



Paul R. Lieggi

November 8, 1957 - August 3, 2024

Paul R. Lieggi, 66, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on August 3, 2024, following a short battle with cancer.

Born in Princeton, New Jersey, Paul was one of those rare individuals who always knew what he wanted to be when he grew up; in his case, an attorney. He attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago, contributed to Law Review, and received his Juris Doctor (JD) degree in 1982. After graduating law school, Paul became the protégé of a local attorney and inherited his practice in 1989, opening Lieggi Law Offices, LLC which focused on the legal issues confronting small and mid-size businesses and the families who operate them.

That same year, he and his then wife welcomed their first and only child, Daniela Elizabeth Lieggi. Paul balanced family and business life—cheering his daughter on at her various sporting events, helping with homework (be it 4th grade geography or AP Language & Composition), and being an ever-playful and supportive presence in his daughter's life, all while he simultaneously built a business to sustain his family.

In 2008, he met his partner of 16 years, Beth Gaby. He loved and coveted her massive curly hair (often giggling that he wanted some for himself). He was her consummate chef. They traveled extensively, sipped wine, loved, and

laughed during those special years.

In October of 2023, Paul became Assistant General Counsel for the Holsten Companies, a real estate development team devoted to the principle that everyone deserves affordable, quality housing. Pride and excitement shone through his voice when he spoke about his latest professional endeavor.

After spending more than 40 years in the city of Chicago, he considered himself a native, although he retained the traces of an east coast accent, especially when asking for a glass of water —or as he would pronounce it, “wooder.” The son of professional chefs, he inherited his parents’ skill and love for cooking along with a repertoire of family recipes from Italy. Friends and family fondly remember the delicious meals he made. He was an avid foodie who loved finding new restaurants. He was not shy to ask chefs for their secrets or offer advice in return. In one instance, being so bold as to bring one of his favored restaurants a multi-pound container of berries he had procured from a local farmer’s market, which he was sure would complement their panna cotta dessert. Those who knew him will remember the twinkle he’d get in his eyes when he smiled or his impassioned expression of his opinions and beliefs.

Predeceased by his parents Ennio & Gina Ruberto Lieggi, brother-in-law George Martinez, sister-in-law Eileen Lieggi, and niece Kimberly Lieggi.

Paul is survived by his beloved partner Beth Gaby and daughter Daniela Elizabeth Lieggi; siblings Joseph Lieggi and wife Patricia, Ennio “JR” Lieggi, Peter Lieggi, and Anna Maria Lieggi; and nieces Michelle Lieggi, Rachel Dlabik and husband Eddie, and Alexandra Martinez.

In respect of Paul’s wishes, there will be no funeral service. You are invited to privately honor his memory in your own ways.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/96SNRLkzuK> or 1034 West Montrose Ave, Chicago, IL 60613.

For additional information, please contact rememberingpaullieggi@gmail.com.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-3959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Tribute Wall



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Pete Lieggi - April 09 at 02:25 AM



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Peter Felix John Lieggi - January 16 at 07:17 PM

ML

“ Dear Friends of Paul, and Family who may read my rants and observations,

The year is 1990 It is August Me and Mom went to Chicago to see Paul Mary Ellen and Daniella who was 1. They lived near Wrigley Field therefore it was easy They were walking up to the ballpark. No Taxi no car just me my good legs at the time seeing a ball game between the Cubs and whoever they were winning or losing to in experiencing Chicago way of life. One night me and Paul went to a game I met a girl we were both watching a little boy who was throwing up in between pitches She pointed it out to me because I thought I was the only one seeing him throw up'cause his parents sure as heck did not care And Paul said mind your own business because this is Chicago. I never got her phone number I found out she was a student from Detroit and she liked the Lions and the Tigers Shame her Lions could not beat the Bears who I think are going to the Super Bowl this year because I wanted to go see the Cubs play the Yankees in 2003 but somebody messed it up in the outfield when they interfered with a baseball such is life. While at the some ruffians were having a battle They were stupid enough to bump into me I just looked at the guy and said you're not worth my time and they would led off in handcuffs by stadium security then Chicago's finest Chicago as Frank Sinatra said was my kind of town from Michigan Avenue to the John Hancock Building to Navy Pier to Rush Street, Paul makes sure we had a good time I will forever remember Wrigley Field in Opening day and I know those days are over until me and Daniella Experience opening day is uncle to niece whenever she decides on calling. Paul had dad's recipes I hope they're in a safe place because we want to make a book about dad's recipes not me Anna!

Mr Peter Felix John Lieggi - January 15 at 11:45 AM

PL

“ Dear Paul,
August 3rd 2025 one year ago 18 hours ago Paul passed away at 3:00 AM in the city of Chicago In the land of Lincoln This Lawrence Township NJ boy breathed his last. I had been trying to figure out what to say today. I miss you Paul I miss my advocate I'll miss my liberals thinking brother who went in the battle against my conservative right brother. I missed a man who was always there legally for mom and dad, even though at times we did not agree about what should happen with them. I was not medically trained therefore I was unqualified. You died of cancer a malignant disease It took the life of someone else I know Someone who meant more to me than life itself someone mom would not have approved of. We have not heard from your daughter We have no idea We are not in the loop. And that concerns me very much that the 3rd granddaughter is being aloof. Her birthday is in 5 days She will turn 36 years young. I have no answers I deserve closure after as does all of us. I hope you're having fun with Mom and dad in heaven if you are in heaven after all you are not a practicing Catholic Whether you got last rites or not I do not know Or do I know whether you wanted them which is your prerogative. Either way you're probably getting an earful work from Mom and quite confused cause she'll start talking in Italian and ending up in English. JR has moved to Florida Anna is in Florida Rachel is in Florida Joe is Joe and Alex and me all who remained in the state of New Jersey the land of the Giants and the Jets even though they represent New York. Your Yankees suck They couldn't score a run if they had blindfolds on and we're giving a 10 run cushion. Yours knickerbockers, They couldn't win the big one and that saddens me the most that you did not get to see another New York knickerbocker Championship. Rest Well Paul I think of you daily And that's not Jennifer I hope you're at peace wherever you are. Love always your brother Peter

Pete Lieggi - August 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM

PL

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Pete Lieggi - August 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM

PL

“ Anybody here see my dear brother Paul, can you tell me where he has gone! Thought I saw him going up the hill, with Abraham, Martin, and John!

Didn't you love the way he made you feel didn't you care about his political views and one day we will see something good made of this anybody here see my dear friend Paulie I can tell you that he's gone someone said something he was going up the famous hill with Mom and Dad and Abraham Martin and John, plus Bobby!

Pete Lieggi - May 25, 2025 at 01:26 AM

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Pete Lieggi - May 25, 2025 at 01:19 AM

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Paul was the photographer, Sienna, Italy, 1998.

Pete Lieggi - May 25, 2025 at 01:20 AM

PL

“ Happy Easter Paul,

This is our first Easter without you. Mom's delicacy's that she affectionately motherly made for you and brought to Chicago are gone. The frittata you used to help Dad and George with will be handled by Anna beautifully. Dad's legendary leg of lamb with green mint, not able to be made with his grace, there's no fun in it. Ham will be there, Prime Rib dad used to cook from Dutchie, not possible, even though I immortalized him on YouTube. Mom used to make two delicious egg based delicacy's that had the ricotta from Aunt Emily Roberto and she made her own dough with flour. So many eggs that we would buy from halo farm. Rice in the pastier or was it the sausage in the Chardon. Fasting on Fridays as at three mass on good Friday and mom rested. Rest in peace Paul, Anna will do her best. It will as usual be good.

Pete Lieggi - April 16, 2025 at 10:27 PM

ML

“ As Christmas comes in the year of our Lord 2024 which would have been Paul 67th birthday at this time of year Dad used to make the calamari sauce bacala soup bacala salad and sauteed bacala he would go out of his way to buy eel live eel and smelt and scungili for Scungili's salad from P and G trading company on Ott St in Trenton or at the Crab shack on Princeton Ave in Lawrence this was daddy's favorite time of year he embodied in his children to enjoy Christmas and when Paul would come home for Christmas instead of spending it in Italy or Chicago he would help dad cook and create what no one really appreciates now the essence of family and what family means to everyone this year.

There will be no bacala no scungili no calamari no eel no nothing because no one wants to make it to carry the tradition on that is the sad part of Christmas for me this December Paul is not here Joe may make his own brand JR makes nothing my sister's too wrapped up in herself and her grandchildren have no grasp of what it means to be an Italian during this time of year that is the sad part everything the old man did to create and make is a lost art May God have mercy on our souls for not creating what the Great Master made so many times since 1947 no one can replace a father no one can replace a mother he only get one but when you forget what made Christmas special that is the saddest part of all. Paul's phone is still active I can hear his voice on the phone and I've left a message my brother is gone.

Paul was here and now is gone he left his name to carry on those who knew of knew him well those who didn't in the words of my friend Caesar Ortiz can go to hell.

Pete Lieggi

Mr Lieggi - December 11, 2024 at 04:45 AM

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Mr Lieggi - November 11, 2024 at 03:41 AM

ML

graduation, 1982!

Mr Lieggi - November 11, 2024 at 03:42 AM

NM

“ Thank you Paul for the good times. There were many: Ravinia, 4th of July fireworks, dinners, birthdays & holidays. Your risotto. Your mushroom sage pasta which was so delicious & which I could not duplicate. Thank you for doing Dad's will & POAs. You & Dad got along & he didn't get along with many people. Thank you for the beautiful Thanksgiving dinner you made for Dad when he was in rehab recovering from his stroke. His eyes got so big when he saw that dinner. I knew he was happy. Thank you for your ever present optimism, joy & smile. You are gone too soon. My deepest condolences to your family, dear friends, colleagues, neighbors & acquaintances. You will always be remembered. .



Natasha Matza - September 11, 2024 at 04:02 PM

RW

My deepest condolences 🙏

He was a great person for sure. Great smile!

Roberta Walbridge - September 12, 2024 at 08:34 PM

MM

“ Dear Daniella, Beth, and Paul's family -- We are still in shock over this terrible loss. We met Paul through a referral from our realtor in 1995, and very fortunately for us, he became our lawyer and our friend. He was such a great lawyer! So meticulous, so knowledgable, so so good at what he did. But, he was an even greater friend. He was kind, fair, funny, smart, and he had great taste, especially in wine, restaurants and the humans in his life. Dan and I will miss him so much. We extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to you all.
Peace and love,
Maria

Maria Mooshil - August 13, 2024 at 08:07 PM

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Pete Lieggi - August 11, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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Paul's Office in Chicago, a visit. August 1994.

Pete Lieggi - August 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AL

“ A few things about my brother ... he was the **ONLY** one who could call me Annie. He used to chase me around the house and when he caught me he would crack my toes. One time when I was a teenager I had hidden a joint in a cassette tape and he found it and said he told our parents but in reality he didn't say anything he just smoked it. He was the debater, the instigator, the one with the devilish grin. I wouldn't change a thing about him except the fact that I wish we got to spend more time together. I love him more than he knew and I will miss him more than my heart can bare. It will be interesting to know who gets to be you reincarnated ... what a special person that will be! I love you Paul and miss you so much!



Anna Lieggi - August 10, 2024 at 05:48 PM

TH

“ Trina Hill lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Lieggi



Trina Hill - August 09, 2024 at 10:42 AM

JH

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Jackie Taylor Holsten - August 09, 2024 at 09:47 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Jacobs And Family lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Lieggi*



Brenda Jacobs and Family - August 09, 2024 at 07:58 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Wei lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Lieggi*



Maggie Wei - August 08, 2024 at 10:50 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Wei lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Lieggi*



Maggie Wei - August 08, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MW

I was completely shocked when I heard about Paul R. Lieggi's passing. Paul was a constant presence in all our meetings, always smiling, attentive, and genuinely kind. He listened carefully to everyone, offering wise guidance and support. More than just our company attorney, Paul was a friend, a great leader, and a mentor to us all. His contributions were invaluable, and his memory will stay with us forever. May he rest in peace.

Maggie Wei - August 08, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AE

“ Although my time working with Paul was short, his impact was grand. Paul pulled out the best in me and was a great leader to learn from. An avid foodie, with the best insight on restaurants and authentic food around the city. His determination, wit, and humor were my favorite qualities of his. I will cherish my memories with him, and send love to Daniela and Beth.



Aja Evans - August 08, 2024 at 09:42 AM

JH

“ Danielle and Beth, although I only knew Paul for a moment, it was the most spectacular moment which I will always cherish. May you find comfort in the service and joy Paul brought to everyone who met him or he performed work for. His life was a gift. The Holsten companies benefited. Holsten Human Capital Development NFP benefited. Those we house and serve benefited. We are grateful.



Jackie Taylor Holsten - August 08, 2024 at 01:10 AM

JL

“ I always have fond memories of my brother. However, the one that always come to mind for me is when Paul was 5 years old. We were sitting on the front porch. Paul came up the driveway and walked right into the back end of a car. He never fell or cried just looked at the car like it got in his way. He ended up with the same scar I have under my lower lip. Paul was always determined even at 5 years old . I Love and Will Miss You. Joe and Pat

Joseph R. Lieggi - August 07, 2024 at 05:22 PM

GE

“ I reconnected with my cousin Paul via Facebook , because of hockey. We finally met after 50 years in Chicago and went to see our teams play. It was a great weekend . My deepest sympathies to the whole family.



genny - August 07, 2024 at 12:02 PM

RS

RIHP .. you have served well!

Rosette Stavrou - August 07, 2024 at 03:51 PM

PL

“ Dear Dani, Beth, and family,

Paul never got to read the book that is now live on author house.com that I had published as I finished it yesterday it was about a mom and dad plus family and restaurants. Paul is gone but the athlete he was growing up in New Jersey lives on not only was he a chef like his father and mother And uncles, but he was a great person who was fun to be with. He got dad to see many things plus mom like going to Wrigley field which I enjoyed every opening day. I can't see in the city of Chicago in the land of Lincoln. Going to Italy and experiencing what Dad and Mom used to tell us! I will never forget Paul hitting me with his slingshot Chipping my tooth and me getting back at him by pulling his chair at Joe's wedding at the Arkansas Air Force Base reception. He was mischievous. Like me but I was worse! Paul was mischievous. If you denied that you don't know Paul. He is my brother my friend my lawyer and I shall miss him very much the only one you could open up to , not get told you're crazy just delusional. Especially when I told him I wanted to go back to school he was right that is delusional at 63 in New Jersey. Rest in peace Paul rest in peace with mom and dad. Rest in peace with everyone who went before you. I hope everyone reads the book that I have written complete with recipes and pictures. Made a remember Paul because the book is now for him not for me. He was a good father, a good parent and in his younger years, a good Catholic, who is especially told a teacher get your hands off the merchandise when she put her hand on his jacket at Saint Ann's. He enjoyed going to France with NDEAG and his friends. Excellent student dad was so proud when he graduated Drew University and John Marshall law school! rest well, Paul like I always say I am here!

Love

Pete Lieggi

Peter Felix John Lieggi - August 07, 2024 at 12:00 PM