



Paul Eden Pentz

February 16, 1940 - April 21, 2021

With great sadness we announce the passing of Paul Eden Pentz, 81, of Naples, FL Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his loving wife, Carolyn, of 57 years, and his adoring family. He was affectionately nicknamed by his daughters as “PEP” for his high energy and zest for life. Formerly of Butler, PA he has been a resident of Naples for 25 years.

Paul was born February 16, 1940 in Freeport, Long Island, NY, a son of the late Robert E. and Josephine (Meeker) Pentz. He was raised in Ridgewood, NJ and graduated from Ridgewood High School before earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University.

His career started with General Foods Corporation followed by various executive positions at Jewel Companies Inc. Paul later joined ServiStar Corporation where he was Chief Executive Officer and with a team was responsible for the merger with True Value Hardware to form TruServ Corporation. The merger of the two became the world's largest wholesaler in the do-it-yourself market. He retired as President and COO in 1998.

Mr. Pentz served on the Board of the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida for 20 years, six of which were served as Chairman. He provided great leadership as a board member at Quail West Golf and Country Club helping to develop an extensive plan to revitalize and renovate the club.

Paul was an avid golfer who also enjoyed playing pickle ball, tennis, bridge, and gin rummy. He was an author, horticulturist, culinary enthusiast, and loved bird watching.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Carolyn K. Pentz; loving daughters, Deborah Pentz Baylis of Madison, WI, Karen Pentz Bojak (William) of Lisle, IL and Laurie Pentz Sim (Brian) of San Clemente, CA; grandchildren, Justin Karl Kramer (Jessica), Lauren Baylis Kuykendall (Jon), Taylor Katherine Sim, Maxwell John Lewis, Samuel Loren Lewis, Andrew Paul Sim, Mitchell Paul Lewis, Joseph Frank Bojak, Michael James Bojak, James Michael Bojak, and Christine Marie Bojak; and great grandchildren, Grace Evelyn Kramer, Lucy Boots Kramer, Tyler Jon Kuykendall, Mia Elizabeth Kramer and Jakub Richard Bojak. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert E. Pentz.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. For those unable to attend the memorial service in person, it can be viewed online at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Paul's name may be made to the MS Center of Southwest Florida, 3372 Woods Edge Circle #103, Bonita Springs, FL 34134 or by visiting <https://mscenterswfl.org/memorials-in-honor-of-donations/>

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Eden Pentz*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I remember visiting Paul and Carolyn in Naples for a day with my now deceased husband Duke and being taken to lunch at the clubhouse. I was in Paul's high school class at Ridgewood NJ as well as his Cornell U. class. I remember him fondly and am so sorry to learn of his death. My condolences to Carolyn and the rest of his family.*

*Pat Wellington
Venice FL*

patricia p. wellington - May 11, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Carolyn and family. I'm so sorry for your loss I hope your fond memories and closeness will help ease some of your pain. Paul was a very kind and generous person He did so much to help make the MS Center successful. I'm fortunate to have been able to work with him and get to know him while being on the board*
Sincerely. Molly. Orvis

Molly Orvis - April 30, 2021 at 10:29 AM

JG

“ The first person we met when we bought our house in 2015 was Paul. Since we were working full time in Connecticut we were only able to come to Quail West from Thursday until Sunday every other month or so. I say this to tell you how much effort Paul expended to meet us. As we were walking down Pondview Circle Paul pulled along side of us in his golf cart and invited us to join him and Carolyn for dinner at the Clubhouse. I was very nervous to accept the invitation having no prior country club experience however we of course accepted the invitation. We then jumped in the rental car and drove to Macy's to shop for clothes for the dinner!.

I have to admit I was shaking as we entered the clubhouse but soon after being welcomed by Paul and Carolyn we realized that these neighbors were kind and caring people. We not only had a lovely evening but left with genuine feelings of friendship for this couple with whom we had little in common. Such was and is the legacy of Paul and his dear wife Carolyn for us, his neighbors Jack and Alice Gish .

We are so grateful to have known Paul, the insightful author of a book we asked him to sign copies of to send to our children, a man who possessed a font of knowledge that he unselfishly shared, a man who listened and heard the hesitancy in my voice when I said I thought I may want to learn to play golf and he gave me his mother's golf bag and some clubs, and a man who enriched our lives by having known him.

Rest in peace Paul

Jack Lawrence Gish - April 29, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Eden Pentz.*



April 28, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the family. Paul was one of the most kind and encouraging people I ever knew and I was always grateful for his advice and concern for my career. Truly one of a kind and fortunate to have such a wonderful family.*

Mike & Laura Stratis

Mike Stratis - April 28, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Dear Carolyn and Pentz Family - With our love and deepest sympathy, we remember Paul. We will miss seeing him during our trips to Florida, and hope your favorite memories bring peace and strength during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Amy & John Edmonds (Craig and Susan Smith's daughter and son-in-law)*

Amy Edmonds - April 28, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Paul Eden Pentz.*



April 28, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul Eden Pentz.*



April 27, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *To the Pentz family, all of the employees at Wallace Hdwe. Co., Morristown, TN, send our condolences in memory of Mr. Pentz. Though a competitor in the wholesale hardware industry, we always held him with the highest regard; he was a good and honorable man. Doyle M Wallace*

Doyle Wallace - April 27, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *I will never forget doing the twist with Paul at a Quail party! What fun! He was a remarkable man. God Bless. Unfortunately, I am out of town Friday.*
Jan Holzkamper

Jan Moore Holzkamper - April 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

KM

“ We’re so sorry to hear of Paul’s passing and send our deepest condolences to Carolyn and the entire family. He will be missed, yet always remembered.

*With deepest sympathy,
Karen and Adam Meldrom*

Karen and Adam Meldrom - April 26, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BA

“ My condolences to the family of this caring man whose generosity helped change the lives of so many in our community. His leadership and giving will live on in all our hearts each time each of us succeeds because of the support from the MS Center. Mr. Pentz truly changed lives and he will be greatly missed.

Beth Anne Algie - April 26, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Eden Pentz.



April 26, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Eden Pentz.



April 24, 2021 at 12:42 PM