



Paul Nestor

February 16, 1927 - February 21, 2020

Paul Nestor was born February 16, 1927, in New London, OH to Francis E. and Elizabeth Marie (Day) Nestor. He attended Clarksfield Elementary School and in 1945 graduated from New London High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps following which he attended Arizona State University before graduating from Ohio State and Bowling Green Universities. On January 2, 1956 Paul was united in Christian marriage to Marie Antoinette Abbruzzese, daughter of Nicholas and Valeria (Bracaloni) Abbruzzese in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Columbus, OH with Father Antimo Boerio officiating. Paul and Marie were blessed with four sons, Kevin Paul, Christopher Milan, Michael Edward and Tobin Aloysius.

Paul's career was in education, coaching football, track and basketball, and in school administration. He coached state championship teams in football (Bishop Ready High School, Columbus, OH in 1983) and track & field (Paulding High School in 1960). He was inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in April 2003. Paul received many coaching awards culminating with the Columbus Shamrock Club's Woody Hayes Award and in 2002 the Columbus Dispatch's Lou Berliner Award for excellence in coaching high school athletics.

His career included serving in the Clyde, OH; Paulding, OH; Bowling Green, OH; Saginaw, MI Arthur Hill; Columbus, OH Father Wehrle; New London, OH; Columbus, OH Bishop Ready; Wickenburg, AZ; Salome, AZ Bicentennial; Marietta, OH; and Zanesville, OH Bishop Rosecrans High Schools.

Paul is survived by sons; Kevin (Paula) of Mansfield, Christopher of Columbus and Tobin "Toby" (Christine) of Zanesville; nine grandchildren, Melissa, Allison (Chris) March, Stephanie (Kyle) Brown, Kaitlyn and Garrett Nestor; Cara and Paul Nestor; Nicholas Nestor and Madison Landkrohn; two great grandsons, Wyatt and Miles March; sisters-in-law, Margaret (Tom) Nestor and Darlaine (Richard) Nestor and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, wife, and mother and father-in-law, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Nestor; brothers, Tom, Bill, and Richard Nestor; brother-in-law, John (Paula) Slupski and sister-in-law Phyllis Buchanan, grandparents, Thomas and Mary (Langdon) Nestor and Albert and Florence (Jones) Day.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 PM on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where the Rosary will be recited at 7:45 PM. Visitation will follow from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 PM, Wednesday, February 26, at the John Quint Treboni Funeral Home, 1177 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, where a Prayer Vigil will take place at 7:45 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 AM on Thursday, February 27 at St. Joseph Cemetery, 6440 South High Street, Lockbourne, OH with Fr. Martin Ralko as Celebrant. Burial will conclude in the St. Joseph Cemetery Lockbourne with the United States Marine Corps conducting full military honors. To sign the online register book or send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

6440 S. High St
Columbus, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Rosary Service

FEB **25**. 7:45 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 26. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Quint-Treboni Funeral Home
1177 W 5th Ave
Columbus, OH 43212

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Prayer Vigil

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Cemetery Chapel
6440 S. High St
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Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Nestor



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - February 25, 2020 at 05:23 PM

RI

This is just awesome! What a great life and great family! I wish you all health And happiness during this difficult time. A life well lived! God Bless!

rich - March 02, 2020 at 08:21 PM

SD

This is so beautiful ❤️

sunny denson - March 02, 2020 at 09:38 PM

GC

Such a beautiful tribute to a great man. Prayers for the family during this difficult time

Greg Clark - March 03, 2020 at 04:14 AM



“ Paul Nestor

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

CB

“ Coach Nestor was my football Coach at Saginaw Arthur Hill in 1967. He made a GREAT impression on me in only one year. Many on our team speak highly of Coach Nestor when we see each other. What a great person. My condolences to his family.

Chuck Bellsky

Chuck Bellsky - April 25, 2022 at 09:53 PM

JD

“ Returned March 4 from a trip to Arizona and learned the sad news. He was my football and track coach for two years in the early sixties at Paulding High School. I grew to love the man and admired him all of my life. I know I became a better man for having known him. I shall never forget him and the impact he had on my life. My deepest condolences to his family.

Jerry Durre - March 05, 2020 at 01:02 PM

DM

“ What an absolute honor to play for this man. A TRUE educator. He placed an abundance of passion, purpose and commitment to all those around him. Albeit, this is a grieving loss it is also a time for the THOUSANDS of lives Coach Nestor impacted, to celebrate a man who truly cared for his family, his students, his athletes. Head up, tail down, DIG DIG DIG Hit!!! "Applejacks. that's run that ONE more time! Rest in peace F. Paul Nestor. Wishing the entire family peace and love at this challenging time.(New London High School 1978)

douglas mcgee - February 25, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Nestor.



February 25, 2020 at 09:58 PM

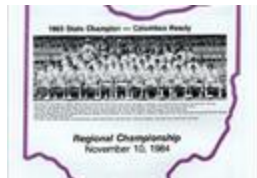


“ Condolences to the Nestor family. I played football and ran track under Coach Nestor at Paulding in 1958 and 1959. He was a great coach and a great person - I learned so much from him in just those two years. He and Marie were friends with my parents [Ed & Jeanne]. They would play cards on non football nights as neither had any money to do much else! A lot of good memories.
Steve Penn

Steven Penn - February 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM



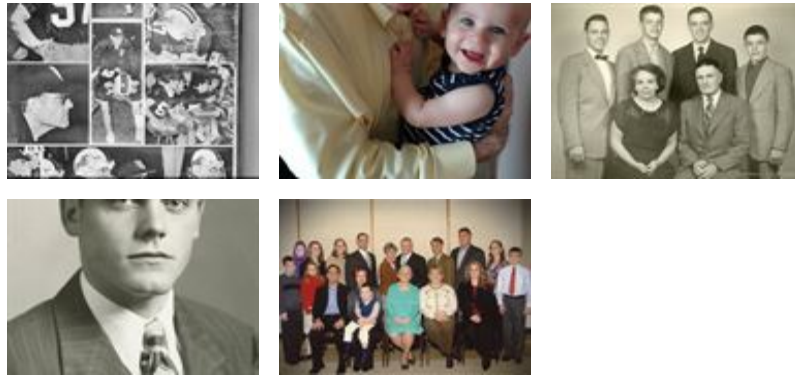
“ God Bless and Thank YOU Coach Nestor And Semper Fi. To a GREAT coach and Man. Was with him at Bishop Ready, what great times. RIP "The gates of heaven are well guarded now, by another United States Marine.



Herb Sharfenaker USMC - February 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - February 25, 2020 at 04:49 PM

CL

“ Nestor sons, sorry to hear of Paul's passing....I enjoyed having you as weekend neighbors in Frazeysburg and watching Paul's coaching success in the zville area.. I am out of town and unable to attend calling hours, please accept my condolences. Christy Priest Lacy

Christy Priest Lacy - February 25, 2020 at 04:02 PM

RM

“ There are no words to describe what Coach Nestor meant to me and to so many other young student athletes. His inspiration and guidance shaped the lives of everyone he touched. "dog gone it all" he will be dearly missed. My prayers are with you the family. Thank You for sharing Coach with so many of us.

Ron Metzger

Ronald James Metzger - February 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JL

“ I've known Coach Nestor since I was a kid growing up in Grandview. I was blessed and had the pleasure to be a senior player on the Bishop Ready 1983 State Championship football team.

Coach Nestor was a professional, religious and a good man. One of a kind. He pushed us to be the best and let us be ourselves as well. It was great to celebrate that team recently and have an opportunity to talk to Coach Nestor.

To Toby, Chris and Kevin may God comfort you.

Joe Lombardi

Joe Lombardi - February 24, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Kasher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of Paul Nestor.



February 24, 2020 at 10:37 AM

TV

“ To the Nestor family, please accept our heartfelt condolences; may God be with you all as you mourn the loss of a cherished loved one and rejoice in the memories of a life so very well lived.

June Vogtsberger, Marty Vogtsberger, BGHS Class of '65, & Tom Vogtsberger, BGHS Class of '67.

Tom Vogtsberger - February 24, 2020 at 08:21 AM

KC

I am So sorry FOR your loss.

Kelly Caldwell - February 24, 2020 at 02:32 PM

KR

Paul, Coach, Mr. Nestor was many things to all the students he coached and taught over his career. To me he was a leader. I knew him, first and foremost as a football coach at Fr. Wehrle. Second, he was a great example of how to be a man and a father. Finally, he was a gentleman, humble and kind. He made a great impression on me. Years later, I met him briefly just to say hello. That was on the sidelines at a Bishop Roscrans football game in Zanesville. The last time I talked to Coach Nestor was at Plank's on South High. I wanted my son Matt to meet him. On that occasion, I think we were celebrating his Fr. Wehrle CCL Championship Team of 1971. What an honor it was to know Coach Paul Nestor. Great memories! Kevin Reis, Fr. Wehrle Class of 1970.

Kevin Reis - February 24, 2020 at 08:03 PM

RM

“ **ROGER USMC**
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.
YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT AND CANNOT BE LENT.
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN HAVE EARNED IT WITH YOUR
SWEAT, BLOOD AND LIVES.
YOU WON IT FOREVER.
THE TITLE
UNITED STATES MARINE
GO WITH GOD MY BROTHER
SEMPER FI

ROGER MALONE - February 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Nestor.*



February 23, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *After not seeing Coach Nestor for probably 4 years, on the birth of our 4th child he calls my husbands cell phone and leaves the kindest, most sincere congratulatory message I have ever heard! He may have only know Zach through track and football for one year, but he made such a beautiful impact on so much of my husbands future. I know we aren't alone in the sadness to hear of his passing. But, in the next breath, I am so honored to have known him! To have felt his true love, selflessness, heard him try to actually be mean (in the sweetest way), was to know Coach Nestor! Just this time last year, during his induction to the Hall of Fame, he was still just as sweet, loving and proud of everyone around him! 2 years later we still have the sweet voicemail he left on such a special day for us! I hope he and Marie are enjoying heaven...and looking down to see all who impacted daily!❤️ Thank you Coach for what you did for all of us!*

Alainna Amicone Durfee - February 22, 2020 at 11:52 PM

DH

“ Truly a professional in ever sense of the word. As a journalist, I interviewed him many times. Never did he not field a question and give an answer that was both honest and printable.He was a coach who could put what happened on the field behind him and move on.That attribute, along with a vast knowledge of football, put him in the Ohio Football Coaches Hall of Fame, an honor well-deserved. I am a better person, as a lot of people are, for knowing Paul Nestor.

Don Hohler - February 22, 2020 at 07:51 PM

NO

“ Me Nestor was my Algebra and Plane Geometry Teacher at Bowling Green High School. Class of 1967. He was also the football coach. Everyone loved him. He was a great teacher and he always had stories to tell. He came to our 50th reunion a few years ago. What a great man. He truly made an impact on me.
Nancy Shaner Otley Bowling Green Ohio

Nancy Otley - February 22, 2020 at 03:32 PM

J)

Coach Nestor was a devoted and caring man. Just like Nancy said, he came to our class of 67 BGHS 50th class reunion a couple of years ago. He meant so much to our high school “family”. We were not ever state champions, but we were “Champions” in his eyes. Rest In Peace my friend. 🙏🏈

Jeff Cross (BGHS class of 67) - February 23, 2020 at 06:24 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Nestor.



February 22, 2020 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ Coached with Paul from 1960-1966, in Bowling Green, Ohio. Paul has returned for the teams reunion on a number occasions. Very fine coaching career and well loved by his players and students. He will be missed.

Coach Stuart Stearns

stuart stearns - February 22, 2020 at 01:16 PM

TK

“ With gratitude and respect we pay homage to wonderful person Coach Nestor. He taught us pride, he taught us unity and he just taught us about life. Myself and fellow teammates will always remember how Coach Nestor helped shape our lives. A great coach and great teacher and a man of eminence. So Sincerely, Tony Kaufman,quarterback of the 1962 Bowling Green Battling Bobcats

tony kaufman - February 22, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Francis Paul Nestor, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Marine Veteran, Francis Paul Nestor, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 22, 2020 at 08:06 AM

ML

“ *Coach Nestor was a great man that knew how to lead. I saw him turn countless boys into men and witness his genuine love for his players and coaches. He treated everyone with respect and was a true role model for all. I was so blessed to have coached with him. He was truly one of the greats. I loved coaching with and will always cherish my time with him and the boys at Rosecrans. I would like to send thoughts and prayers to his family at this time.*

Mike Legats - February 22, 2020 at 06:23 AM

CF

“ *I have nothing but great respect and kind words of love for the Nestor family. Paul was a very early friend, mentor, confidante and very special person in my early adult life in teaching and coaching. I will always cherish the fond memories I have of and for this man. He was a genuine and very special person throughout his life. May he RIP.*

Chuck Fetrow

Charles Fetrow - February 21, 2020 at 11:17 PM

FB

“ It’s been almost 20 years since I played football for Coach Nestor at Rosecrans. Then I was young and stupid and often disagreed with him. But even then, in my youth and stupidity, I intrinsically understood he was a remarkable man. Obviously his coaching record speaks for itself. But at 15 I knew he was an excellent man. At that age, I recognized that quality in less adults than the fingers on my hand. Now I have three sons of my own and I’ve been coaching youth sports for the last five years or so. It’s caused me to think of Coach Nestor often. Certainly plenty of others will speak to his coaching qualities. But tonight, upon the news of his passing, I recall the time he took to know his players and take the extra time to listen to them. I recall his commitment, even so late in his career, to being available to his players for more than reviewing the Xs and Os. He was an adult that high school students could talk to, even if his inspired coach-speeches brought up memories of Hoosier-inspired timelines. I haven’t seen or spoken to Coach Nestor in probably 10 years. But if I could speak to him today, I would thank him for showing me what an excellent man can be like, and I would thank him for dedicating his time and effort so late in life to a job (coaching a middling competitive division 6 school) that anyone else with his resume would likely view as beneath him. One of the secrets to successfully coaching youth sports is making your players know you’re available for things beyond the playing field. Coach Nestor taught me that. May God welcome him to his Kingdom, and may his family be comforted knowing his peace.

Fred Bills - February 21, 2020 at 10:39 PM

ML

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Mike Legats - February 22, 2020 at 06:19 AM

CM

“ Sorry to see that Paul has passed away. He and I were colleagues at Bowling Green High School. He could teach almost every subject taught at the high school I will remember him as a great friend.

Chuck Mayers

Charles Mayuers - February 21, 2020 at 10:18 PM

PS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Paul was a wonderful person and fabulous coach



Pam (Jamison) Ramirez Salas - February 21, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Nestor.



February 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JE

“ Chris, Kevin and Toby, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was a good man who obviously loved his family.

Jody Lambright Eckler

Jody Eckler - February 21, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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Fred Bills - February 21, 2020 at 10:32 PM

MS

Nestor family, my sympathy in the loss of Paul. We all loved him. Coach Nestor was one of a kind. He "adopted" us as athletes in his charge and led us to many successes on the track and in life itself. He inspired us, corrected our faults and led by his example. I will hold him in very high regard forever.

Mark Sheffer - February 24, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MC

*Coach Nestor led by example. I have the greatest respect for this fine man.
The trophy case in BGHS reflects the many victories of his track teams. I was and remain proud to be a member of those 1964-1966 teams.
Bless his heart.
Mike Cheek BGHS 1966*

Michael Cheek - February 29, 2020 at 01:33 AM



*Paul was my friend for 70 years
Paul was my Fraternity Brother
I will miss our lunches .
I miss Paul
Kappa Delta Rho
Honor Super Omnia
Frank Thomas*

Frank Thomas - June 14, 2021 at 12:53 PM