



Paul G. Maheux

May 23, 1963 - June 29, 2018

Turner- Paul G. Maheux, 55, of Turner, passed away at his home on June 29, 2018.

Born in Lewiston, Paul was the second child of Raymond and Carmel Maheux. He graduated from Edward Little High School in 1981 and eventually earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from USM, a Master's Degree in Social Work from UNE, and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Muskie School.

Paul enjoyed photography, reading, traveling, immersing himself in technology, volunteering his time with 'tech support' and tax preparation, eating sushi, and finding new things to be curious about.

Paul's natural curiosity resulted in a broad range of interests. This was developed early in life when he spent hours taking electronics apart and putting them back together, teaching himself basic wiring, carpentry, and plumbing along the way. He helped family adapt to new technology from VCRs to iPhones. Much of his childhood was spent at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn. Like the title character in his favorite book, *The Little Prince*, Paul took these lessons with him and continued applying them to other parts of his life. His resilience and spirituality were challenged after being diagnosed with cancer at age 18. While Paul survived Ewing's Sarcoma, he lived with health complications related to the cancer and the treatment for the remainder of his life. He noted that an oncology social worker and the staff of Ronald McDonald House were instrumental in teaching him lessons in kindness. Thus began his journey of exploring Buddhist philosophy and giving back by becoming a social worker.

After brief stints in local factories and retail to put himself through school, Paul began his social work career as a caseworker for the State of Maine as well as local agencies. His early career focused on foster care and adoption services. He enjoyed direct service but his skills were needed at management level. Paul eventually decided that while he enjoyed helping individuals and families directly, he wanted to make a broader contribution to bettering people's lives. This led him to public policy and the State of Maine DHHS where he advocated for and developed policies supporting evidenced-based treatment. Paul's life was marked by acts of generosity and kindness and he was intuitive about what people needed before they asked or knew they needed it. He honed these skills with the Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees as a young adult. Paul's generosity of spirit and kindness was

spread to family, friends and co-workers. He was always happy to share a laugh or find someone to make him laugh. He had a sense of humor that was witty, cerebral, and irreverent. When not sharing a belly laugh, Paul almost always had a smile.

Survivors include partner, Sean Douglas of Turner; sister, Lucille Maheux of Lewiston; brother, David Maheux of Auburn; niece, Mackenzie Maheux; nephew, Carter Douglas; and dear friend, David Desrochers. He is survived by extended family of choice including Claire Grenier, Marie Roy, Suzanne and Dave Albright. Paul also leaves many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com.

NOTICE

Maheux- Died in Turner on Friday, June 29, 2018. Mr. Paul G. age 55 a resident of Turner. A memorial service honoring Paul's life will be celebrated on Sunday at 1:00 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Ronald McDonald House, 250 Brackett St. Portland, ME 04102; Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240; or perform a selfless act of kindness in memory of Paul. In the spirit of Paul, casual attire for the memorial is encouraged. A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM prior to the service at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

JUL **Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



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Sean - June 29, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ I've been thinking a lot about Paul as I started work last month at DHHS in his former department. Life works in mysterious, circular ways. Paul and I were coworkers at Casey back in the day and I like to think we were friends. Paul also knew my husband, Todd, as he took over my husband's caseload when Todd left child protective services and so we all intersected, as only we in Maine can.

We laughed a lot, especially about our various French-isms (both being Lewiston-area Francos), our crazy jobs, and his love of those “Rudolph” stop-action characters (“Bumbles bounce!”). We lost touch as I changed jobs and then eventually moved out of state. I hoped we could reconnect in Maine's small social work world when I moved back and I was shocked and so, so sad to hear of Paul's passing weeks after the fact. I would have loved to come to pay my respects to Sean and family. He was a fantastic social worker, clinician, advocate, and friend. I am so sad we can't work together again and laugh over the most random things, but mostly I am sad that those he loved most are without him. I admired him so much. I hope in some small way I can finish some of the wonderful, important work he started here at DHHS.

Amy Drake Beaulieu

Amy Beaulieu - May 29, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ ANDRE GRIMARD lit a candle in memory of Paul G. Maheux



ANDRE GRIMARD - September 14, 2018 at 01:50 AM



“ Met Paul 3 years ago when I visited Sean and him with my wife and kids. We all felt the generosity, humour and love that came from Paul. Even though we only saw Paul shortly and it was the first time, his company stands out in our minds with joy and fun. Hanne, Johannes, Ellen, Karen and Jesper Fjord from Denmark's sends our best wishes for Sean and all other that now are missing a key figure in their lives. Hugs and thoughts!



Jesper Fjord - July 09, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ Wish that I could attend the wake & funeral service, I really wanted to meet you all to give my sincere sympathy. What a time we had, I remember bring him and your Mom to Dana Faber when your Dad had to work, we thought that it was going to be a day trip bring no clothing or stuff to clean in the morning, but we ended up at Ronald McDonald house, we spent the night, had to share a bed with him, I knew that it was cancer on his spinal cords, so I was very still all night. Even at that point in his life, his smile made it all possible for us all. What a great man he turned out to be, by this experience he understood and needed to care of other people/ To Lucille, David his special partner, I pray that you can find peace in your hearts, I know that is what Paul would want. Love you All. Hope to be seeing you soon. I have had a Mass said at Sacred Heart for Paul, and my Divine Mercy Chaplet was said for him also. Love Roland.

Roland Bergeron - July 08, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ Got together with Paul last September when he was in Portland for a dentist appointment. Bought him lunch at Subway and we ate out on my porch as we shared memories, got caught up on each others lives, and he helped me finally learn to navigate an iphone. (Just recently I started to text, but never got to show my new skill off to my old friend from Casey Family Services days). When he left my home that day, Paul said we'd have to do this again soon and "next time lunch is on me". Damn it Paul, you owe me a lunch & you picked a terrible way to get out of it! Perhaps we'll catch up with one another in Guam at a Dougie MacLean concert.

I'll never forget that smile & your spirit,
Owen M. O'Donnell

Owen M. O'Donnell - July 07, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul G. Maheux.



July 07, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ I worked with Paul in the volunteer tax program in Lewiston for several years. He was a Saturday "regular", a very warm kind man who helped so many taxpayers during his year's of service. I am shocked at his passing, and so privileged to have known him.

Carole Ressler - July 06, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ I met Paul at CLT years ago. We did a show together. He was so kind, always concerned that everyone felt positive about their roles.

Trying to activate more memories about this...



Toby Haber - July 06, 2018 at 06:52 AM



“ Paul was one of the kindest people I have ever met. He emitted a light and kindness from within that was infectious to everyone around him. His heart was open to friends, family, and the families lives he touched through his work. I shall feel forever blessed that I knew him during his brief time on earth. Fly high friend - an angel on earth has now returned home.

Jocelyn French - July 04, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Paul was a light in this in world he was kind, compassionate, intelligent and funny. His spirit will live on however his physical, emotional and in the moment spirit will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate to have crossed paths with. In deepest sympathy.

Karen Repasky - July 04, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul G. Maheux.



July 04, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Paul, your presence was so lovely, your spirit so alive and kind. All of us who knew you were made better by knowing you. You were a bouquet of love and intelligence.
Pam Smith

Pam Smith - July 04, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ When Paul started working at Central Office in the Office of Child and Family Services, he was already known as a well-respected colleague in the field of child welfare. We knew him to be professional in demeanor and empathetic toward others. His work on important policies was consistently thoroughly researched and presented with clear and straightforward articulation. I had the privilege of serving on some policy and practice-writing committees in which Paul was assigned a leadership role. Although the work tasks were often challenging, Paul facilitated meetings with grace, humor, and a willingness to listen to conflicting opinions. His good will led to others following his example and joining together to produce an outcome upon which we could all agree. He will forever be remembered with a broad welcoming smile spreading across his friendly face. -Linda Brissette, Co-Worker at DHHS

Linda Brissette - July 03, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Earnestly consider!
The coming and going of life and death
is like the changing of hot and cold,
summer and winter.
Their coming and going is like a bolt of lightening
striking through the empty sky;
their passing is like waves disappearing into the great ocean.

Paul G. Maheux
on June 29, 2018

the karmic bonds that held you to this existence were exhausted
and your great life suddenly came to an end.
We heartily pray that you bloom like a flower of wisdom
in the garden of enlightenment;
like ripples lapping the beach of Truth.
Realizing the transience of all worldly things,
enter Nirvana with joy!
(A Buddhist memorial service chant)

Thank you for all you gave and clearly continue to give through your example, Paul.

Shaun Taudvin

Shaun Taudvin - July 03, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ I am so very sad about this news. Paul was such a ray of sunshine and hope for all.
Kind, compassionate, peaceful are just a few words I would use to describe Paul. I
am going to miss him. He listened to people, really listened. I wish peace to his
partner and family. Until we met again Paul....

Trish Niedorowski - July 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Paul's smile and laugh will be a part of my memory forever. I was blessed to have
known Paul during the years we worked together at Casey Family Services. My
condolences to his family.

Linda Treworgy

Linda Treworgy - July 03, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ Paul was a source of joy. It was always fun to be in his company. Although I did not work directly with Paul, we were denizens of the same floor in our office building so we had many opportunities to chat and share stories. Paul was unique in his sense of fun, his gentleness and his humanity. I felt fortunate to have known Paul even for a brief time. He will be missed.
Kate Carnes

Kate Carnes - July 03, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Dear Paul,
I will always remember your kind and gentle ways. Even when delivering difficult news you were able to bring compassion and understanding. Know that you will be missed and that our state will be without one of their most valuable assets.
Rest well my friend,
Catherine Ryder

Catherine Ryder - July 03, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Having worked with Paul for several years at Casey Family Services in Portland, I will always remember him for his contagious sense of humor and kindness. Many's the day we shared stories around the lunch table, and I often laughed so hard I cried. This was especially true as he recounted his ongoing battles with a gang of voracious and dilligent beavers who were hellbent on appropriating his precious birch trees! He even caught them on camera making off with them, one at a time. Oh, how we laughed! Paul will be sorely missed, but I have no doubt that, like the Little Prince, he is somewhere among the stars, laughing...

Ellen Kornetsky

Ellen Kornetsky - July 03, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ OMG... I loved the beaver story! So many fun times of riotous laughter and naughty giggles.

Steph - July 03, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Paul and I crossed paths with each other at various times throughout our careers. Somewhere about 20 years ago, give or take a year or two, Paul and I were in Toronto together for a conference. While we were playing hooky from the training we ran into the filming of a movie called something like "Daddies day out". We ended up joining the extras for the filming and walked a back and forth a bunch of times thinking how awesome it was. Paul ended up being in the movie and years later when we crossed paths at Casey he shared that he had a copy of it...up for an adventure and always with a clever joke!

Kate Stawarz - July 03, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ Paul, wherever you are please take care of all the little ones with skeezers and give them lots of peanut butter balls. Love you and will miss so much keep laughing ! Claire

Claire - July 04, 2018 at 06:40 PM