



## Paul Eric Tobias

March 16, 1955 - May 16, 2022

Paul Eric Tobias, age 67, passed away at home on May 16, 2022. Born March 16, 1955, in Indianapolis, IN, Paul was the fifth of seven children of Robert and Trudy Tobias. In 1964, Paul and his family traveled to Europe via ship crossing and spent a memorable six months during his father's sabbatical in Athens, Greece. Paul and his siblings attended the American School there, built kites and makeshift toys with the local children, and developed a taste for Greek foods and customs. Six blonde children in a Volkswagen bus created quite a local stir, and he often reminisced about those meaningful times together. He graduated from Bradford High School in Kenosha and attended UW Parkside. Paul married Lena Rogers in 1987; their two children Lindsay and Eric were the light of his life.

A gifted artist, he forged a long career as a graphic designer. Paul loved the outdoors and was a lifelong sailor; his second family was at Racine Yacht Club, where "PT" was at the center of camaraderie, sailing competition, and logo design. Paul will be remembered for his friendship and racing success aboard his S2 7.9 sailboat, Liaison, including many double-handed races with his son, Eric. Paul could always be found laughing or smiling. He was humble and soft-spoken, a great sportsman, and made many friends wherever he went along the distance race of life.

For the past 14 years, Paul enjoyed spending time with his partner Kari Kittermaster. Paul and Kari shared a mutual love of the great outdoors. Trips to Kari's place on Gloucester Pool, on the Trent Severn Waterway in Ontario,

or Stoneridge, Paul's sister Annie and husband Jim's camp in northern Wisconsin, were summer favorites. Camp coffee, all forms of boating, and gathering around the campfire with family and friends were just a few of the pleasures that Paul and Kari looked forward to each year. Paul also loved to spend time with his children and grandson, Lowell (1). Paul's face would light up every time he saw Lowell and he was especially delighted to recently witness Lowell learning to crawl.

He is survived by his two children, Eric Tobias of Milwaukee, WI, and Lindsay Tobias (Jordan Nelson) and his grandson Lowell Tobias of Lakewood, OH, along with sisters, Kathryn Tobias of Cheverly, MD, Anne (James) Tobias-Becker of De Pere, WI, and brothers, Jan David (Joy) Tobias of Waynesboro, VA, Mark Tobias (June Bauer) of Franktown, CO, and multiple nieces, nephews, cousins, and a large loving family of friends who will miss him dearly. In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his infant older sister, Carol Lyn and younger brother Philip James.

A private family service will be held Sunday, May 29, followed by a public Celebration of Life at Racine Yacht Club at 3:00 pm. Memorial donations can be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha Counties, where Paul enjoyed teaching children from the organization about sailing and brought them out on his boat each summer for a maritime adventure. Donations can be made at [beabignow.org](http://beabignow.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Racine Yacht Club  
1 Barker Street  
Racine, WI 53402

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Eric Tobias*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - May 28, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Paul Eric Tobias*

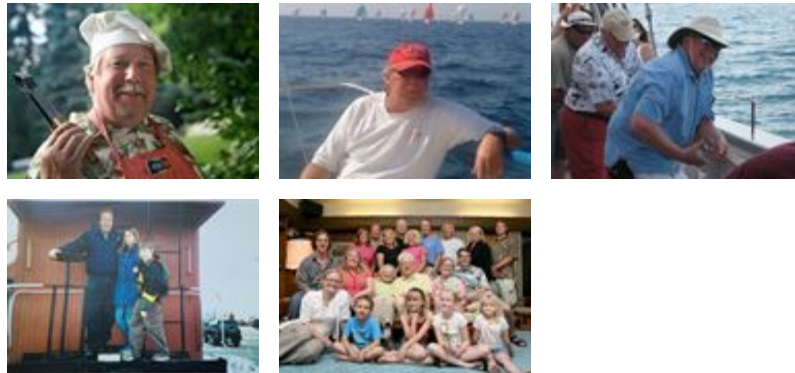


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**Sturino Funeral Home** - May 23, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ 402 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - May 28, 2022 at 10:24 AM

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“ *I worked with Paul in the late 80s and 90s, and he was ever a joy to be around. Cheerful, smiling and kind, he was a friend to all his co-workers. I remember laughing a lot throughout those years—a needed balm when faced with stressful business situations. Paul was always ready to help if called upon, which he did willingly and with characteristic humor. Hearing about his leaving us was a shock, and the world will have lost a positive light source. He will be greatly missed. -Sally Miller*

Sally Miller - May 26, 2022 at 11:11 AM

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“ *Sam, Bette, Rhea purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul Eric Tobias.*



Sam, Bette, Rhea - May 26, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Paul Eric Tobias.*



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May 23, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Paul's family. I was a 1973 classmate of Paul's at Bradford and I remember him as a great guy. So sorry for your loss. - Mike Hoeft, Oneida, WI*

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**Mike Hoeft** - May 23, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories of Paul*



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**Margaret Langlands** - May 23, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Paul and I met in college, a sculpture class, I think!! Paul brought skiing to my life, thank you Paul for your patience and teaching!! I've grown to love Brussels sprouts, in spite of you!  
Thank you for sharing many adventures with me, I will miss your sailing posts!! God bless you and keep you and be with Paul's family and Kerri. I'll see you later in heaven!!*

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**Carley Christian Celani** - May 22, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Eric Tobias.*



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May 21, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear of Paul's passing. We rode the school bus together from the time we were 12 years old to high school graduation. Always a smile, kind, soft spoken and great to talk to. We stayed in touch over the years at reunions then on facebook. It was great to see his adventures and successes of his children and birth of his grandson. He shared the projects he was working on and was always busy doing something challenging or enjoyable. I am sure he will be missed by family, friends and classmates. So glad I had the chance to know you for 55 years my friend.....sail in peace.*

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**Kris Winzer Miller Bradford Class of '73** - May 21, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Memories of Paul*



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**Lindsay Tobias** - May 21, 2022 at 12:39 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album *Memories of Paul*



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**Lindsay Tobias** - May 21, 2022 at 12:36 PM