies of the medical community. We've known and loved all their children. He will be missed in the community and by his many friends. Judi Mottaz

judith Mottaz - January 05, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul R. Lauschke Jr..



January 05, 2023 at 08:43 PM

DO

“ I am so very saddened to hear of your passing Paul. You were always kind and respectful to me when I was a newcomer to this beautiful town known as Alton, IL. Years later, you didn't hesitate to hire me as a green, inexperienced newly licensed realtor to work for you. You were a great mentor and a gentleman always, and I learned a level of professionalism and ethics that I still use today. Our community has lost another great believer in the power of giving back to make our intimate world a better place. God rest your soul, I will miss you, our community will miss you.

DonnaB - January 05, 2023 at 08:19 PM

AL

“ Sandra, from your Alton High School graduating class--Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Our sincerest condolences for an incredibly great loss. Paul was a very active and concerned member of the Alton community. He will be missed. Aggie Unterbrink Lawrence, AHS

Aggie Lawrence - January 05, 2023 at 08:18 PM