



Dr. Paul E Berube

October 7, 1941 - December 8, 2020

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Paul Eugene Berube, 79, passed away peacefully from Covid complications.

Paul was born on October 7, 1941 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Annette and Gene Berube.

In 1973, Paul married the love of his life, Jill Eckhouse. Paul devoted much of his life to helping others and volunteered with the VISTA Americorps Program at the Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer, Montana from 1965 - 1966. He received his medical degree from the University of Health Sciences, Chicago Medical School in 1983, and he was a beloved OB/GYN at Rural Health in Anna, Illinois for 21 years. Paul's family frequently met his former patients who would share glowing stories about his caring manner.

Paul had a memorable sense of humor characterized by absurdity and deadpan delivery. He also excelled at "dad jokes." If you happened to say, "I'm hungry," he always replied, "I'm Paul, nice to meet you!"

Paul loved old cars and could often be found in his armchair on Saturday mornings, listening to Car Talk on NPR, and laughing loudly. Paul also had a tender heart and couldn't finish watching favorite films, such as *It's a Wonderful Life* and *When Harry met Sally*, without shedding tears.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Colette.

He is survived by his wife, Jill; his two children, Daniel and Aleza; his son-in-law, Justin Sitarz; his grandchildren, Feivel and Shoshana; and his sister, Denise Cody.

In lieu of flowers, Paul and his family would appreciate donations to the American Indian College Fund to support his passion for serving the American Indian community: https://www.collegefundlegacy.org/?_ga=2.44198241.416799096.1607476373-81703300.1607476373

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Paul E Berube*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Paul's death. My sincere condolences to Jill and the family.*

Marcia Sinnott - December 17, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *My sympathies to the family. Dr. Berube was my physician when I was pregnant with my youngest daughter who is now 28. He was always nice and treated his patients with kindness and dignity. He will be missed.*



Karen Davidson-Taylor - December 16, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *I worked with him at Rural Health, I loved his sense of humor. He always made me laugh. Good Memories. So sorry for your loss, prayers to his family and friends.*

Darla Fleming - December 16, 2020 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ Jill and children. Sending peace and love to you at this time. I will always remember his beautiful spirit. I had the good fortune of working with Dr. Berube at Memorial Hospital. I remember when he joined the staff. He was a wonderful addition to the care of mommas and families. I remember many of the deliveries with him. One delivery which I did not attend but this is always remembered with Dr. Berube. He was on the floor helping a momma delivery her baby because she wanted to deliver standing up. This was years ago when this was not in vogue except with Dr Berube. I certainly missed him a lot when he retired from OB. Jill we met in passing a few times. I found you so caring. I appreciated hearing updates on how he was doing. I am thinking of you and your family. May you find peace at this time. I live in Washington State now or I would come by and visit.

Marjorie Coleman - December 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JR

“ So sorry, Jill. You took such great of him. Thank you for being so kind to Shirley and me.

John Reibold - December 14, 2020 at 11:30 PM

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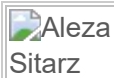
“ I hope your memories of Paul sustain you through your sadness. I worked with Dr Berube during the many years he was at Rural Health and he was my gynecologist also. Patients never seemed to mind that they had to wait, often over an hour, to get to see him. He treated not just ob/gyn issues, but the whole person, and he listened and he looked you in the eyes while he listened. Patients felt like he cared about them. I am so sorry for your loss.

ann Stahlheber - December 14, 2020 at 11:03 AM

DR

“ I had the honor of working with Dr. Berube for many many years. He had a kind kind heart and his goal was to solve any problem a patient had. I learned a lot while working with him. He loved his wife and children and he loved old mustangs. He was very knowledgeable in about any subject. I feel very Blessed to have worked with such a wonderful physician.....Deborah Retz

Deborah Retz - December 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM



Thanks so much for sharing this memory Deborah. - Aleza (his daughter)

Aleza Sitarz - December 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM

CW

“ I worked with Dr. Berube at Anna Rural Health for 13 1/2 years in the OB dept. It was one of the best nursing experience I've had. Loved the job and the people I worked with. Dr Berube cared for his patients and always put them first. May God Bless you, prayers for his family ❤️

Christie West - December 09, 2020 at 04:25 PM



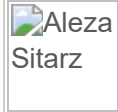
Thank you for sharing this Christie. With warmth, Aleza

Aleza Sitarz - December 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ Dr. Berube was my OB for years and delivered my first child in 1994 - I enjoyed his humor and compassion. He was a very caring physician

Tina Dudley - December 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM



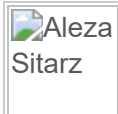
Thank you for sharing this Tina. I'm so glad he took good care of you and your baby.

Aleza Sitarz - December 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM

RT

“ *I worked with Dr. Berube in OB years ago. He was a kind and caring physician. Peace be with his loving family and friends as they mourn his passing.* ”

Rosita Taake - December 09, 2020 at 01:06 PM



Thanks for sharing this Rosita

Aleza Sitarz - December 14, 2020 at 10:34 AM