



Paul O'Hanlon

February 9, 1954 - November 30, 2025

Paul O'Hanlon

Age 71, of Pittsburgh, on November 30, 2025. Beloved husband Lori Levin; loving father of Samuel O'Hanlon; caring brother of Donna (Joseph) Valentino and the late Nancy O'Hanlon, Karen (John) McNeil, and Joseph (Laura) McNeil. Paul was an attorney for 35 years. He was also a passionate disabilities rights activist in the city of Pittsburgh. He specialized in housing, healthcare, transportation, and voting rights. Paul fought for years for people with disabilities and impacted many people throughout his life. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday December 3, at 12:30pm at Homewood Cemetery, 1599 S. Dallas Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Secular Shiva will be held from 4-7pm every day this week at Paul's home. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandro ltd.com.

Cemetery Details

Homewood Cemetery

Dallas & Aylesboro Avenues
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 3. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ Paul and Lori have always been very generous and supportive of me as an artist, with their patronage of my sculptures and including us, Nancy my wife and me, on our visits to Pittsburgh, having us to their home with Paul's special coffees and cookies, Mineo's and Aiello's pizzas, warm, friendly conversations and gatherings, and Paul always taking the time to talk with Emil when he has called him. Also, sharing Paul and Lori's son Sam as a wonderful accomplishment for them as a family, and Lori's maintaining this commitment for their entire relationship. I had the great fortune of being able to participate in many courses with Paul and Lori in Werner Erhard's and later Landmark's courses, where I originally first met them in 1982. There were many commitments in which Paul actively took part to contribute to the quality of life for people, and Lori stood by his side his entire life. Emil and Nancy Sauer, Berwyn, Illinois

Emil and Nancy Sauer - December 18, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SE

“ We have strong memories from our long-ago chavurah, and feel such respect and fondness for you, Lori, and for Paul. May Paul's huge contributions in this life make his memory forever a blessing.
Susan Elster and Steve Zecher

Susan Elster - December 14, 2025 at 04:50 AM

DW

“ I just picked up the phone and saw that you had passed away and I just dissolved into a liquid pool of tears. I’m the woman who was the lead plaintiff in the case that you said was one of the ones that you were most proud of having worked on. We made quite a team on this case and on several other occasions such as the no-step entry, bus accessibility, voter’s access and just anything else we could collaborate on. We’re the dinosaurs of the disability movement that is losing our members daily. Rest assured that the ones who remain are still in the fight to address the problem of disability rights and inclusion in society as well. The rest of the world will soon see that we are not going anywhere but we have a presence on this planet and we will continue fighting for our rights to be recognized. I am proud of our friendship as it developed over the past 25 years of this fight against oppression of all forms. I’m going to miss you my dear friend of the disability community and pray that your journey is smooth as it goes for the Angel 😇 you are so loved by many. Your friend and client

Dana L Washington

Dana Washington - December 08, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DS

“Come...volunteer, get some votes from folks in the hospital... it’ll be easy!” It was a 16 hour day, and Paul still wasn’t done. He just kept going till all the votes were in that he could get in. He defined make every vote count. I hope the world continues to have many many more people like you.

Dj Stemmler

dj stemmler - January 05 at 07:37 PM

DW

DJ we’re gonna have to keep it up for a bit longer because we got this guy looking down over us still guiding us from the place where angels go...

Dana L Washington - January 09 at 03:22 PM

HE

“ Paul and I knew each other throughout our legal careers, starting at Neighborhood Legal Services. He was a fighter, a proud socialist, and most of all, a gentle soul.

Howard Elbling - December 05, 2025 at 01:27 PM

HR

“ Paul was a great mentor to me when I was the ADA Coordinator at the City. His leadership will stay with me for life and he will be profoundly missed by the community.

Hillary Roman - December 04, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Memories of being an undergrad at Pitt in the 70s and gladly counted Paul as a dear friend. May his memory be a blessing.

Joseph Bacon - December 02, 2025 at 08:07 PM

PK

“ Power was just a remarkable human being who I am privileged to know. My favorite memory besides our many conversations was watching him dance in his wheelchair when I first met him. I appreciated his joy and love of life. I also appreciated his ability to think critically and not be fooled by the mainstream media. We agreed on most everything political. He educated all us at camp on living with disabilities and was simply one of the best human beings I've ever met. Peace be upon you Paul.

Perry King - December 02, 2025 at 12:12 PM

FO

“ From Perry, Wendy, Victor, and Odetta purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paul O'Hanlon.



From Perry, Wendy, Victor, and Odetta - December 02, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AW

“ I met Paul very early in my career. He was larger than life to me. An endless fountain of knowledge and a larger than life smile. His impact is immeasurable. We will miss you Paul.

Adrienne L Walnoha - December 02, 2025 at 10:20 AM

MP

“ Paul was a first class fighter for social justice. I have fond memories of being arrested with him as 12 of us blocked a major downtown intersection at rush hour to protest looming cuts in public transit. He was always optimistic, always ready to help give voice to the voiceless and an incredibly principled and honorable man in every way possible. May we all carry on the struggle for peace and justice in his memory.

Mel Packer - December 02, 2025 at 06:03 AM

JM

“ 3 files added to the album Bear Rock



Julie Meyer - December 01, 2025 at 08:49 PM

CT

*Remembering Paul O'Hanlon
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My heart is heavy as I learned of this sad news from his wife's Facebook post, and now share this about my dear friend, Paul O'Hanlon, with you all. My deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. I am holding all of you in the Light during this difficult time.

Paul was a brilliant, courageous advocate for voting access, disability justice, housing, transportation equity, and overall human rights. He brought out the best in so many of us simply by the way he moved through the world with clarity, conviction, and compassion. Working alongside him through B-PEP was an honor, and his influence helped shape some of the most meaningful work of my life.

He will be remembered for his wisdom, his fierce spirit, and his unwavering commitment to justice. Most of all, he will be remembered for the lives he touched and the positive change he created.

Rest in peace and power, Paul. We will carry the work forward. 🙏 🙌



Celeste Taylor - December 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DM

I first met Paul during our freshman year at Pitt. For the next half-century it was my good fortune that our paths crossed many times. His passing is a real loss when our nation needs more people with his passion for justice and his ability to make good things happen. It was an honor and privilege to know him. May he rest in peace.

Dennis Patrick McManus - December 03, 2025 at 05:02 PM

AC

Paul had such a kind and giving heart. He onboarded me to Ballots for Patients, back before mail-in voting was a thing. He helped me with my illegally-held security deposit. I didn't know him well, and won't claim to, but he touched many hearts, and I was one of them, and I will always be grateful for that, and will always miss his presence in our lives now. I pray for peace and comfort to his family and friends, and I pray his spirit lives on in the rest of us. 💜

Amanda Clark - December 07, 2025 at 07:55 AM

DW

I'm going back to school and practice disability law in memory of my dear friend who was inspirational in my life. Especially when I told him that was my initial career choice was to be an international lawyer for the refugees and people who were not able to get a representative who spoke their language. I studied several languages in my undergraduate years before I started my family and then life started lifing and my dream of becoming a lawyer came and went... but after talking about it with Paul and facing the reality of my age very quickly I think he was just too much of a gentleman to say that he thought I was too old for that kind of a goal. But then I told him that I wasn't going to enroll in college with the idea of not being alive to get my Juris degree and I was going to get it financially paid for by a scholarship and he said that he knew if I wanted it I could do it for myself and others so I have to get my butt in gear and his spirit does live on in my heart, mind and spirit and body at times when it feels like it wants to give up and rest... wwpd(what would Paul do?) should be our new rallying call

Dana L Washington - January 09 at 03:34 PM