



## Paul L. Emerick

August 19, 1940 - March 25, 2022

Paul L. Emerick

Of North Tonawanda, passed away on March 25, 2022

Paul of born in Buffalo on August 19, 1940, son of the late William and Ethel Emerick. He graduated from Bennett High School in 1958; he was later inducted to the Bennett High School Athletic Hall of Fame for both baseball and basketball.

Paul was honorably discharged in 1962 from the United States Air Force and the 84th Fighter Group. While serving in Special Services in the Philippines, Paul was a star pitcher, as he competed against the top teams in the Far East. Upon discharge from the Air Force, he signed a professional baseball contract with the Kansas City Athletics organization. He was assigned to the Daytona Islanders of the Florida State League in 1963, and was slated to move to AAA Albuquerque the next year, when a serious rotator cuff surgery ended his pitching career.

In 1965 Paul married the love of his life, Margaret Ann (nee Heldman) in St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Buffalo.

Paul dedicated many years of coaching baseball and softball for the North Tonawanda Recreation Department.

Paul retired as a Sergeant from the New York State Corrections System, he had worked at Attica, Albion and in 2002 he retired from Wende.

Beloved husband of 56 years to Margaret Emerick; loving father of Paul C. (Tracy), Karen, Theresa (Larry) Sack and Patricia (Michael) Roy. Paul was a

devoted grandfather and a devoted brother of the late Patricia (late William) Willison; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Tuesday March 29th from 4 to 8 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday March 30th at 10 AM from St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd. Please assemble at church. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed at [stjudetheapostleparish.org](http://stjudetheapostleparish.org)

In lieu of flowers please send memorial gifts to the Niagara County SPCA or The American Diabetes Association WNY Office.

THE FUNERAL MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT  
[StJudetheApostleParish.org](http://StJudetheApostleParish.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440  
wattengelfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.wattengel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Jude the Apostle Parish  
800 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
North Tonawanda, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I never knew your dad, but it is hard losing a parent at any age. My heart goes out to you all. Hugs to you, Karen, Patty, and Terri.*

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**Janene Hols** - May 12, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your dear husband and father. It was my pleasure to have gotten to know you as a wonderful loving and supportive family. I enjoyed parent conferences and every opportunity I had to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Emerick and I now enjoy following family events on FB. You all made my life as a teacher so very much richer. May Paul's memory be for a blessing.*  
*Mrs. Iris Zackheim*

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**Iris Zackheim** - March 29, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul L. Emerick.*



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March 29, 2022 at 11:28 AM

DR

“ Dave, Paul and Phil Reidenouer purchased the *Y our Light Shines* for the family of Paul L. Emerick.

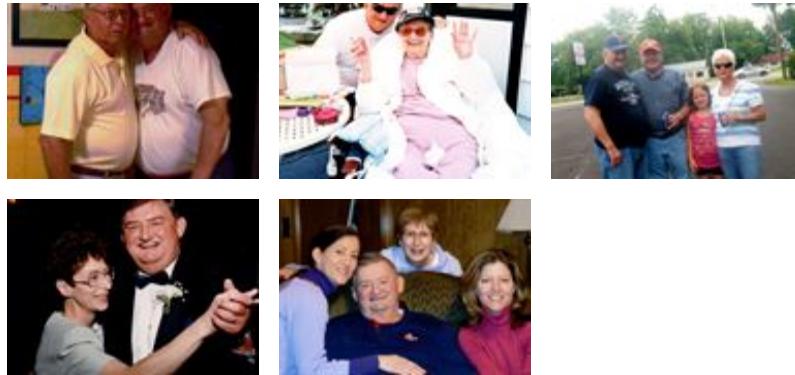


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**Dave, Paul and Phil Reidenouer** - March 29, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ 217 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wattengel Funeral Home** - March 28, 2022 at 02:45 PM

FF

“ *From your National Equity Family!* purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Paul L. Emerick.



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**From your National Equity Family!** - March 28, 2022 at 11:09 AM

DT

“ *Dee & George Thompson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul L. Emerick.*



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**Dee & George Thompson** - March 28, 2022 at 09:49 AM

GB

“ *Paul was my buddy. I car pooled with Paul for over 19 years. When my son started to play baseball, he was always at the games giving him some pitching pointers.. as a sgt at Wende he ran the best block. He ran a tight ship ,but he was always fair, firm,and consistent.,I always thought as him as a second dad. He was always there for me at work and in life.he was kind, had a big heart and loved his family. And I will miss him. Rest In Peace pal. 🙏*

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**gary baran** - March 28, 2022 at 08:52 AM

TT

“ *It is with great sadness that I heard of Pauls' passing this morning. We worked and carpooled together for many years at Albion, Orleans and Wende. We had many laughs together. My sincerest condolences to the Emerick family. Paul was a very special man who definitely left his mark on this world. He will be missed.*  
*Tony Tumiel*



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**Tony Tumiel** - March 27, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JL

“ My sincerest condolences for the Emerick family at this time. I remember Paul having a great sense of humor and love for his family during our many conversations while we car pooled to Iroquois, Albany and Albion. RIP my friend! .....Jim Lee

Jim Lee - March 27, 2022 at 08:22 AM

DA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Mr. Emerick is “living” once again and as much as it hurts that’s he’s gone from here, he’ll be with each of you the rest of your days until you meet again. Love you all. 🙏❤️

Debbie Amacher - March 26, 2022 at 09:45 AM

DA

“ Debbie Amacher lit a candle in memory of Paul L. Emerick



Debbie Amacher - March 26, 2022 at 09:40 AM