



## Paul Danis

March 31, 1939 - February 24, 2022

Paul John Danis, 82, beloved husband of Lessie Danis, passed away peacefully in The Villages, Florida, on February 24, 2022, in the loving embrace of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Paul was born on March 31st, 1939, in Burlington, Vermont. He was the sixth of seven children born to Arthur Danis and Alice Lacourse Danis, and grew up surrounded by a loving family with a proud Catholic, French-Canadian heritage. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1957 and subsequently served his country in the National Guard in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Paul married Ellen Fitzpatrick Danis, on February 23, 1963, and together they raised four children. He was a successful family businessman, managing the A. Danis Cash Market in Burlington's Lakeside neighborhood from 1960-1969, and afterwards running Danis Delivery in South Burlington for over 30 years. Paul and Lessie met in The Villages, Florida, and were married there on December 27, 2004. Together, they enjoyed traveling and spending time with their beloved dog, Roxy.

Paul was a natural athlete, a sports enthusiast, and a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. He played in the 1957 Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl all-star football game, and later excelled in slow-pitch softball, winning state championships with Acme Glass and competing in New England regional tournaments and the Burlington International Games. A long-time member of the Burlington

Country Club, he was an avid golfer whose skills remained sharp into his later years. He especially enjoyed competing in his Villages golf group and the McKee's Pub & Grill Annual Golf Tournaments. Paul was inducted into the Rice-Cathedral Athletic Hall of fame in 1996.

Paul's most enduring qualities were his love for the Lord, his devotion to family, and his kind, compassionate, and outgoing nature. He spent many years as an altar server at St. Vincent de Paul Church, in Wildwood, Florida, and was a devoted volunteer at The Wildwood Soup Kitchen, where he drew on his prior experience as a National Guard cook to provide tasty meals, hospitality, and companionship to those in need.

Paul was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Ellen Danis; parents Arthur and Alice Danis; brother Claude Danis; sisters, Norma Daley, Gisele Fleming and Jeannine Dattilio; brothers-in-law, Michael Dattilio, Charles Cobb, Kenneth Sikora and Marshall Fleming; and sisters-in-law, Beverly Danis, Susan Danis, Barbara Cobb, and Joan Danis.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Lessie; his four children, Wade (Ildikó), Scott, Heather, and Troy (Kristie) Danis; and six grandchildren Hillary, Hannah, Kornél, Renato, Marinn, and Remmy. He also leaves behind his brothers Leon (Pedie) and Al Danis; brothers-in-law Paul Michaud and Charles Daley; sisters-in-law Katherine Michaud, Patricia Sikora, Jane Fitzpatrick, and Marie Danis; and many nieces and nephews. He will also be greatly missed by Lessie's children Michael (Laurel), Chris (Michelle), Randy (Miranda), and their families, and countless friends and neighbors.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, at 11:30am, at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, located at 5323 E. CR 462 in Wildwood, Florida ([www.sumtercatholic.org](http://www.sumtercatholic.org)), with a buffet lunch reception to follow at Dignity Memorial Life Celebration Center, located nearby at 7134

Powell Rd ([www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)).

A Vermont memorial service, interment ceremony, and celebration of life reception will take place at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington, Vermont, in summer 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Wildwood Soup Kitchen, 203 Barwick St., Wildwood, Florida (<http://wildwoodsoupkitchen.org/donations>).

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Dear Cousins Wade, Scott, Heather, Troy and of course your spouses and children - I was very sorry to hear the sad news and I hope Uncle Paul is reunited with all his loved ones that passed before and is playing golf with my Dad (Ken Sikora). How he loved your Dad and Mom (Aunt Ellen)! It has been decades since I have seen any of you, but I have fond memories from childhood and your Aunt Pat (my Mom) does keep me updated now and then. May your father's memory be for a Blessing.

Lea (Sikora) Finck - March 09, 2022 at 09:03 PM

RG

“ My condolences to the Danis family during this difficult time.

Rob Gibson - March 07, 2022 at 07:35 AM

SC

“ Dear Scott, Hillary, Hannah and family - So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. My thoughts are with you. Best wishes,

Sarah E Carpenter - March 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM

AL

“ Leon and Al and families  
Many good times in Lakeside and a beer after games at the store, basketball trips to the auditorium, breaking in of course, and just the friendship of Lakesiders this is something I miss, Paul was a great guy as were all the Danis family.

Arthur Lambert - March 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

BO

“ I knew of Paul when I lived in South Burlington and then got to know him well when we moved to The Villages. He and Lessie, Darlene and I became close friends as we spent many hours together. The conversation with Paul and I revolved much around sports. Red Sox vs, Yankees. He never talked about all his sport accomplishments. He is a true friend and I am missing him. Rest in peace dear friend. Bruce and Darlene.

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**Bruce O'Neill** - March 03, 2022 at 08:00 AM

KL

“ Paul was one of the nice guys. Was quite the competitor on the softball field and golf course. May you rest in peace Paul.

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**ken liberty** - March 02, 2022 at 04:28 PM

SS

“ Dear Wade, Scott, Heather, Troy, Lessie and extended family. We were so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. We so enjoyed the whole Danis family. We have so many fond memories. Our deepest sympathies ...  
Sue & Rod Snyder

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**Sue Snyder** - March 02, 2022 at 09:24 AM

LM

“ Lessie and the Danis family,  
Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you. Many fond memories of Paul in Lakeside/the South End of Burlington. May Paul rest in the peace of Our Lord. God bless you.  
Love,  
Louie & Mimi Meunier  
Pittsfield, MA

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**Louis M Meunier** - March 01, 2022 at 08:43 PM

BF

“ We grieve with you on Uncle Paul's passing and rejoice with you on a life well lived. He has transitioned to his heavenly home where family and friends welcomed him to his eternal home.

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**Brian FlemingWe** - March 01, 2022 at 06:48 PM

TW

“ Deepest condolences to your family and friends. Uncle Paul is now at rest with our Lord.

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**Tim Ward** - March 01, 2022 at 03:54 PM