



## Paul J. Karabin

October 14, 1957 - March 9, 2016

Paul J. Karabin, 58, of Crane Street Amsterdam died Wednesday March 9, 2016 at home.

He was born in Amsterdam on October 14, 1957 a son of Richard and Jean Sparks Karabin and was a 1975 graduate of Bishop Scully High School. Paul was a lifelong area resident.

He was employed as a sales representative for over twenty years with several local newspapers and radio stations. Previously, Paul worked in quality control at Mohasco and Anderson Instruments in Fultonville.

He had a deep love for history, especially the Civil War, and was well-known as a longtime reenactor, portraying General George Pickett at various civic functions. Paul was a member of the John Wesley Culp Memorial Camp #1961 of Gettysburg, VA. He was a member of the Amsterdam Lodge #84 F & AM and was the organist for several years. Paul was also a 32 Degree Mason with the Scottish Rite Valley of Schenectady.

Paul found great enjoyment with family and friends at the family camp on the Sacandaga Lake where he could be found fishing, boating, and waterskiing.

He also enjoyed working on cars. Paul also enjoyed the company of many family pets and wildlife. He will be greatly missed by many friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Wright Karabin; a son Erik Karabin of Amsterdam; a daughter, Katherin Karabin of Fort Johnson; his parents, Richard and Jean Karabin of Amsterdam; and a large extended family.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling

hours will be held on Tuesday from 4 – 6 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown. A memorial service will follow at 6 pm with Rev. Robert DeMartinis, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to his family to assist with funeral expenses.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAR 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary Ann Metz lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Karabin*



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**Mary Ann Metz** - March 16, 2016 at 10:47 AM

MM

*I want to extend my sympathy to Paul's family. I was lucky to spend all my school days with Paul as a classmate from St Stanislaus to Bishop Scully.. Funny and caring he will be greatly missed. He was truly a great friend always ready with a smile or a laugh, willing to listen and lend a helping hand. the world needs more people like Paul...sharing and caring for all he knew.  
God bless you all Mary Ann Metz*

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**Mary Ann Metz** - March 16, 2016 at 10:52 AM

MC

“ *As a classmate at Bishop Scully I will remember Paul as kind & generous. He could be funny too. He was never too busy to answer a question or lend a helping hand. Since I live out of state, my last visit with him was during our 25th Class Reunion. I am sorry we did not have more reunions. I would have enjoyed reconnecting and hearing more about his family and the things that kept him busy.  
Mary Crannell Craven  
Class of 1975*

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**Mary Crannell Craven** - March 14, 2016 at 09:55 AM

TC

“ *Diane and family,  
Sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Tom Coughlin** - March 13, 2016 at 05:50 AM

LP

“ Paul was a kind, good soul. He cared for his elderly neighbor, my mother, for many years especially when I could not be there. I know he brought great joy to her life. He and Diane continued to help me with her house and yard even after her passing in August. I am eternally grateful to him and his family for all their support. I will really miss him!



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**Laureen Pottynski** - March 12, 2016 at 10:48 AM