Paul Armand Dufault



JUNE 4, 2016

Paul Armand Dufault entered the presence of Jesus at age 38. His sudden death was caused by breathing problems, likely related to his asthma which he struggled with since his early childhood. While Paul lived most of his life in Calgary, his main life-work and passion for the hospitality industry took him to Vancouver British Columbia, Banff Alberta and on cruise ships in the Caribbean. He traveled across Canada working for a time in the printing industry.

Paul had an engaging, competitive and animated personality and expressed interest in a wide range of topics. These covered sports of all types, national and international politics, stand-up comedy, movies, and cooking. Most importantly, he was a fantastic dad and passed on his love for soccer to his son Maxwell. Together they surfed the internet studying dinosaurs, animals, snakes, sea creatures, and even well-known political figures. Paul had a strong creative bent when it came to organizing games for the neighbourhood children, preparing sumptuous dishes, describing wines, and mixing his special sauces. He jumped at the opportunity to cook or BBQ for his family and friends. He had a remarkable memory for interesting facts and statistics, and valued his many long-term relationships. The impact he had on all his friends and family will be lasting and deeply missed.

Paul is lovingly remembered by his partner Mariella McMahon, their son Maxwell aged 4, as well as by his parents Amay and Donald Dufault, sister Tania Dufault and her family Trevor McIvor, Madeleine McIvor and Gregor McIvor, and by Maxwell’s grandparents John and Joka McMahon and their children Peter (Jen) and Ian. He is predeceased by his brother Olivier Dufault. His many relatives in the

Dufault and McMahon extended families are grieving his sudden passing as are his admiring friends dating back to Gull Lake Bible Camp and particularly his co-workers at Murrieta and the many others he interacted with along the way in the hospitality industry.
A Memorial Service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. June 17, 2016 at the Bow Valley Christian Church, 5300 53 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T3A 2G8 Phone:(403) 286-5300.
If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in support of asthma to the Alberta Children’s Hospital, naming Paul Dufault or the Asthma Clinic in the donation form.

Messages of Condolence

This is a loving and thoughtful obituary for Paul. He will be missed.
I wish you peace and strength now, and in the days to come. Much love.

— Claire

What a wonderful man he was. We are sorry to hear of your sudden loss and think of you as you grieve.

— Esther

So sorry to hear of Paul's sudden passing. My prayers are with you, Amay & Don. God bless you all. from Heather Z

— Heather Z

Praise the Lord that Paul is in the loving arms of Jesus

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matt 5:4

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 1 Thes 4:13

We are comforted to know that Paul is with the Lord.

Praise God who comforts us in our sorrow.

— Bev and Tom McLaughlin

What a privilege it was for us to spend a week with Paul this past April.
His love for Maxwell was indeed special. The two of them were so in sync. It was amazing. They cooked together, played together, danced together, worked together. Everything was a new adventure and learning experience. The trust and closeness they shared was a rare gift. We were blessed watching them interact at such a deep level.

— Bob and Marleen Bahr

Dear Don and Amay ~ so very sorry to hear this sad news and am holding all of your family in my heart and prayers.

Many Blessings, Hugs and Love,
Sharon

— Sharon Bell

Don, Amay and Tania, and the rest of the family, I am so saddened by this unexpected news. Sitting in silence and sorrow and praising God that Paul knew Jesus. I am so sorry.

Beth McLean Wiest

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Amay and Don, I am so sorry to hear of the devastating loss of your son Paul; my heart aches for you.
How I pray the comfort and help only God can give, all of you held in His arms.
Much love and prayers,
Jan

— Jan Gilbertson

Dear Amay and Family. I am so sorry to learn about your loss. I never met Paul but he sounds like an amazing person. May his soul rest in peace and may you all find comfort in God's Love. I'm praying for you. Blessings. Justyna Couto

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What a beautiful tribute to Paul. We carry you with love in our hearts and prayers.

— Summer Robertson

Speechless, busted-up, reeling to hear about the loss of your son Paul, my thoughts & prayers are with you & family

— Susan Cameron

Dear Don and Amay,
Your sadness must be intense, your grief immobilizing at times. I will hold you and your family in prayer this week. Regretfully, I am unable to attend the service on the 17th. I know it will be a beautiful tribute to God's love which was so clearly manifest in Paul. God bless you with moments of peace as you journey through the coming weeks and months.

— Carolyn Herold

Life is so unpredictable. So sorry.

— Irène Loire-Maillard and Roger Dutton

Dear Amay, Don and family,
Deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved son, Paul. Every moment is so precious. May the memories of him bring you comfort, and a smile to your heart as you remember him. May the thought of him safely in the arms of Jesus, wrap you in a warm blanket of his love.

— Donna Kemper

Mariella and Max, we're so sorry for your loss. Paul sounds like he was an amazing dad and all of his best qualities are sure to live on in your adorable son. Our thoughts are with you, and we send you all our love. Nicole and Geoff

— Nicole, Geoff and family

My heart goes out to your family & those closest to Paul. Paul was a dear friend of mine for 15 or so years & I cherished his bluntness, optimism, and forever drive. Will never be forgotten.

— Karla Schultz

Dear Don and Amay, our deepest sympathies to you both on the loss of Paul. You are in our prayers

— Dave and Peggy Gowing

Dear Don and Amay - Paul was a most special person, always jovial he is leaving a very big footprint in all our lives. LOVE.PEACE. Gisele and Steve

— Gisele and Steve

The shadow in the valley of the death of a son or daughter is particularly dark and so Don and Amay we hold you, oh so close, as you live through these days. May you keenly feel the presence of our loving Father. We did not know Paul but from the obituary he was a wonderful person. We pray for Maxwell at the loss of this very special father.

— David and Evelyn Stiller

Living so far apart, I'm so glad for the brief moments we were able to share in this life, those fun experiences will continue to live on in my heart and memories. Wishing comfort and peace in the knowledge that Paul is with God and offering prayers for those who will miss this wonderful dynamic man and loving father.

— Kyle Pallanik

Dear Amay & Don,
I am so saddened by your terrible loss. Sending condolences & love from our family,
Mimi, Jennifer & Leslie

— Mimi Collette

Chers Amy et Don,

Je suis bouleversée par le décès de votre enfant Paul. Je vous adresse des pensées de consolation et de courage.
Avec tendresse,
Gisèle Fraser

— gisele fraser

No words can express How sorry we are, Don and Amay. The
God of all comfort is with you during this time. Our deepest condolences.

— David and Robyn Peat

My heart is so sad for your loss, I knew Tania and Paul from Gull Lake Baptist camp many years ago. Know that your whole family has been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Pauls passing. My the Lords love surround and comfort you during this time.

— Kym Penner

Dear Amay & Don, My deepest sympathy in the sudden passing of Paul. You were the best parents ... I am witness to your devotion & love. May he rest in peace. God give you peace also at this time. Much love, always.

— Gilda Joan Rachael Patterson

I barely know what to say - my heart is so saddened for you and family. Such a lovely tribute you shared..There's no doubt you loved him very well! You can be assured you are in my prayers and my knowledge of the Lord assures me that He will be faithfully with you as you grieve!

— Irene Stauffer

Dear Don and Amay - My heart is filled with sadness since Carol Prowse has let me know of Paul's sudden passing. You are in my prayers. Much love. Dominique

— Dominique Machefert

Dear Amay & Don,
We are deeply saddened for the loss of your beloved Paul. We know he was a wonderful human
Being who had a great sense of humor among many more attributes.
We know he is with our Lord .
We will be here for the days to come when you need your friends.
Love you both & your dear family
God Bless
Vic & Marj

— Marj & Vic Reykdal

My deepest condolences to the family..
Paul and I worked together and I don't know if I've ever had a better partner on the restaurant floor.
We shared many parties and kept each other laughing so hard to believe he's gone..
Take care Family and friends

— Michael Conboy

Don, Amay and Tania,

My deepest condolences on the sudden loss of Paul. I have fond memories of growing up with Paul at church, youth group and Gull Lake Baptist Camp. Praying for God's love and comfort to carry you through this time of sadness and grieving.

Jill Petkau (Augustin)

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Dear Tania and family,

I'm so sorry that you have lost your precious brother. He sounds like such a beautiful human being, who made this world a better place. May precious memories of him comfort you, and help you navigate your way now, with him held closely in your heart. My heart grieves for you all.

— Debbie

Words cannot begin to express our sorrow for your loss. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. You and your family are in our prayers.

— Frances and John Taillon

Dear Don and Amay: what a beautiful memorial! Paul is now in the presence of God in a place so beautiful, it makes everywhere on earth seem dull. He may have been here for just a short while, but the family he was blessed with in you both and in Tanya, Max and Mariella enabled him to experience more love than most people could hope for in a lifetime. While we cannot be there on Friday, know that we love you very much and continue to hold you up in prayer.

— Dele and Arike Davies

Amay, Don and family
Our deepest sympathy in the sudden passing of Paul. We are truly sorry for your loss. May God our Heavenly Father wrap His great arms of love around you and comfort you during this difficult time.

— Paul & Barb Augustin

Amay,Don, Mariella, Maxwell and Tania,
Although I did not meet Paul, my heart feels the intensity of brokenness and grief your family must feel at this sudden passing of your beloved son, partner, father and brother. May God lead you to still waters to restore your soul, while you feel the embrace of The Father, Son and Holy Spirit encompassing you all with His Grace and everlasting love, not withstanding that particular peace that passes understanding surrounding you and cushioning your steps forward. The body aches, but the soul rejoices as we focus on the eternal glory of our Hope and His Kingdom come. Keeping you in prayer, & I pray for dreams that comfort ...especially Maxwell, that Jesus will give sweet dreams to his heart of his dearly loved father. In deepest Sympathy for your loss, Julie

— Julie Stillwell

Dear Amay and Don. We were shocked and saddened to hear of Paul's sudden death. May the God of all comfort be very near to you at this time. May His presence enfold you in His arms of love as you grieve the loss of your precious son. Much love Arlene and Lutz

— Arlene and Lutz

I can't imagine the grief you as Paul's family are experiencing following his untimely passing. I'm so encouraged by the knowledge that you are a family of faith and will discover that as you reach out to our Lord that He will be very present to comfort and will gradually bring some healing to your broken hearts. Your very much in my prayers!

— Irene Stauffer

Dear Don, Amay and family--our sincerest condolences--thank you to Doug Blair who passed along this tragic and heartbreaking news only yesterday. Joanne and I have enjoyed being served by Paul on several occasions at various locations in Calgary and Banff--it was always enjoyable with Paul always smiling and having great discussions of course mainly revolving around our past association with both of you. Paul lives on with the presence of little Maxwell--I know you will cherish every moment you have with him.
Love Joanne and David

— David and Joanne Chalack

Dear Amay and Don,
I was shocked to hear of the sudden death of your son. We as parents never expect that our children will die before we do. My heart goes out to you and the other members of his family. Your faith will help in the long grieving process and times when you miss him but I know the loss will still hurt. May you be comforted by God's presence and good memories of your times with your son.
Many Blessings,
Pauline Loretta

— Pauline Hoskin

We are stunned to learn in early September of Paul's passing. Our hope is that the many happy memories of this wonderful young man will anchor and buoy you all in months and years to come.

— Tim and Joyce Callaway

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