



## Paul Schoenweiss

October 3, 1956 - January 11, 2020

Paul Schoenweiss, 63, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on January 11, 2020 at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital.

Paul was born on October 3, 1956 in East Hanover, NJ to Jean (Ulrich) and Raymond Schoenweiss. He lived an interesting life, living in New Jersey, New York City and placing roots in Saugerties, NY. Back in his hell-raising days, he was a boy scout, worked as a taxi driver, a bridge inspector, a cook and sandwich maker extraordinaire. He was also part of a motorcycle club, enjoying the feel of the open road and the wind at his back.

After settling in Saugerties, he worked for Ulster Greene ARC. He was head of maintenance, eventually moving to transportation where he supervised drivers and found his extended family. He was also 19-A certified. Paul was a staunch supporter of the 2nd amendment and an avid outdoorsman. He was President for many years of the Upper Esopus Fish and Game Club, one of his favorite places to spend time. He was the organizer of the Shandaken Primitive Biathlon and came in first place for his tomahawk throwing superpowers. He enjoyed shooting black powder guns and was a member of various muzzleloader associations. Paul was also a member of the Saugerties Fish and Game Club, where he organized various black power shoots and a member of the Federated Sportsmen's Club of Ulster County. When not working, Paul was teaching hunter safety to people of all ages, as a certified

instructor through DEC or trapping. Paul was also a member of the ARRL, as a HAM radio operator.

Paul will be remembered as a humble, patient, gentle giant who never hesitated to lend a hand to others. He was a modern day MacGyver, believing anything could be fixed with some duct tape and zippy ties. Paul enjoyed sharing his love of the sport of hunting and trapping and passed his wisdom to those who were willing to learn. He was an avid hunter, even though his family is pretty sure he fell asleep in the tree stand, most of the time. Paul loved putting his camping skills to the test, making camping more like a suite at the Ritz. Paul was a prepper and always had a go bag ready in case of an emergency. He enjoyed going to firearm shows, where he purchased pepper spray for the women in his life. Paul was the best firestarter and could never be too warm. He could be found, most days, wearing camo and overalls, sleeping in his recliner with his beagle or throwing the bone for his granddog.

When not outdoors, Paul was cooking up a mean grilled cheese sandwich, grilling up ribs, or dishing up his infamous parm garlic wings. Paul always made sure to make an extra plate for his dogs. He was a foodie, who loved to eat at Pizza Star/Starway Café and Subway. He always took the time for dessert, especially a thick, chocolate shake from Boice's Ice Cream. Paul's favorite time of the year was Halloween and would take great pride in decorating the house. He could usually be found under the hood of his daughter's car because he could never say no to a pair of brown eyes. Paul embraced all types of music from the Paul Luke Band to Eminem, Jimi Hendrix and Willie Nelson. He played his music, loud and proud, until the walls shook and even had a photo of Jimi Hendrix hanging proudly in his living room. The most endearing thing about Paul was he never stopped learning and was teaching himself how to play the fiddle. He was also an avid reader and couldn't learn enough about the French and Indian war.

Paul fought a long, hard battle for six years with Liposarcoma but he did so as a warrior, with bravery and humor. He never let cancer define who he was and refused to let it beat him. He would want everyone to know the cancer did not defeat him, he defeated cancer and, as always in life, did things on his own terms.

Paul is survived by his wife, Patricia Schoenweiss (Williams), who he taught what true love was, his daughter, Tinamarie Williams and her boyfriend, Thomas Godfrey, his best friend Schultz the beagle, his other furry companions, Snow, Milo and Murphy, along with his granddogs, Princess and Trapper. He is also survived by his estranged daughter, Stacey Schoenweiss. Having no grandchildren of his own, he is survived by his adopted grandchildren, Ryan, Dakota, Emma and Jasmine. He is also survived by his special niece, who shares his love for the outdoors, Miley Short. Paul was welcome with open arms by his dear friend, Terry (Perv) O'Connell, who predeceased him.

A funeral service will be celebrated 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. Friends may call Wednesday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for setting up a scholarship in his honor or be made to the Saugerties Public Library.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Schoenweiss*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *May you be forever in the hearts and minds of those who loved and cared about you. Rest In Peace brother. The Paul Luke Band.*

**Paul Luke** - February 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *I knew Paul for many years through his work at The Arc Mid-Hudson. He is someone that never failed to bring a smile to my face. While he liked to portray himself as gruff and tough, there was always a gentle humor in his eyes. Anyone that got to know Paul couldn't help but recognize the compassionate soul beneath that tough exterior. He was truly one of a kind, and he will be missed. I send my deepest sympathy to his family.*  
*Helen Garrison*

**Helen Garrison** - January 17, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *I'll never forget how great it was to see you each day dropping folks off or picking them up! Paul,....you were so.kind and will forever miss You! 😭*

**Darlene** - January 15, 2020 at 08:36 PM

BW

“ I just learned of Paul's passing. I am in shock. I got together with him here at UGARC in the hallway in November. Paul was the first person I really met here on my first day at UGARC. He brighten my day and we became friends from day one. We always had fun in joking around with each other. I miss his phone calls to my IT office looking for help. He loved his country music. So I hope he is stomping his feet now and listening to something good and having fun. Goodbye and gods speed old friend.



*Buzz Warren*

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**Buzz Warren** - January 15, 2020 at 02:52 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**sue gunther** - January 15, 2020 at 01:49 PM

MG

“ Thank you for sharing the artfully written short story of Paul’s life with those of us who only had the privilege of working with him at The Arc Mid-Hudson. It was clear to anyone who interacted with Paul, that there was a lot more going on in his world than what he brought to his job. It’s truly a gift to be able to look forward to seeing your boss arrive at work, knowing that the day was going to be fun, productive and satisfying. I was fortunate to have spent my first weeks in the transportation department riding with Paul on a route that he would turn over to me. It was an on-the-job learning opportunity unlike any other. Paul made every individual on the van feel that the reason he got out of bed each day was to drive them to their various programs and hopefully send them off with a smile on their face. With each new route that I was assigned, that same attitude and work ethic made my job that much easier. Sir Richard Branson (founder of Virgin Records, Virgin Atlantic Airways, etc.) held the belief that you should take work seriously, but never take yourself too seriously. I think Paul may have shared some of that same philosophy. In the worst scenarios, Paul somehow found a way to create a positive outcome, and if possible, work in a few laughs and giggles. His spirit and attitude touched us all and will be part of the Transportation Department as we move forward without him.

Sincerely,

Mark Gerstenhaber

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Mark Gerstenhaber - January 15, 2020 at 12:51 PM

ME

“ Although Paul has passed over, love never dies. He will be deeply missed by his daughter Stacey, brothers Mark & Michael, niece Katy, mother Jean, and those of us who knew him in much simpler times.



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**Melissa** - January 15, 2020 at 06:40 AM

YC

“ Your friends at CLC. purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Paul Schoenweiss.



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**Your friends at CLC.** - January 14, 2020 at 05:21 PM

TB

“ To Patty, Tina and Tom. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Paul was a special friend and a good man. We spent many happy hours together on the archery range, shooting black powder and teaching hunter education. He will be missed greatly. I will cherish those memories.  
Tom and Carol

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**Tom Bruck** - January 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM

JS

“ Paul was a very nice guy every time I see him and say hi he said hey kid I am going to miss him dearly

Jennifer Sucato - January 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Paul Schoenweiss.



January 13, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Schoenweiss.



January 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM

MT

“ Paul was a treasure of a soul. A kind, good hearted man. Our deepest condolences! Thomas and Mercy Lee

Mercy and Thomas - January 13, 2020 at 03:52 PM