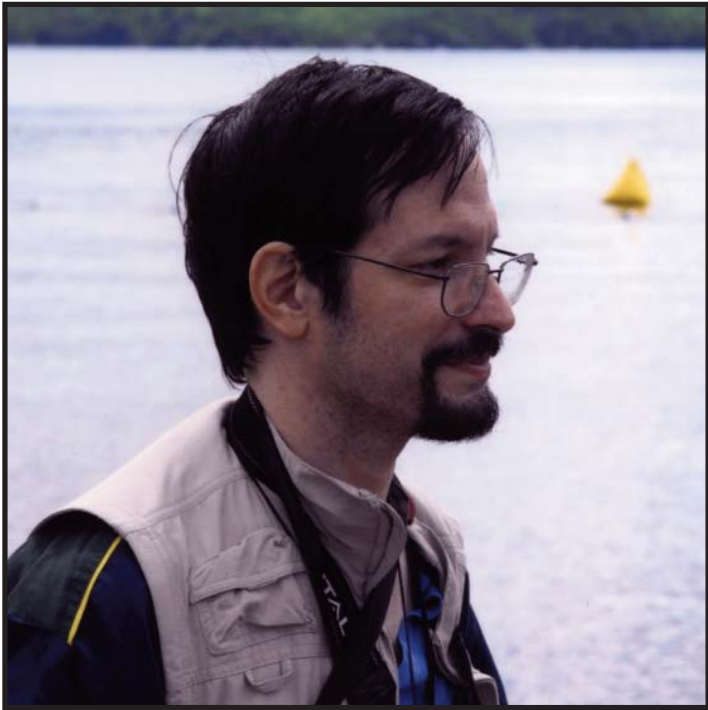


PAUL E. FORTOUL

April 20, 1958 - December 8, 2007

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 1:30 PM
Fieldston High School, Bronx, NY

Paul Eric Fortoul was born in New York City on April 20, 1958. He grew up in Washington Heights where he lived most of his life. His intelligence was evident at a young age. He excelled in math and science with a particular interest in computers and astronomy. He attended the Bronx High School of Science and was on the school's math team and was a member of New York City's Math Team participating in regional competitions. Paul attended the City College of New York (CCNY), majoring in Computer Science. He worked for many years at CCNY's computer center starting as a student volunteer and later became a lead systems programmer. He was active in IBM's VM operating system community.

At CCNY, he joined the swim team that led to his lifelong involvement in many aspects of swimming. His most significant role was as a swim coach of age group, high school and masters swimmers. His involvement in swimming also included competing in distance freestyle and butterfly events, teaching children, running swim meets (including timing system setup and administration), officiating at meets and actively participating in local and national organizations. He was co-meet director of swimming at the 1994 Gay Games in New York. Most recently, he was swim coach at Fieldston High School and a masters swim coach at Asphalt Green.

Besides his passions for swimming and computers, he avidly followed politics and current events. He loved to read; Isaac Asimov was a favorite author. He also enjoyed vacationing at Lake George with family and relished his role as an uncle to Jamie (age 11) and Nora (age 9).

Paul died on December 8, 2007, from an aggressive type of kidney cancer that had already metastasized when it was first diagnosed in September. He is survived by his parents, Selma and Jose Fortoul, his sister Karen Fortoul, sister-in-law Kate Goodale, nephew Jamie Fortoul, niece Nora Fortoul, as well as cousins, an aunt and an uncle.

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1958 - 2007

Prelude

Stephen Benson on guitar

Opening Remarks

Len Galluzzi *Friend, age group swim coach*

Karen Fortoul *Paul's sister*

Marcelino ("Marce") Rodriguez *CCNY swim coach, 1974-1988*

Song

"Sailing Down My Golden River" *by Pete Seeger - Pete Seeger recording*

Roy Geronemus *Asphalt Green masters swimmer*

Rachel Feinberg *Fieldston High School swim team, Class of 2009*

Song

"Everything Possible" *by Fred Small - The Flirtations recording*

Charles Carson *Team New York Aquatics and Gay Games*

Jane Alpert and Foster de Jesus *Founders of Red Tide masters
swim team*

Song

"Turn, Turn, Turn" *by Pete Seeger - Stephen Benson on guitar*

Remembrances

Anyone is welcome to share his or her own brief memories of Paul.

Closing Remarks

Len Galluzzi

Postlude

"Good Night, Irene" *by Leadbelly - recording followed by
Stephen Benson on guitar*

Thank You

We, the Fortoul family, wish to thank all those who have shown their support through cards, notes, e-mails and calls. This support has provided comfort to us during these difficult times. We would like to thank Fieldston High School for generously hosting this memorial service. We would also like to thank Paul's friends at Asphalt Green for their generosity in assisting with preparations for the memorial service. In addition, we thank the various masters swimmers from TNYA and other teams in the swimming community for their assistance.

Donations

If you would like to make a donation in Paul's memory, please make a contribution to one of the following:

Fieldston High School – A record board dedicated to Paul will be installed at the school's swimming pool. Please make checks payable to: "Ethical Culture Fieldston School", ("Paul Fortoul Swim Fund" on the memo line) and mail to: E.C.F.S. Development Office, 33 Central Park West, New York, NY 10023

Asphalt Green Waterproofing – a free program to teach public school children how to swim. Please make checks payable to "Asphalt Green Waterproofing", ("In memory of Paul Fortoul" on the memo line) and mail to: Molly Honigsfeld, Director of Development, Asphalt Green, 555 E. 90 St., New York, NY 10128

Or, you may make a donation in Paul's memory to a charity of your choice that would be meaningful to Paul, such as **Team New York Aquatics** or **The Bronx High School of Science**. More information is available on the web page below.

Paul Fortoul Memorial Web Page

<http://kfortoul.home.comcast.net/paul/>