



Paul William Kyllonen

November 29, 1961 - May 30, 2026

Paul Kyllonen (age 64) of Crystal, MN passed away peacefully on May 30 after a 25-year battle with Parkinson's. Born to Charles and Nancy Kyllonen on November 29, 1961. He was a loving son, brother and friend. After graduating from Armstrong HS, Paul got a degree in Statistics & Computer Science from the U of M. He worked as an engineer for Honeywell for 9 years and then pivoted to education. Paul student-taught in Sells, AZ where most of his students were Native Americans. He then taught math at Sheridan Middle School in NE Mpls for 8 years.

As a tireless adventurer, he ran 9 marathons, dog sledged in northern MN, took countless boundary waters trips with friends, organized and played on men's league hockey, bandy, softball and volleyball teams. He also played golf, pickleball, raced mountain bikes, downhill skied, cross country skied, cycled across Europe (running the Helsinki marathon in the midst of the bike tour). Paul was extremely proud of his Finnish heritage.

After being diagnosed with Parkinson disease at age 39 he never lost his adventurous spirit. He loved watching his niece and nephew's events. He was a fixture at Minneapolis hockey rinks, Highland baseball fields, and St. Paul soccer fields. He loved traveling to see friends in California to golf and spend time watching their kid's events. He was a sharp Scrabble & card player. He also loved Catan, Ticket to Ride and cribbage.

Paul is survived by his mother, Nancy; sister Sarah (Neal); brother Erick (Jen); three nephews; Asher, Levi, Owen and niece Lilah and so many other family

members, teammates, and friends. He will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm on June 4th at Glen Haven Funeral Chapel 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN. His funeral will be at the Finnish Apostolic Church 9401 Bataan St NE, Blaine on June 5th at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Apostolic Lutheran Church
9401 Bataan St. NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great friend to so many people. Such wonderful memories. U of M, Honeywell, softball, Marengo, Gopher Hockey Tickets, No Stars, Mountain biking, river bottoms, Moab, Breckenridge, Arizona reservation, NORBA, Crystal Frolics, Kansas City, fall league.... Kyller was the center of it all and the magnet that brought us all together. He was just a wonderful person that I got to share time with at such a joyful part of our lives. Rest in peace my good friend.*

Brian Matye - Yesterday at 10:28 PM