



## Frank Paul Engels III

August 2, 1939 - August 1, 2017

Paul Engels, age 77, of Tequesta, passed away peacefully at his home on August 1, 2017. He will be missed by many friends who knew him as kind and considerate with a great sense of humor. During his life time, he was an avid club level tennis player, most recently a member of Jupiter Bay Tennis.

For almost 40 years Paul worked at Pratt and Whitney, FL. For most of his career at Pratt Whitney, FL, Paul was the IT Manager of Technical Support. Later after 2001, Paul started a second career. He taught mathematics at Palm Beach Gardens High School for several years.

He was predeceased in death by his father, Frank Paul Engels, Jr., mother, Regina Leighton Engels, and brother, John Engels, survived by sister-in-law, Lucy Engels.

He leaves behind his wife, Joann, sister, Missy Foster, brother-in-law, Russ Foster, brother, Ken Engels, sister-in-law, Valerie Engels, his 2 daughters: Kristy Engels and Vanessa McHale, and his 3 grandchildren: Aidan O'Brien, Ryan McHale, and James McHale.

A celebration of life will be held on a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I recently thought of Paul, I knew he had passed and just checked this site. I read many posts from co-workers from P&W and just wanted to add mine. Paul gave me my opportunity to work at P&W when I first moved down to Florida in 1981. I remember the interview and was forever grateful for the opportunity to work in the VM team. I agree with all the comments about his level approach to the job which at times could be very stressful. Math was so important to the job, and he always knew that. He later went on to be a math teacher to pass that skill on to anyone he could. I miss all the people we worked with for those years and am enjoying my retirement now. I thank Paul for giving me the opportunity when I was 25 to work at P&W and finished my career after 33 years. Thanks Paul and we will meet again.

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**Steve Kafka** - April 07 at 06:11 PM



“ *Frank Paul Engels III*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM

MC

“ I worked with Paul Engels many years ago when I first graduated college and was a "newbie" as a Systems Programmer under him. Paul was a terrific manager, because he listened... and had a very calm demeanor about him, which in turn, always calmed others. I don't ever remember talking with him, without leaving with a smile. Now "there's" a teacher! Rest in peace Paul and thanks for the education.

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**Mary Knight - Lewisville, NC - Coworker** - August 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ While I never had the opportunity to work for Paul directly, you could tell from his team he was an awesome manager. His spirit was always calming and trusting. The world has lost a great man, many thoughts and prayers to Joanne and his family through this time.

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**Renee Nys - Tequesta, FL - Coworker** - August 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Paul was my manager for many years at Pratt & Whitney. One of the best I have ever had in my career. I doubt I would have had the success I've experienced without that opportunity. He was manager, mentor, advisor and a friend. We shared interests in computers, programming, music and technology. Paul, you will be missed.

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**John Shand - Windsor, CT - Coworker** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Working with Paul is one of my earliest memories in working at Pratt & Whitney. He was tough, had high expectations, and was demanding. But these were the attributes that he managed to instill in me... and he didn't cross the line. And he was smiling and jovial on a personal level. I have always had the utmost respect for Paul, and will include him and the family in my prayers.

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**Calvin Wassmuth - Coworker** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Thoughts for his family, especially Joann. I worked with Paul and Joann for several years in my time at P&W. Always found Paul to be a helpful, and a calming influence on many. One of the good guys.

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**Shawn Moore - Coworker** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ My dad, the greatest man I have ever known. My father never raised his voice and had infinite patience. He was fair, funny and a wonderful confidante. I doubt I would have ever passed a math class without his help. He would literally sit with me for hours until I got it. Later in life, he found the love of his life with his wife Joann. I am forever grateful to her for making my dad so happy. Dad, I will miss you forever, and there won't be a day that goes by that I won't think of you. I miss you already.

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**Vanessa Engels McHale - Atlanta, GA - Daughter** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Paul for many years at P&W in Florida. He was such a kind man, always ready to jump in and help. God Bless Paul and his Family.

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**Carrie Brooks - Columbia, CT - Coworker** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Paul had an immeasurable impact on my life when he extended his confidence and offered me an opportunity to join the Pratt IT family. He was a genuine model of professionalism to me. He always had your back. I found him to be of few words at times but when he spoke, it was sound judgement. Eternally grateful. Rest in Peace Paul...

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**Geoff Gann** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I worked for Paul (or his peers) for quite a few years at Pratt & Whitney. Paul was a teacher and encourager; he coached us with spirit and enabled us to gain confidence. Long before it was required, Paul treated the women on our teams as equals, he counted on us, he drew out the best in us. His expectations were high, and we worked hard to meet them. He supported us as we became mothers, even drafting new maternity policies in our favor - going to bat for us. He was a dear friend in an environment that was a cutthroat, biting edge technology world - yet he brought us together as family. Many people affect our lives deeply - Paul affected the way I approach my work even through today, and the way I relate to others at work. The angels have gained an outstanding leader, and I know he was welcomed with open arms - Job well done.

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**Patti Morrone - Jupiter, FL - Coworker** - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ I can honestly say I have never met anyone that did not get treated fairly from Paul. In the 20 years I worked at Pratt Whitney he was certainly one of the few that I would ask for advice and not regret doing that. Paul was a straight shooter and would assist you any way he could within his realm of control. I liked Paul as a person and respected his decisions. He is a loss on and his memory will never fade from any and all who knew him. Good Luck Paul and may you go with GOD and may GOD have mercy on those he left behind.

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**William Abdo - Gemeva, IL - Coworker** - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM