

PAUL "PJ" BRANAGAN



Paul "PJ" Branagan passed away at his home in Coraopolis, PA, on November 19, 2023, at the age of 60. Paul was preceded in death by his loving wife, Robin, who passed away in 2006. Paul was also preceded in death by his father, Paul Branagan; and his mother, Jayne Redshaw Branagan.

"PJ", as he was known to those who knew him best, was a 1981 graduate of Montour High School and the

Community College of Allegheny County. He was a true craftsman who worked for many years as a carpenter in the construction field. PJ could repair or build just about anything and was an artisan when it came to working with wood. For the past 15 years he was an Independent Contractor specializing in renovations and restorations. He was a member of the Carpenters Union for 33 years and had just recently retired on September 1, 2023.

In retirement he was looking forward to spending more time with his pride and joy, his son, Paul Branagan II. They were best buddies who shared laughs over corny jokes and had many highly competitive games of chess. PJ loved watching "Paulie" play football at Cornell High School and at Clarion University. He was proud of the man his son had become and his many professional accomplishments.

PJ was drawn to water. He loved to fish and swim and could spend many hours sitting by the edge of the river just watching the water flow past. He loved his trips to the beach with his son where they would play in the surf like little kids.

PJ also loved his dogs, Seymour and Maisy. He spent many happy hours hiking and taking long walks with his beloved pets. He rescued both of his "best friends" but in reality, they rescued him with their undying devotion.

Watching Steelers games was another favorite pastime for PJ. He would cheer and yell trying to will them to another victory. He would text his sisters during the game to share his excitement or frustration. The games won't be the same without him.

PJ is also survived by his sisters, Jennifer Watt, Patricia Montgomery and Beth Branagan; along with nephews, Bryan Watt and Dennis Watt; and niece, Sarah Branagan. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews from his wife's family: Colin Ihrig, Rachel, Rick, and Melissa Wickline, Linsey, John, Hannah and Ben DeLouis. He was well loved by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at **COPELAND FUNERAL HOME**, 867 Fifth Avenue, Coraopolis, PA on Friday, November 24, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Paul Branagan to any deserving animal shelter.

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