



Robert Paul Paraschos

June 11, 2025

Robert Paul Paraschos, 62, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at his residence. Born in Flint, MI, to the late William Peter and Ann Davis Paraschos.

Rob attended Swarthmore High School, where he was an excellent multi-sport athlete, including key roles on the SHS varsity Football, Soccer, Basketball, and Track and Field teams. His high school teammates fondly remember his dramatic role in a game-winning touchdown play against Harriton High School during his senior season in 1980.

He also played a key role as a starter on Swarthmore's 1980-81 Del-Val B Conference Championship Basketball team, the first Swarthmore title in that sport in 65 years.

Rob spent most of his career in the commercial electronic fire and security industry, consistently ranking as the top-producing representative among his peers.

Rob will be very missed in the Rover Club Community, in which he was very active. Everyone knew his pup Gi, and his big black truck, "Black Betty". He loved testing himself in the driver's seat from the snow at the winter event to the clay pits of Texas.

It was amazing what he would do in the rover while his rover (Gi) was sitting shotgun.

It was a part of Rob's character to help others do what he loved, from camping in NY at the Land Rover 75th to waiting out multiple hurricanes along the James River in VA at MAR events! He wanted to be in the action and there with a smile, especially when he was behind the wheel of his truck.

Robert is survived by his two grandsons, Ryan Paul Paraschos, Jr., and Russell Parker Paraschos of Washington Boro.

He is preceded in death by his son, Ryan Paul Paraschos, and his favorite passenger, Rob's Goldendoodle, Giada "Gi", who accompanied Rob in many adventures.

No services at this time.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ As an SHS classmate, I remember Rob as energetic and always, always smiling, uplifting everyone. It was a reminder then and a reminder now, that a smile really does go a long way. My deepest condolences.

Denisa Narmour Borges - July 03, 2025 at 04:21 AM

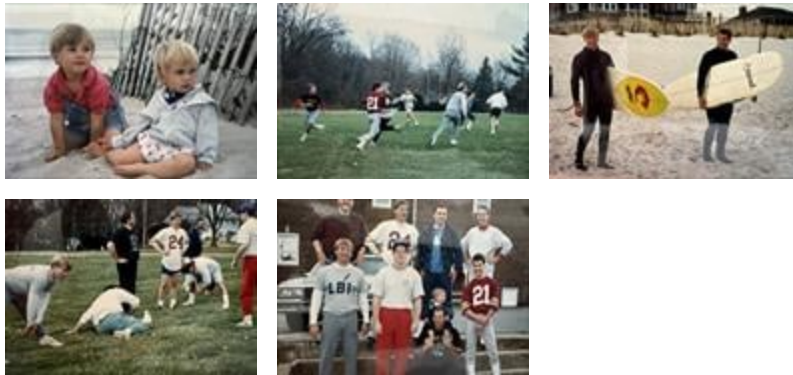
CE

“ Ann, Ryan and Russell, my deepest sympathies on the passing of Rob. We were high school classmates and I knew him to be a kind, patient and gracious young man. It seems he carried those virtues forward in life. I am so sorry for your loss!

Claudia E. Elcock-Price - July 02, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JM

“ Great memories! Sorry we didn't stay in touch! John Bell



John B Maschal - June 30, 2025 at 02:14 PM

TD

“ As a high school classmate of Rob's, my defining memory of him was a single play in a 1980 football game, during Rob's senior season. Swarthmore High was behind by a touchdown in the dying minutes of the game at Harriton High School, a larger (and richer) school than our own. Harriton was being coached by a man who had been Swarthmore's head coach just the year before this game, and you could cut the tension with a knife...

Swarthmore had driven down the field and was in position to win the game with a short running play, to be executed by the team's quarterback. The problem was the Harriton defense was also ready for that call, and once the ball had snapped, seemed to have stopped the Swarthmore quarterback just before he crossed the opposing goal line. Rob, a Swarthmore running back, sensed the importance of the moment. He pushed his own way into the play, wrestled his quarterback from the arms of the Harriton players and literally tossed the QB into the end zone!

The officials signalled for a touchdown!

Swarthmore went on to win 14-13, and all the Swarthmore players, team staff and fans who were there on that sunny late October day on the Main Line will remember Rob stepping up with his sheer willpower, pride, selflessness and athleticism, all coming together at the decisive moment to lift his team to a great victory.

You will be missed, #21.

-Tom Douglis

Tom Douglis - June 29, 2025 at 11:51 PM

BH

“ Dear Ryan and Gi,
Swarthmore class of 1981 was informed of the passing of our friend and classmate Rob. It's with thoughts and prayers I share a memory of Rob. Rob was friendly and courteous while at the same time highly competitive and loved sports. Swarthmore was a small class size in comparison to most schools thus we all knew one another and grew together throughout high school. It was a true pleasure knowing Rob in our youth. I'm truly so sorry for your and Gi's loss during this difficult time. Classmate Bill Hartman

Bill Hartman - June 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM