



## Paul Brecht

May 15, 1941 - May 7, 2024

Dr. Paul Francis Brecht, DDS, 82, of Troy, Michigan, passed away peacefully shortly after receiving the Sacrament of the Sick by Fr. Joe, pastor of St. Kieran on May 7, 2024, with his family at his side.

Paul was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 15, 1941, to Lloyd and Mary Brecht. Paul spent his childhood in Grosse Pointe, MI, attending St. Paul's Elementary. After graduating from Austin Catholic Preparatory School in 1959, he went on to earn an undergraduate degree majoring in chemistry at the University of Detroit, graduating in 1962. After yet another four years at U of D, he finished the requirements in the school of dentistry to complete a DDS in 1966. Following dental school, Paul was not satisfied with just being a member of the American Dental Association, Detroit District. He chose to "serve" in a Labor Relations committee. Then after moving to Macomb County, he became associate editor of the Macomb County Dental Association Journal. Later, he pursued a role as editor of the Macomb Dental Association Journal for four years. His service to others continued for a one-year term as treasurer of the Macomb Dental Society, followed by a one-year term as president of the Macomb Dental Society. He pursued another unique experience as a delegate to the state convention. Broadening his vision, Paul expanded his knowledge by attending the Las Vegas Institute for advanced dental studies. He also contributed his expanded knowledge in the field of dentistry by serving on the peer review committee. Through his extended

service, Paul gained life member status in three areas: Macomb County, Michigan, and American Dental Associations. His commitment to dentistry allowed him to evolve and serve his patients using best practices for 50 years.

Paul's zeal and dedication to serve others extended to the community. April 1st marked 49 years of membership in the Utica-Shelby Kiwanis organization. He served as president in the club. His participation earned him the legion of honor pin and plaque. He was also honored by becoming an esteemed International Hixson recipient.

Within his family he provided support and encouragement to his children. Following his three children in their sports' activities was a joyous event, coaching teams along the way. He extended this feeling years later by studying the ten grandchildren's sports' schedules and attending as many events as possible. Paul was happiest when spending time with his family and friends and traveling many nooks of God's Earth with his special lady and wife of 23 years, JoAnne.

One of the greatest challenges Paul met was on the golf course. It seemed like each round brought a different challenge in an invigorating way. His love of nature brought him to his knees in JoAnne and his gardens marveling at the inherent beauty of God's creation. His curiosity, in general, often found him reading in search of yet one more relevant fact.

His service also extended to his family by his gifted hands. Skilled in fine motor coordination, he used his Mr. Fix-It qualities by installing Ring Doorbells, laying tiling on floors or backsplash behind counters, hanging cupboards or hanging pictures with level precision. Doing these jobs put smiles on both his face and those for whom he was helping.

In September 2023 Paul's absolute giving of himself reached its highest

pinnacle when he volunteered, offering his body as a medium for a clinical research study in the field of prostate cancer. This commitment over the last seven months was at a great cost to self. His desire to participate despite the unfriendly outcomes never wavered. He desperately wanted to pay it forward with his underlying deepest hope that in doing so, he too would go forward. He gave it his ALL until 11:09 pm on May 7th, 2024, ending as St. Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy, chapter 4:8

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Paul leaves behind his loving wife, Josetta “JoAnne” Brecht nee Fix; children: Jim (Melissa) Brecht, Phil (Nicole) Brecht, Ellen (Eric) Jordan, Greg Zub and Becky (Bryan) Eckstein; grandchildren: Alexis Brecht, Abbie (Matt) Moore, Gavin Brecht, James Eckstein, Philip Brecht, Avery Brecht, Joseph Zub, Jackson Eckstein, Ava Brecht, Emery Jordan; siblings: Geraldine Brecht, Ann (Tom) Stock, Tom (Mary Ann) Brecht, Mark (Mary) Brecht, Greg (Michelle) Brecht; as well as beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends and fur-friend, Bailey. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Mary Brecht; and his brothers, Fr. David Brecht OSA, and John Brecht.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to The Midwest Augustinians (<https://www.midwestaugustinians.org/donate>) OR Prostate Cancer Foundation (<https://www.pcf.org/>) in remembrance of Paul and his efforts to assist both causes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Evening Service

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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3801 18 Mile Road  
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## Instate

MAY 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

## Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316



# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Don and Doris Gothard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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**Don and Doris Gothard** - May 18, 2024 at 05:39 AM

CA

“ *Hi Paul it is Carson I love you with all my heart. You were my favorite uncle in the Beaver House at the family reunion My favorite memories with you were at the reunions when we played softball Every time we had a family reunion you would always call me Jonny Carson I never told you this and I wish I did but when you called me Jonny Carson it warmed my heart so much. I wish I could have attended your funeral but I had to go to school. You will always be in my heart Paul*



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**Carson** - May 16, 2024 at 08:00 AM

JB

“ *Dearest cousins, next door neighbors I send abundant love and prayers as I just found out of Paul's passing to the beloved arms of our God. I'm so sorry I cannot attend the celebrations of Paul's life. He will always be a kind and generous person held in my heart. With love. Judith Benkert, OP*

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**Judith Benkert,OP** - May 14, 2024 at 04:28 PM

BS

“ Beverly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Brecht.

Beverly S. - May 14, 2024 at 06:36 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul Brecht.



May 13, 2024 at 12:21 PM

RF

“ Ralph jr katt and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Brecht.

Ralph jr katt and family - May 13, 2024 at 12:21 PM

BR

“ Paul was a true gentleman & a very fine dentist. Developed a long standing relationship with him beginning in the mid 1980's thru his retirement. Threw a great party! May he RIP!

Bill Reising - May 13, 2024 at 11:13 AM

BP

“ Bob and Jen Packey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Brecht.

Bob and Jen Packey - May 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM

BP

“ *Bob and Jen Packey purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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**Bob and Jen Packey** - May 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DD

“ *My buddy since 1978! So many memories of our weekly Kiwanis lunch meetings, golf outings, investing meetings and our wonderful European Cruise. Sharlene and I pray for peace and comfort for all the family*

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**Dr Rick Dybowski** - May 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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May 12, 2024 at 11:46 PM

GL

“ *Gronski and Longairc purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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**Gronski and Longairc** - May 12, 2024 at 08:32 AM

TF

“ *The Young family purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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**The Young family** - May 11, 2024 at 10:02 PM

JF

“ *Juan Zepeda family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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**Juan Zepeda family.** - May 11, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ . *planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Brecht.*

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“ . *purchased the Divine Light for the family of Paul Brecht.*



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Brecht.



May 10, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Cam Stock & Family (Veronika & Olin) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Brecht.

Cam Stock & Family (Veronika & Olin) - May 10, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Clare Eatmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Brecht



Clare Eatmon - May 09, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ May Guo & Paul He' family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Brecht.



May Guo & Paul He' family - May 09, 2024 at 06:09 PM

GS

“ I moved to Shelby Township in 1971 & the first Dentist I used was Paul Brecht. He was so patient with my 4 boys and I remained with him until he retired. I send my condolences to his family.

Gerry Schmidt - May 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TB

“ Rest in peace brother  
“The Long Ball Hitter from Moran Rd” has moved to another course.  
I’m sure it fairways and greens. We will miss you bro

Tom Brecht - May 09, 2024 at 12:27 PM

CE

He will be missed wonderful person Clare

Clare Eatmon - May 09, 2024 at 07:11 PM

SK

I will treasure my Maxfli even more now. We send hugs and prayers to the family.

Steve and Tammy Kull - May 10, 2024 at 12:21 PM

RL

One of the original Moran Boys along with the other Brecht brothers of John, David, Tom, (my best childhood friend Mark), and Greg! Fond memories of Paul walking up Moran to his job at Rand Drugs on Mack Avenue every week. As a kid, I always thought that Paul had the neatest bedroom(right off the dinning room and living room in the large Brecht home on Moran. My thoughts and prayers to all of the Brecht family.

Richard Loosvelt - May 13, 2024 at 02:51 PM

CA

Love you Paul and Tom

Carson - May 16, 2024 at 08:05 AM