



## Mr. Paul O. Gravel

January 16, 1924 - June 12, 2023

Mr. Paul O. Gravel, 99, of Adams, died Monday, June 12, 2023 at his home. He was born in Adams on January 16, 1924, the son of Oliver and Rose (Lisee) Gravel. He attended Adams schools, graduating from the former Adams High School with the Class of 1943.

Following his graduation, he entered the US Army and served with the 29th Infantry Division in the European Theater during World War II until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. After completing his military service, Paul earned his bachelor's degree in English from St. Michael's College in Winooski, VT and later earned his master's degree in education from the former North Adams State College (now MCLA).

Paul began his teaching career at C.T. Plunkett School in Adams for several years, until accepting a position teaching English at Drury High School in North Adams, where he was the Director of many class plays, and would become the chairman of the English department until retiring.

He was a communicant of St. John Paul II Parish at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams, and was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of the Adams Free Library.

He is survived by several cousins, as well as his good friend and neighbor George Dimitropolis. He also leaves the children of his close friend and college roommate, the late John Sigler- Elizabeth Zumar, Bernadette Rogoff and John Sigler, Jr.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on SATURDAY, JULY 8th, at

10:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Adams Free Library, 92 Park St. Adams, MA 01220. The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, Adams, is in charge of arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Bellevue Cemetery**

Bellevue Ave.  
Adams, MA 01220

# Previous Events

## **Liturgy of Christian Burial**

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church  
21 Maple St.  
Adams, MA 01220  
<http://www.acparishes.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Gravel's passing. I was one of his English students at Drury. He made Shakespeare fun by playing all the parts as he read a play to the class. He will be missed. Alice Kay Tew Robbins Class of 1962 Drury High School.

Alice Kay Tew Robbins - July 04, 2023 at 03:03 AM

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I was sad to see of Paul's passing. My mother Doris {Charon} Ingram who lived in Rhode Island was his first cousin and my grandmother Maria {Charon} Fortier and Paul's mother Rose were sisters, I remember visiting them often in Adams growing up, and one time visiting Paul when I was an adult. Since that time Paul and I have exchanged Christmas cards with a letter for the past 35 years or so. I have been thinking of him for several weeks now wondering if he was still with us, so I looked him up on the web and found this obituary. Funny he lived until he was 99 yrs. old and my mother Doris also lived until she was 99 yrs. old also. I wonder what their secret was to have such a long life. I will miss our correspondence every Christmas. He was my last connection of distant family in Adams, although I know there are more distant relatives there, I just don't know who they are. If anyone cares to get in touch with me my e-mail address is gingerhoar@yahoo.com

Virginia {Carter} Hoar - October 04, 2023 at 05:42 PM