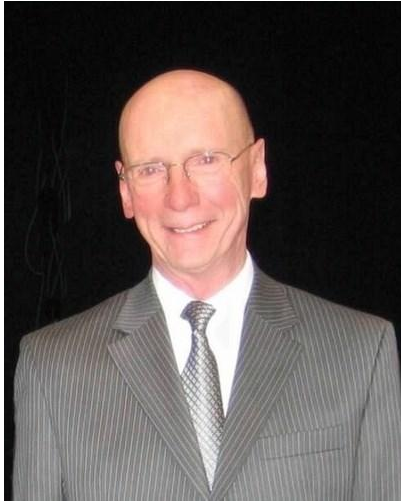


Paul Philip Spishak Obituary



Paul Philip Spishak passed away peacefully on May 27, 2026, at the age of 87. He was born on November 18, 1938, in Johnstown, PA, son to the late John and Mary Spishak. Paul was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Mary Louise, whom he met on a blind date, and raised four children. A devout Catholic, member, and usher of St. Mark parish in Vienna, VA, Paul's faith, politeness, generosity, and intelligence, along with his calmness, sense of humor, and dedication to family define him. Welcoming all with a handshake and a smile, Paul found connections with everyone. His work at USAID, helping others here and abroad, was an important part of his many, many years of service to the government. Paul will be remembered for his devotion to Mary Lou, his stories about the 85 countries he visited, playing poker and basketball, and his love of singing, all the way to the end. May this Virginia Gentleman rest in peace. Dobrú Noc, Papa.

Paul will be missed by his brother (Fr. Carl Spishak), children and children-in-law (Steven Spishak, Kristan Cybriwsky, Tanya Spishak, Jessica Allister, Sabrina Spishak, Jason Kemp, Cindy Spishak, and Dethrell Garcia), and grandchildren (Kollar, Mila, Charlene, and Marlowe) along with many relatives, ushers, poker buddies, neighbors, and those who helped care for him in his final years. Paul was preceded in death by his brother, Leo Spishak.

A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 11:00am at St. Mark Catholic Church followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, VA, or to [your favorite charity](#).

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