



Paul M. Eberst

September 11, 1936 - September 12, 2022

Paul Michael Eberst, 86, of Freeport, NY went to be with our Lord on September 12, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Paul was born on September 11, 1936 in Manhattan, to the late Aloysius and Margaret (nee McCann). He attended Mount St. Michael's in the Bronx for grammar school and Chaminade High School. Paul and his wife Barbara met on a blind date and were married in 1960. The following year he opened his business, Mayfair Marine on Woodcleft Avenue, with partner Gourley Gahn. The business later became known as Mayfair Power Systems, on Main Street, where Paul and Gourley remained in business for over 60 years. Paul worked right up until they sold the business in December 2020. Paul was a proud Navy Veteran, serving on the USS Remey DD688, attending several of the ship's reunions throughout the years. Paul was a voracious reader and could recall every book, author, and its contents. He loved reading about History, the Navy and politics. He enjoyed spending time on his boat on the Great South Bay and thoroughly enjoyed his annual family vacations on Long Beach Island, NJ for the past 28 years. In his youth, he was a member of the Freeport Rod Snappers Hot Rod Club and also raced Hydroplane boats. He was a Level II member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, sharing his passion for skiing while teaching at Catamount, NY. Paul's love for skiing was shared with his family and many sacrifices were made to ensure skiing was part of their lives. His daughters were inspired by him to take up ski

teaching as well.

Paul's love for Freeport, was evident by him settling there in 1960, raising his family, and operating his business there. Paul volunteered for the village in many ways, some of which were Captain of the Splash boat, trustee and volunteer for the Freeport Historical Society, and a long-time member and supporter of the Freeport Chamber of Commerce. Paul was a dedicated communicant of Our Holy Redeemer Parish and volunteered in numerous roles throughout the years.

Paul was predeceased by his parents and his daughter-in-law, Dianne (nee Laverdiere) Eberst. Paul is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Barbara (nee Furke), three children, James of Freeport, Kathleen (Michael) Galano of Asbury Park, NJ and Elizabeth (William) Starr of Cortland, NY, his five grandchildren, Michael (Jennifer) Galano, Timothy (Melissa) Galano, Grace (Louis) Bianchini, Kathleen and Margaret Starr and great-grandson Louis Bianchini V.

Calling hours will be held at Hungerford and Clark funeral home, 110 Pine Street, Freeport on Friday, September 16th from 4-8 PM. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 17th at 9:45 AM at Our Holy Redeemer R.C. Church, Freeport. Internment will follow at Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Paul's memory to Our Holy Redeemer Church, Freeport or the De la Salle School, 87 Pine Street, Freeport.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home
110 pine st.
Freeport, NY 11520

Funeral Mass

SEP **17**. 9:45 AM (ET)

Our Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church
37 South Ocean Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520

Burial

SEP **17** (ET)

Cemetery of the Holy Rood
111 Old Country Road
Westbury , NY 11590

Tribute Wall



“ *What a beautiful tribute to paul - thanks Joan Whittlesey*

Joan Whittlesey - October 01, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 16, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 16, 2022 at 05:06 PM

“ Paul Eberst and Mayfair Power Systems, Inc. (AKA Mayfair Marine Service, Inc.)

Paul and I met in 1953 as members of the Freeport Rod Snappers Hot Rod Club; we were about 17 -- real "greasers." The club was formed to support safe hot rodding and mutual interest in the sport. Paul and I along with the other members pitched in to run several successful fund raising events and the club flourished. We had a membership of about 25, rented a garage to build our cars and bought tools that as individuals we could not afford. Additionally, we had the support of the Freeport Police Department and held our meetings in the Village Hall. I never imagined that our love of hot rods would lead to a business partnership that would last 61 years, three locations and change from marine engines to generators.

One memory of Paul that always sticks in my mind is the day Paul said that we should start our own business. We were both working at Dynamic Marine Service in Freeport. A job which I got through Paul after my two year military service in Germany. Paul mentioned that he was working for Dynamic Marine Service at a Freeport marina, Nassau Yacht Basin. He told me if I was interested he knew his boss would hire me immediately. I took the job. It was a very busy marina. Paul and I were the lead techs and to some degree ran the business. In October of 1960, the owner came to us one morning and announced that he was out of business and we were out of jobs. After sitting in one of our cars for an hour or so mulling over what to do now, Paul announced "Let's start our own business." The die was cast.

On February 7, 1961, we opened our own marine service business in a broken down former boat house at 217 Woodcleft Avenue as Mayfair Marine Service Incorporated; the first of our three Freeport locations in our 61 years of business.

Through the 1960s and 70s, business was tough for us primarily because of the seasonal aspect. We somehow purchased the

building (three mortgages), leased some adjoining property, dabbled in new (Donzi) and used boat sales, took on Arctic Cat snowmobile line in the hopes on providing off season income. This efforts did not bring us the success for which we hoped. However, (mostly from our working 7 days a week), we out grew our building and in 1979 sold 217 Woodcleft Avenue (at a pretty good profit) and leased a much larger building at 9 Niagara Avenue, Freeport. By a good twist of fate, we had merged into the standby generator business. This new enterprise proved to be far better than our original. In a short time we phased out our Marine Service business.

Paul had a natural flare for sales and excellent project planning skills. Through hard work and good fortune it wasn't long before we were a major player in the standby power business in the New York metro area. Paul sold, engineered installations and coordinated the subcontractors for numerous big time standby systems in NY, NJ and CT. We also cultivated a substantial generator service and planned maintenance business. In 1997, our growing generator business again made it necessary to look for larger offices and we purchased the building at 347 N. Main St. Freeport.

After 61 continuous years of business in Freeport, Paul and I sold Mayfair Power Systems, Inc. on December 30, 2020. Paul and I had a great run together. It was a lot of hard work with many ups and downs. I was lucky to have such a hardworking, honest person of integrity, as a business partner and friend.

*C. Gourley Gahn, Partner
Mayfair Power Systems Inc.*

C. Gourley Gahn - September 16, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 15, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *We send our thoughts and prayers to Barbara, Jimmy, Kathy, Lizzy and the entire Eberst family on the loss of Paul. Paul was a special guy and made so many contributions to the world. Our memories of the prayer meetings, visits upstate, Sunday night meetings at our home in Freeport, dinners, parties and so many times of getting together were special. Our shared faith offers the consolation that we will all be together again in our eternal home. With our love, Jeanette and Tom Van De Water*

Jeanette Van De Water - September 15, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 15, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 15, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



September 15, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



September 15, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ Cornell Police Union purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



Cornell Police Union - September 15, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



September 15, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JC

“ Jim, Trish, Mike and Cheryl purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



Jim, Trish, Mike and Cheryl - September 15, 2022 at 12:36 PM

CD

“ Cortland City Police Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



Cortland City Police Department - September 15, 2022 at 12:34 PM

PS

“ Dads are such special people, he will forever be in your heart!!

Paul A. Sandy - September 15, 2022 at 12:04 PM

PS

“ Paul, Sue, Kyle and Cody Sandy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



Paul, Sue, Kyle and Cody Sandy - September 15, 2022 at 11:56 AM

CP

“ Our deepest condolences 🌸 to Barbara and family, Paul was a great man , I had the Privilege of working for him I learned a lot from him may God bless you sir I will miss you

Carlos Perez - September 15, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



September 15, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



September 14, 2022 at 05:15 PM

HL

“ Hugh, Chuck, Gourley and Lydia purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Paul M. Eberst.



Hugh, Chuck, Gourley and Lydia - September 14, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 14, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 14, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Nat & Marie Watson & Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



Nat & Marie Watson & Family - September 14, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Mr.Eberst was such a beautiful, caring and wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Eberst family during this difficult time. He so loved his family - from Mrs Eberst, Jimmy, Cathy and Lizzy to his entire extended family..His memory will live on forever in all of you ! Peace and love always! Nicole Watson and family.*



N.Watson - September 14, 2022 at 07:12 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 14, 2022 at 05:01 AM



“ *The Acken Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



The Acken Family - September 13, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul M. Eberst.*



September 13, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *The Freeport Historical Society extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Paul Eberst. Paul was not only a treasure trove of Freeport History but a true Freeport TREASURE!*

Lorraine Avitabile - September 13, 2022 at 06:00 PM