

# PAUL FRANCIS WERBANETH



Passed away on February 7, 2025, at the age of 67. Paul was born in Pittsburgh and grew up in the North Hills. He attended North Hills High School, where he earned a varsity letter as a high jumper on the track team and was a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist.

Paul attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Cornell remained a life-long

touchpoint and he returned to Ithaca regularly over the years, earning certificates in Marketing and Japanese Language studies and volunteering his time to the undergraduate admissions process.

After graduation, he took a gap year and worked as a waiter in a small hotel in Murten Switzerland. Upon his return to the United States, Paul started a career in the semiconductor industry that lasted for over 45 years. He began work with Intel in Livermore, CA (where he experienced the joys of the 125% solution) and eventually worked for many leading companies, including Tegal, Motorola, Hitachi and Intevac. Paul paused his career in 2019 to return home and provide end-of-life care for his elderly mother, who greatly appreciated his help and company. Paul worked with numerous semiconductor trade organizations, speaking at conferences and publishing many papers during this time. He was proud to stay up to date with the latest developments in his industry and beyond.

Paul was an avid outdoorsman and adventurer. Just after graduating high school, he biked across the country with his good friend, Charlie Duerig, riding from Pittsburgh to Vancouver in 28 days. He was also an avid skier, hiker, backpacker and runner. He had many adventures in the Sierra Nevada mountains and more locally, hiked many of the trails in Marin County, California with his family. He spent the last few years of his life walking the trails of North Park and Western Pennsylvania.

A voracious reader, Paul always had a book or magazine article to recommend. He liked watching movies old and new especially, enjoying the programs at Row House Cinemas in Lawrenceville, where he had recently moved. Paul could be seen attending Pirates games at PNC Park with his brother, Peter and his cousin, Jim Werbaneth. They were always delighted when they could raise the Jolly Roger after a victory.

Paul developed a great love for Japan and the Japanese culture after living there for three years in the 1990s for work, frequently flying back to visit for pleasure and work throughout the rest of his life. Even in the states, he remained a member of Japan Society and regularly participated in events like the Japanese New Year bell-ringing ceremony and enjoyed Japanese cinema.

Paul is survived by his daughters, Akiko Barton (Nick) and Saori Bainum (Brian); along with five grandchildren. He leaves behind three younger brothers, Greg (Evelyn), Bill (Mary) and Peter, who still lives in Pittsburgh. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Louis Werbaneth, Jr.

Think of Paul the next time you walk around the lake, dive into a new book or play your favorite Steely Dan record.

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