

PAUL KENAH DODWORTH JR.



Paul Kenah Dodworth Jr., 89, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2025, in Washington, PA, surrounded by his family.

Born on June 21, 1935, to Paul Kenah Dodworth and Jean Pitcairn Daub, in the Pittsburgh borough of Bellevue, PA, Paul dedicated his life to music and education. He earned a Master's degree in Music from Carnegie Mellon University and went on to

share his passion as an elementary music teacher at Trinity School District's Patten and Windsor Elementary Schools. He also served as a substitute teacher in many area schools and spent years working with the Bethel Park School District. Beyond the classroom, Paul was a devoted organist and choir director at the Sheridan Presbyterian Church near Pittsburgh. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, where he met his wife, Janet, and was a singer in Pittsburgh's Mendelssohn and Bach Choirs.

Paul proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in France during his enlistment. He was a member of the Army band and used his time abroad to visit and study the great gothic cathedrals of Europe. His love for classical music, pipe organs, cathedrals, architecture, trains, history, and his hometown of Pittsburgh remained central throughout his life. He also cherished time spent at Stoney Lake, Ontario, Canada, a place that held special meaning for him and his entire family since his grandfather settled there in the 1800s. As an avid cyclist, Paul rode his bicycle from his home in Bellevue, PA, to the family cottage in Canada and he was unmistakable in Washington, PA, for his daily 20 plus mile rides on local roads.

Paul was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janet Balentine Dodworth. He is survived by his sons, John and George; daughters-in-law, Robyn and Christine; grandchildren, Cia, John Jr., Evan, Rowan, and Fintan; sister, Be-Be (Catherine) Stroebel; brother-in-law, Hal Stroebel; and brother-in-law, Charlie Balentine. Also survived by nieces and a nephew.

A viewing will be held on February 14, 2025, from 2-8 PM, at **PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE**, located at 3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA. A memorial service will take place on February 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, 5121 Westminster Pl., Pittsburgh, PA. Following the service, a burial will take place at Chartiers Hill Cemetery in Canonsburg.

Paul's legacy lives on through the music he shared and the lives he touched. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Washington City Mission at <https://give.citymission.org/>



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