



Paul Martinson

March 8, 2012

Martinson, Paul Nelson Age 71, of Minneapolis, MN. Born December 6, 1940, passed away peacefully March 6, 2012. Preceded in death by parents, Alvin and Mary Beth Martinson, and brother, Forbes. Survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Susan; children, Daniel (Heidi), Kristine Schulte (Troy), and Karin Martinson; grandchildren, Noah, Jack and Ella Martinson and Abbigail and McKenna Schulte; siblings, Sue Ann Martinson, David Martinson, and Bruce Martinson. Paul was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from Washburn High School and the University of Minnesota. The Martinsons were a musical family. He participated in school and church choirs, as well as being a member of the "Continental" quartet at Washburn. Paul was well known in the local film and music industry. He was a Recording Engineer for his entire career, working in music and film production with Empire Photosound, Sound 80, Bajus Jones Film Corporation, and as a partner in 74th Street Recording Studio. Paul enjoyed spending time with his family at home and at "The Cabin" in Wisconsin...building decks, chopping wood, and hanging out at the lake. Watching his grandkids play soccer and baseball were always a weekend activity. Visitation will be 5-7 pm on Sunday, March 11 at Washburn-McReavy, Edina, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Service will be held at 11 am on Monday, March 12, at Mount Olivet Church, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South in Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to Mount Olivet Church Radio Ministry or donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ I had the privilege of knowing Paul from Fuller Grade School through Washburn High School. Even though our paths took a different direction after high school we did meet on occasionally as his Wisconsin cabin was near where my folks retired. Paul will be missed. He represented the best of humanity. He excelled in sports, academics, music but most of all in the way he related to others. My deepest sympathy to his wife Sue and their children, Paul will be missed. Dick and Janet Monson, McPherson, Kansas

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Richard Monson,

McPherson, Kansas

Richard Monson - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul, You will be missed. I know the entire old Trail Mix Crew always appreciated your insight, wisdom and humor. You left so soon. Be well my friend...Mike Michel

March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sue and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We want to express our deepest sympathies. Larry and Kathy Gray*

March 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I've been privileged to know Paul, Sue and their family for more than 30 years, as neighbors whose graciousness and kindness is one of the blessings of my life. Paul always had a word of cheer, a smile to share, or a much-appreciated piece of advice about tree maintenance, home repair, or the right day and way to wash one's car or string one's outdoor lights. Then came the day when our kids, as teenagers, realized that Paul was ALSO a recording engineer who'd worked with musicians they admired. He talked "over the fence" to them about his work with joy and inspiring energy, urging them to pursue work they loved. I will miss him in a most particular way. My deepest sympathies to all the members of the Martinson family. What a fine man he was.

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Patricia Francisco,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Patricia Francisco - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I worked with Paul both as a musician, and later as a film producer. He was a great and funny guy who always had a smile. Paul cared about the music he recorded, and the people that he worked with. To Paul's family My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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Peter Lang,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Peter Lang - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I was blessed to know and work with Paul, one of the kindest, warm people I've ever known. Paul truly had a gift which enriched the lives of all who had the pleasure of working with him. Thanks for the giggles in the studio Paul, the short mic set up on the floor so I could reach...you are a good friend and I will miss you. My thoughts and prayers are with his family right now. I'll catch up with you later my friend. Lisa Savoie

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Lisa Savoie,

Excelsior, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lisa Savoie - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sue, Whenever I worked with Paul on a project that headed in the wrong direction, he came up with a way to save it. His mastery of the recording console, his inventive mind, his sense of humor made each session an experience. And, as if the above isn't enough, he had perfect pitch! What a guy. He will be missed. Love and sympathy.

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Don and Bev Bajus,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Don and Bev Bajus - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Paul at Bajus-Jones and also worked with him at 74th Street. He was a gifted engineer who improved everything he worked on, and he was a wonderful, kind person. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to Paul's family.*

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Kay Jurkovich

Contact Me

March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Sue, When I stop to think about the combined number of years I have known you and Paul, it adds up to more than 110 years. Paul has left such a wonderful legacy not only to his family and friends, but to the music world as well. I wish you all my most sincere sympathy and want you to know... I share your loss as well.

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Carol Bell,

Edina,, Minnesota

Carol Bell - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I want to thank you all for the many happy memories I have of your family and of Paul. Paul's spirit lives on with all of you. His patience, kindness, gentle demeanor and love of his family made him such a special person. I am very lucky to have known him and to have so many wonderful memories of your family: trips to Florida, my first airplane ride, and a gaggle of girls getting carted around in the subaru driven by Sue and Paul. My thoughts are with all of you.

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Meghan Townsend Van Someren,

Minneapolis

Contact Me

Meghan Townsend Van Someren - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My wife Diana and I send our deepest sympathy to Paul's entire family at this difficult time. Paul was such a wonderful man...always friendly, encouraging, humble, and kind, and willing to share his incredible musical and technical gifts. What a blessing he was to all of us who knew him. He was a superb mentor and all that we learned from him, we carry on in our lives. I first got to know Paul at 74th Street Recording Studio and through my work with Richard Jamieson at Jamieson & Associates. Subsequently, Diana and I, along with Jim May, worked with Paul on several Neil A. Kjos Music Company projects at 74th St., Bajus-Jones, and TrailMix. It was always a joy and honor to have Paul at the helm! We have wonderful memories of our sessions and our conversations with this amazing man. Though Paul is no longer with us in body, he lives on with God and continues to have an impact on the world from heaven, and through all of those he knew here on Earth. We thank God for bringing Paul into our lives and for allowing us to share the journey with him. Our deepest condolences, love, and blessings to all.

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Chuck Elledge,

San Diego, California

Chuck Elledge - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“*Paul was my first "REAL" recording engineer. He was cool. We had fun and he made sessions fun. He "got" me. That was very important. I'm very sorry for your loss. He was an extremely talented man. I'll never forget him.*

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Steven Greenberg,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Steven Greenberg - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies.

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Sharon Koch,

Winona, Minnesota

Sharon Koch - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sympathies go out to the Martinson family during these times of sorrow. Former classmate at Washburn High. Gary and Shirley Pederson Little River S.C.

March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I worked with Paul for years at Sound 80, Bajus-Jones and 74th Street. He taught me so much about recording, music, and life. I still feel his influence in every note I play. He was my mentor, my friend... My deepest sympathies to Sue, Kris, and the Martinson family.

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Lonnie Knight,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lonnie Knight - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *The depth of sadness I feel at learning of Paul's passing is surpassed only by my joy in having known and worked with such a wonderful man. Paul mixed my album "Travelin'" way back in '75/76 and believed in my work enough that he placed several of my songs with other artists. I deeply regret having lost touch with him these last few years. To his family and friends, I would like to express my most sincere condolences and thanks for having shared him with me and the Twin Cities/World music community.*

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Billy Hallquist,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Billy Hallquist - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Paul and I worked together for many years starting in 1969 at Empire Photosound including 11 years at Sound 80. Paul was an important mentor in my professional life and he taught me many personal life lessons that I use today. Debbie and I send the whole family our prayers and best thoughts of Paul at this sad yet joyful time. Tom and Debbie Mudge, Port Charlotte FL.*

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Tom Mudge,

Port Charlotte, Florida

Tom Mudge - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I had the privilege of working with Paul at Sound 80. He was a wonderful mentor and friend and I treasure the knowledge and wisdom he shared with me in those years. We are sending our thoughts and prayers Sue, for you and your whole family. Bernie and Cindy Beaudry

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Bernie Beaudry,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bernie Beaudry - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Paul was just a wonderful guy. I always loved working with him. When he was at 74th St. my office was a few blocks away and I used to just stop by to say hello and spend a few minutes with him. He was always so gracious and friendly, and a terrific engineer.

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Guy Drake,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Guy Drake - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. This past year must have been difficult. I am sure Paul loved and appreciated every moment you were at his bedside and helping to care for him. Sheri Nash

March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I always enjoyed seeing Paul at our Washburn reunions. I will miss those visits. My sympathy to his family. Dr. Steve Radjenovich WHS Class of 59. Alexandria Mn.

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