



Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq.

September 8, 1954 - April 21, 2026

SKANEATELES – Mr. Paul Arthur “Paulie” Turk, Jr., Esq., age 71, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, with his loving family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Utica on September 8, 1954, Paul was the son of Paul A. Turk, Sr. and Josephine Ann (Talerico) Turk. He was a graduate of Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School, Class of 1972. He went on to receive a Bachelor’s degree, with honors, in Business Administration from Syracuse University. He then attended Stetson Law School in Florida, where he received his Juris Doctor degree and proudly graduated second in his class.

During high school, he had his eye on Katherine A. Murphy, a young lady from Utica Catholic Academy. The two were joined in holy matrimony on August 31, 1974, and shared a loving relationship for decades. They moved to Florida in 1977, where they resided for 43 years.

Paul’s career began as an attorney with the law firm Gunster, Yoakley, Criser, and Stewart in Florida. He was completely engaged in his occupation and truly loved his work. He also operated his own private practice, Paul Arthur Turk, Jr., P.A. After this, he returned to Gunster and Yoakley, from which he retired in 2009. Not content to remain idle, he pursued his passion for writing, authoring books rooted in strong Christian values. He was proud to have

published four volumes, and his family was delighted to see him follow his dream.

Paul was a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather. He cherished being part of every special moment in the lives of his loved ones and especially looked forward to walks with his grandchildren. He possessed a competitive spirit and enjoyed striving to win, yet he was always quick to cheer others on. He had a wonderful sense of humor and, above all, was dependable—always there for his family at a moment's notice. A perfectionist by nature, he was the ultimate host, planning family gatherings with great care, whether for a special occasion or simply for everyday life. He always looked forward to the next opportunity to be with those he loved, who were truly the center of his life. He also loved staying active, enjoying running, biking, and even becoming a certified scuba diver.

A deeply spiritual man, in his earlier years he was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church in Utica, where he served as an altar boy. While living in Florida, Paul was an upstanding and active member of his community, participating in numerous organizations and clubs. He was an active member of Kairos Prison Ministry International and the Palm Beach Cursillo movement. He was on the board of Goodwill and Oasis Compassion Agency where he also volunteered at their food pantry. Began the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Sacred Heart Church in Lake Worth Beach. Upon his move back to New York, he was a proud member of St. Mary of the Lake Church in Skaneateles where he was lector, volunteered at the Skaneateles Food Bank and participated in the area prison ministry, He held very strong moral convictions rooted in his faith.

Paul is survived by his wife, Katherine A.; children and their spouses, Diana and Jeff Stanbro, Carolyn and Jason Curtis, and Gregory and Amber Turk; grandchildren, Aaron Stanbro; Tyrell Turk, Natalia Curtis; Asher Curtis, Willow

Curtis; and Preston Turk; parents, Paul A. Sr., and Josephine Turk; and his brothers, Henry Turk, and Brian Turk. He fondly remembered his brother, Gary A. Turk, who preceded him on November 5, 2004. He is additionally survived by his sister-in-law, Linda Turk; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, H. Phillips and Alice Murphy, Sean P. and Susan Murphy, Paul E. Murphy, Dennis J. and Mary Murphy, and Robert R. and Susan Murphy; and many special friends including "The Big Chill." He was additionally preceded by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alice (Freytag) Murphy-Strait and Howard P. Murphy; step-father-in-law, George Strait; and infant sister-in-law, Eileen A. Murphy.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Paul's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at the Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church, 16 Park Ave., Whitesboro. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Whitesboro.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR **29**. 11:30 AM (ET)

The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church
16 Park Ave.
Whitesboro, NY 13492
<https://stpaulswhitesboro.org/>

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. A good kind, intelligent, humble, family, religious man. Rest in peace.

Steven Talerico - April 29 at 07:09 PM

RM

“ Robert M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..

Robert M. - April 28 at 07:00 PM

CH

“ Paulie showed so much love through the Kairos ministry. He was the man who was standing there for me personally when I needed someone the most. He shared his heart and didn't hold back! All though he will be missed I'm sure he's now hearing those words we all hope to hear one day..”Good job my faithful servant “! Love you Paulie

chip huff - April 28 at 09:56 AM

HT

I met Paul through a class we took at St. Mary's of the Lake and saw how kind and loving he was, especially how much he loved his family. My heart goes out to Katherine and their family. Rest in peace Paul. Sincerely, Heidi Therrien

Heidi Therrien - April 30 at 09:31 AM

AF

“ Anne and John Siriani, Orlando, FL purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



Anne and John Siriani, Orlando, FL - April 28 at 09:05 AM

AF

“ Anne and John Siriani, Orlando, FL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..

Anne and John Siriani, Orlando, FL - April 28 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ The Holden Family and the Morris Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



The Holden Family and the Morris Family - April 27 at 03:45 PM

YA

“ Your friends at Century Risk Advisors purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



Your friends at Century Risk Advisors - April 27 at 03:04 PM

YA

“ Your friends at Century Risk Advisors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..

Your friends at Century Risk Advisors - April 27 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



April 27 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..

April 27 at 01:48 PM

TN

“ My late husband, Burt Nightingale and I met Paul through our son-in-law Dan Thomas while they worked together at Gunster Yoakley. We were missionaries in Thailand and when we came home for visits, we stayed with Dan & Lisa. Oftentimes, Dan would include Burt at the Men’s Christian luncheon and Burt got to know the men. Fast forward, Burt suffered a major stroke while we were home in 2007 and we never returned to Thailand. He was completely paralyzed in his left side and I was his full-time caregiver. Imagine how BLESSED I was when Paul showed up one Tuesday with lunch for he and Burt and told me to go enjoy my day. He had retired from the firm and was writing at this time. Burt was ELATED because he loved Paul, as did I. Then, every Tuesday this precious man showed up with Jon Smith sandwiches for he and Burt, and shooed me out the door for some rest and relaxation. Tuesdays became a very special day for us. Burt & Paul talked for hours about everything, but especially God’s word. Paul & Kathryn even came to a big family dinner we had for Burt and were there when we drove to Winter Haven, FL to bury Burt after he died. Paul exemplified what being a godly, Christian man is. We loved him. We still talk of his love and commitment to Burt and their very special friendship. I’m praying for Kathryn, the kids and grandkids and all his friends. He was truly a gift to so many and shared the love of God to everyone he met. I know there was a sweet reunion in Heaven when Burt met his good buddy, Paul. ❤️

Teresa Nightingale - April 27 at 10:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



April 27 at 08:10 AM

L(

“ Linda Pickett (Ponessa) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



Linda Pickett (Ponessa) - April 26 at 01:48 PM

JH

“ Paul was a dear friend and brother in the Kairos Prison Ministry here in Florida.
We spent many hours together and grew to be very close friends. Upon leaving Florida I lost track of Paul but never lost touch with him in my heart
Saddened but know where this beautiful man is now and for all eternity.
I love you Paul.....pray for me!
God is good !
Jim

JIM HOWELL - April 26 at 08:25 AM

TB

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Paul was a wonderful person and was always loving and welcoming to us. May God's love bring you comfort and peace during this heartbreaking time. Sending you prayers and love.

The Batson's - April 25 at 02:57 PM

TB

“ *The Batson's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..*



The Batson's - April 25 at 02:36 PM

JA

“ *I met Paul when I was working with his wife Katherine. She asked if I could help him get organized with email and a small website as he was finishing up his first novel. The next thing you know we three are at their condo on Hutchinson Island doing a photo shoot for the book cover bio. He was nervous and self conscious with all the attention and it took a bit for him to relax as we tried several locations and poses in and around the property in the blazing heat of a Florida day. Bright sun, beads of sweat and still he graciously obliged all my posing requests and wardrobe changes to some wonderful results. Rest in Peace Paul. I'm sure you are enjoying an eternal joyous life in heaven for all the good deeds you did on this earth.*



Jamie - April 25 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..*



April 25 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to You and Family!!So sorry for Your loss,He was the best and We loved Him!!

Coral Batson - April 25 at 12:13 PM

BF

“ Brigham & Tara Booher & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



Brigham & Tara Booher & family - April 25 at 11:48 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



April 24 at 08:10 PM

DM

“ Dennis M. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



Dennis M. - April 24 at 07:57 PM

MC

“*Maureen C. purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..*



Maureen C. - April 24 at 04:36 PM

MC

“*Maureen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..*

Maureen C. - April 24 at 04:36 PM

DS

“*The Big Chill*” has sadly lost a little of its chill.
Thank you for your friendship Paul.
Dave and Maureen Smith



David Smith - April 24 at 03:59 PM

DS

“*The Big Chill*” lost a little of its chill.
Thank you for your friendship Paul.

David Smith - April 24 at 04:02 PM

RM

Yes indeed as one of the members of the group he will be missed yet I have about 50 years of very great memories of our friendship.

Robert Morrison - April 28 at 07:08 PM

BG

“ Spent many Cursillo weekends and preparation with Paul. He was a very spiritual man with a big heart. God Bless You, Paul! De Colores

Bob Gearing - April 24 at 02:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arthur "Paulie" Turk, Jr., Esq..



April 24 at 02:41 PM