



Paul Davis Edwards

December 18, 1947 - December 28, 2024

With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of Paul Davis Edwards, who left us peacefully on December 28, 2024, after a courageous one-year battle with kidney cancer. He was 77 years old.

Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, on December 18, 1947, Paul was the beloved son of Stanley and Marie (Davis) Edwards. He is survived by his cherished wife of 55 years, Carolyn (Gilroy) Edwards; his siblings David Edwards (Glenda) and Mary Lynds (John); his children Beth Edwards (Chris Culligan) and Mark Edwards (Grace Corona); his grandchildren William and Sophie Culligan, and Benjamin Edwards; and many nieces and nephews. Paul also enjoyed close relationships with his brothers- and sisters-in-law Robert and Helen Gilroy and Rick and Vivian Boomer. Paul is predeceased by his parents, sister Nora Mingo, brother- and sister-in-law David and Mary Gilroy, and sister-in-law Joan Gilroy.

Paul's professional life was defined by his devotion to public service. Over the course of a distinguished 35-year career with the Nova Scotia Provincial Government, he worked in human resources across a variety of departments. Paul was widely respected for his fairness, compassion, and understanding. Known for his exceptional people skills, he spent his career recruiting,

interviewing, advising, supporting, and mentoring countless individuals. His genuine ability to connect with people, along with his steady support and guidance, earned him the admiration of colleagues and those he served.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Paul had many passions and interests that enriched his life. In his childhood, under the guidance of his aunt, Kathleen Davis, Paul competed in equestrian events. As a sports enthusiast, he enjoyed playing baseball, golf, and tennis. Paul also had a love of music and dancing, particularly Friday night dances with Frank MacKay and The Lincolns, for whom he had great admiration and enjoyed many years of friendship. His love for the sounds of the 1960s remained a constant throughout his life, and the melodies of that era stayed close to his heart.

Paul placed tremendous value in his friendships, forged over many years and spanning decades, which reflected his strong sense of loyalty. In his quiet way, he was always there for friends, offering a listening ear or a helping hand without hesitation. His affection for his childhood friends from Truro, as well as his involvement in high school reunions and gatherings, demonstrated the strength of those bonds. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's University in 1970 and took great pride in staying connected with his fellow alumni, as well as the university's varsity football, hockey, and basketball teams. His love for his community and alma mater was a constant source of pride throughout his life.

Paul's enthusiasm for adventure also led him to relish travel, particularly family trips to Europe and vacations to sunny Florida. In quieter moments, Paul nurtured his love for gardening,

meticulously tending to his properties - a labour of love that brought him immense satisfaction. Above all, he cherished wonderful times with family and friends at the Edwards' cottage in Barrachois Bay, Nova Scotia. Many special events were celebrated at the cottage, creating lasting memories for family and friends.

Paul was devoted to his family. He was a constant source of love, support, and strength to his wife, children, and grandchildren, offering his wisdom with kindness and an unwavering commitment to their well-being. A man of integrity and quiet strength, Paul lived a life of purpose, deeply committed to his family, friends, and community. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his steadfast love, and the lasting impact he had on all who knew him.

Rest in peace, Paul, Dad, and Grandad. You will forever remain in our hearts.

The Edwards family would like to thank Dr. Lara Best, Dr. Andrew Humphrey, Dr. Myuran Thana, and Dr. Lutz Weise for their kind-hearted and expert care of Paul. We wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the West Bedford Transitional Care facility (5th floor) for their devotion to Paul during his final days. We also express our sincere appreciation to Paul's caregivers, Alma and Maria. Finally, we are deeply thankful for the overwhelming generosity and support of our family and friends during the past year.

A memorial gathering will take place on Sunday January 12th from 3-5pm at The Saraguay House, 2310 Purcell's Cove Rd., Halifax. Remarks will take

place at 3:45pm. Donations in memory of Paul may be made to the QEII Foundation in support of the QEII Patient Assistance Fund, established on behalf of patients experiencing financial difficulties during illness or injury. Please visit: my.qe2foundation.ca/donations.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Paul was such a kind and gentle soul. A good man.*

John Calder Calder - February 23, 2025 at 08:45 AM

EH

“ *Dear Carolyn,
I was so sorry to read of Paul's death. Dan and I send our deepest sympathy to you and all your family, especially Beth and Mark.
Elizabeth (Morrison) Hughes*

Elizabeth Hughes - January 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JC

“ *Our most loving condolences to Paul's family. We never met you or knew about you till 20 years ago. When we found out we were first cousins . The few memories we have will live with us forever visiting you at uncle Stan's and again at your beautiful summer home up in the bay.*

John & Linda (Edwards) Collier - January 16, 2025 at 05:22 PM

BC

“ *Dear Carolyn,
My deepest condolences. Paul was such a lovely man. May warm memories of times with Paul sustain you now and always.
My thoughts are with you,
Beth Charlton*

Beth Critchley Charlton - January 15, 2025 at 03:24 PM

PS

“ Dear Carolyn,
So sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to you and your family.
Thinking of you during this difficult time. 🙏🙏
Hugs,
Patsy Simon

Patsy Simon - January 15, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CF

“ Carolyn, Beth, Mark and families - George and I are deeply saddened to hear of Paul's passing and regret our absence from his celebration of life. We would never have missed joining you all in his memory had we known. Ron Buckley called George last night (Jan 14) and shared the news. We had been having problems with newspaper delivery at the time and unaware of your announcement - a lovely tribute to the Paul we all feel so lucky to have had in our lives. These days are and will be incredibly hard for a long while. But they do get easier with time. I don't claim to be a very religious person. But I like to think spirits are zooming around out there somewhere and we'll see each other again sooner or later. We will remember Paul as a wonderful neighbour, colleague and friend. I smile thinking about his occasional late night visits to our place in the old neighbourhood where he would sit, talk and indulge in his guilty pleasure of potatoe chips and a chocolate bar before heading home. I hope he wouldn't be cross with me for sharing this tidbit with you, Carolyn. It might explain though, if you were wondering, why his belt size didn't diminish as quickly as it should when he was trying to shed a pound or two. Take care of each other and keep Paul in your hearts. We know you are in his. And you are all in ours.
Claudia and George Fox

Claudia and George Fox - January 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JF

“ I have fond memories of Paul as a kind and friendly neighbour during my childhood in the west end, chatting during intermissions at hockey games at the forum, and later as a respected colleague at the Public Service Commission. My heartfelt condolences.

James Fox - January 14, 2025 at 04:52 PM

BW

“ Dear Carolyn and family: I feel so grateful that I had the opportunity to spend time with Paul over this last year. He was such a wonderful person and I really enjoyed our time together, laughing and swapping stories. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. ❤️

Barb Wright - January 12, 2025 at 12:31 PM

HB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paul. I worked with Paul during my career in the Public Service. Paul was one of the best HR managers. He was very kind, considerate and very respectful. He always would make time for you even if he was busy. May you Rest in Peace, Paul!!



Heather Bowser - January 12, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CP

“ Dear Carolyn and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you today as you lay your most beloved Paul to rest.
His obituary was outstanding and certainly "pictured this wonderful man" for all to see. A very special human being in every way!
I (we) remember many good times with Paul - from high school on thru our many years as friends. Howard said he always enjoyed his time with Paul "he was so friendly and calm" and a fantastic human being in all ways.
May the many fond memories you have of Paul give you all peace and help you through this difficult time.
With our love, Carole and Howard

Carole Phee - January 12, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SF

“ Carolyn and family, thinking of you all today as you say a final farewell to Paul, whom was so cherished and admired by those who knew him. May you find peace in your wonderful memories of a life well lived. Sharon Fraser Fotheringham

Sharon Fotheringham - January 12, 2025 at 08:30 AM

RF

“ To Carolyn and family I was so sorry to hear of Paul s passing , out side of working together for many years we enjoyed getting together playing tennis , watching St. Mary's playing football, hockey and basketball and gatherings of colleagues and friends May memories keep you strong Robin and Marlene Falconer

Robin Falconer - January 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SM

“ I very much saddened to read of Paul’s passing last month. He was a true gentleman in ever way. I know he will be dearly missed by friends and family. My sincere condolences. Shawn Murphy

Shawn Murphy - January 11, 2025 at 08:47 AM

AH

“ Carolyn and family,

So so sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. He was a wonderful HR Manager and colleague. I looked forward to seeing him each morning when arriving at work. He was a wonderful mentor, friend and a true gentle man. He was not only interesting but interested. We often spoke of our families something held so near and dear to his heart.. We kept in touch in retirement and I always enjoyed the catch up. My sincere condolences. He will be missed 🙏

Audrey Hunt - January 10, 2025 at 05:13 PM

MN

“ My condolences for Paul’s passing. He was such a joyful person, always so proud of his grandkids and always ready for night of watching sports with Mark and friends. I’ll always cherish the warm welcome he and Carolyn gave me into your family. My thoughts are with the family and all who loved him, and we are here for you guys.

Mauricio Nothen - January 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM

EA

“ So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. Always had time to talk and catch up. Wonderful person and colleague.

Effie Anderson - January 09, 2025 at 08:47 AM

CW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Paul for many years. He was the most kind, soft spoken gentleman you could ever meet. Sending sincerest condolences to all.

Cathy Wiley - January 08, 2025 at 07:00 AM

LS

“ I was so very sorry to learn of Paul's untimely passing. Paul was among the first HR professionals I met when joining government. His professional, calm, kind and caring manner won the hearts and confidence of everyone. Paul was a true gentleman I count myself blessed to have known. He lived a beautiful life and has left a legacy to emulate. My most most sincere condolences, Leslie Shanahan

Leslie Shanahan - January 07, 2025 at 05:01 PM

GC

“ He was a wonderful father-in-law and grandfather to Ben. We love and miss him very much.



Grace Corona - January 07, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DS

“ *Though I only spent a short time around Paul, it was clear he was an extraordinary person. He always had a kind smile and a warm heart, offering comfort to those around him. His presence lives on in our cherished memories. Thinking of you all during this time. Sending warm hugs.*



Daniela Salles - January 07, 2025 at 03:46 PM

MS

I was so sorry to learn of Paul's passing. Paul and I began our government careers with the Civil Service Commission. Through our working years our paths crossed on occasion and we'd share fond memories of that earlier time. Rest in peace, Paul..

Mary Stevens - January 11, 2025 at 08:04 AM

LE

Sending heart felt condolences. Thinking of you all at this time. Linda Erickson

Linda Erickson - January 11, 2025 at 05:39 PM