



Paul R. Srnis

June 26, 1934 - June 1, 2020

Paul R. Srnis, age 85, of Amherst went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, June 1, 2020 at UH Regional Medical Center in Elyria. He was born on June 26, 1934 in Elyria, Ohio to George and Pauline (nee Balco) Srnis.

He was a 1952 graduate of Elyria High School and a 1959 graduate of Ashland University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. While in high school and college he played both basketball and baseball. Paul was invited to a tryout for the Cleveland Indians Baseball team in 1952. He was a referee, officiating for High School basketball games.

Paul enlisted and served with the Army National Guard for 8 years in 1952 and was Honorably discharged in 1960. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of Faith Baptist Church in Amherst serving as an usher, a role he really enjoyed. He also enjoyed spending his time fishing and making fishing lures, softball, golfing in his golf league, and attending sporting events.

In 1959 Paul began his career as a teacher and coach in the Ashland City Schools. From 1965-1969 he taught and was the Head Football Coach at South Amherst School. In 1969, he joined the teaching staff at Marion L. Steele High School, teaching various subjects. He also was a coach for both the football and golf team. Paul served as their Athletic Director from 1976 until his retirement in 1989. Paul was recognized for his successful coaching career by being inducted into the Lorain County High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Paul is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janice (nee Wolford); son, John(Suzanne) Srnis; daughter, Jill (Chris) Kelley; grandchildren, Paul Srnis, Zachary Srnis, Adam (Amber) Srnis, Kyle Kelley, Kevin Kelley, Casey Kelley, and Kristen Kelley.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Pauline Srnis.

Pastor Alex VanCuran conducted private family funeral services were held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Vermilion, Ohio under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center. Online condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.dovinareberjones.com> The family suggest that memorial contributions be made to Faith Baptist Church, 440 N. Lake Street, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

Comments



“ Janice and Family: Coach Srnis was a huge influence for me as a young Little League kid. He was my coach who inspired me to always do my best. He believed in me as a kid who needed some discipline and I remember his gentle rebuke at my foolishness. I also remember him as my 7th grade science teacher who made learning fun. I was so excited when you and Coach Srnis came to our home for dinner. I think you were newly weds at the time and after you all left, my brother Ron said to my Mom, “that marriage will last.” My Mom asked, “why do you say that?” Ron answered, “because she laughs at his jokes!” Sixty-one years is an amazing testimony! There was one other time Coach stepped up for me and that was just before he left for Amherst and he was helping with the Ashland High School football summer practice. I was struggling to get noticed by the other coaches but after doing my best, Coach Srnis made sure I was recognized. Once again I realized I had an advocate who believed in me. Oh, and I almost forgot the time he invited me to a Father/Son dinner at your church. This was before you all had kids and I was in 7th grade. I was so proud to be seen with Coach Paul Srnis! Just one last thought and it was just a couple of years ago when he and I exchanged letters. My letter was a long overdue “thank you” to a man who so influenced my life. God bless you, Janice, and please know that my prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Terry L. Power

Terry L. Power - June 15, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ So sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Paul was a genuinely nice man. He was respected by his peers and totally dedicated to the well being of his family. May the peace of the Lord be with you during this time of sorrow.

Love,
Bob & Sharon Boynton

Bob Boynton - June 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Sear Srnis family,
We are saddened to hear the news of your loss. Pappo touched so many lives. We will always treasure the memories of him and the times we spent with your family. May all the love for Paul give you strength and peace.

All our sympathy and love,
Jeff, Lisa, Connor and Griffin Weir

Lisa Weir - June 10, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Just saw that Paul had passed, my sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve his loss. May God be with you all in this difficult time.

Sheryl Hobart - June 09, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Sending my love and prayers to the entire Srnis family. I grew up hearing stories about "Coach" Srnis and as I grew older and became close friends with Paul, I was fortunate to spend time with him traveling to ball games across NE Ohio. His joy of life, love of family and humor was something even a teenager could appreciate. "Popo" will certainly be missed by all those who knew him.

- Matt Jones

Matt Jones - June 09, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ So sorry to here about Paul. He was such a great man. Will always remember golfing, fishing and playing softball with him. We had so much fun. Again , our sincere condolences.

Bill&Polly Makinen - June 09, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ Dear Janice, Jill and family,

I was so very shocked and saddened to hear of Paul's passing. What a wonderful man he was! I will always treasure my visits with him, and the time we had teasing each other. You will continue to be so very much in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult journey.

Love,
Sue Mabry

Sue Mabry - June 09, 2020 at 05:57 AM



“ My prayers to the family. Paul was a great advocate to my dad, me and my family. He holds a special place in our hearts.

Pat Haberfield - June 08, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ May the memories you hold dear light a path through your sorrow to a place of comfort and peace. So sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Denise (Bartlome) Bringman

Denise Bringman - June 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Srrnis family please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I had the great pleasure of working for Paul during the last 3 years of his work career. There was never a day while working for him that I didn't learn something and also shared a great laugh with him. Those memories from over thirty years ago are ones that I will always cherish and be so thankful that I worked for such a great person. This world is a better place because Paul Srrnis spent almost 86 years on it. Rest In Peace and thanks for everything.
Lance Pete

Lance Pete - June 08, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless.
I remember Dad's name, associating him with some of the athletic teams in this area. I graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 1965 and then was on the first cross country team at Lorain County Community College in 1966.
I was a Sports Desk Assistant at the Chronicle for 35-plus years, helping me become very acquainted with area coaches and athletes and also those from other areas here in Ohio.
Again, in closing. please accept my condolences on the passing of a most outstanding gentleman.

Gerald Henson - June 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. Mr. Srnis was always very supportive of both my academic and athletic careers at Steele. I greatly appreciated when he nominated me for the Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete award and was honored that he felt I was worthy of the recognition.
John Sutton
Steele class of 1987

John Sutton MD - June 08, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was such a great guy who dearly loved his family. My deepest condolences to Janice, John, Jill and their families. May warm memories fill your hearts and help you during this difficult time.

Pam Goswick

Pamela Goswick - June 08, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing.
He was a great guy.
Our condolences and love go out to Janis and family.
Anita and Howard

Anita Harlan - June 08, 2020 at 05:47 PM