



Paul R. Gombita Jr.

March 12, 1937 - May 16, 2019

Paul R. Gombita, age 82, of Mentor, passed away on May 16, 2019. Paul was born in Homer City, PA on March 12, 1937 to the late Paul and Anne Gombita.

Paul was an amazing athlete his entire life. He had been in the paper for football, baseball and boxing. In addition, Paul was an avid golfer and enjoyed his weekly bowling leagues. He was a Gold Glove Champion boxer and even had the offer of going professional. Professionally, Paul worked for Basic Aluminum for 50 years. He was known for helping establish a union in 1970 that helped provide pensions and benefits to all the employees at Basic Aluminum. Most of all, Paul was known for his great sense of humor and his heart for giving back to others. He is going to be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Paul was the beloved husband of the late Bobbie Jean Gombita for 52 years; a loving father of Tony (Rhonda) Gombita; a proud grandfather of Paulina and Cassandra; a cherished brother Helen (Bernie) Corbett, Claire (Bill) Harry of Norfolk VA; a brother-in-law of Rosalie Gombita of Pittsburgh, PA; and an uncle to many.

He was also pre-deceased by his siblings Joan Lyons and John Gombita.

Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 PM on Friday, May 24, 2019 at

Monreal Funeral Home 35400 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake. A funeral service will immediately follow at 8 PM at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ron, Tina, Ronnie Jr and Dominic Gombita purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul R. Gombita Jr..*



Ron, Tina, Ronnie Jr and Dominic Gombita - May 23, 2019 at 09:19 PM

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“ *I was struck by the familiarity of the name as I opened my News-Herald yesterday. Upon reading the obituary, I saw that Mr. Gombita worked at Basic Aluminum for 50 years. My father also worked there and I was a young girl when the UAW was established there. It is a day that I will always remember - my father came home with a skip in his step because the union vote had passed. From that day on, my mom and dad's life changed for the better. When my father passed in 1978, my mother was able to benefit from the pension and insurance that the union had negotiated and she lived for many years benefitting from your father's efforts. I must say it drove me as well and I became very active in my local, state, and national union as local president and district board member. I did not know Mr. Gombita and he seemed like he was a wonderful man. I wanted to let you know that his efforts made many other lives and families that much better and I thank him. May he Rest In Peace Sarah Carver (daughter of Frank Zehe)*

Sarah Carver - May 23, 2019 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Sister Helen, Husband Bernie, and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Paul R. Gombita Jr..*



Sister Helen, Husband Bernie, and Family - May 22, 2019 at 04:54 PM

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“ *With lots of love to my handsome younger brother who brought a big grin to my face through the tears when I saw his obit picture. He always had a flair for whatever he did. We lived too far apart to see much of each other, but it was always great when we all got together and shared many fun memories of growing up. My love to Tony, Rhonda, Paulina, and Cassandra. I will be with you in my heart on Friday. Love, Aunt Helen and Uncle Bernie.*

Helen Corbett - May 22, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul R. Gombita Jr..*



May 21, 2019 at 10:15 PM