



Paul Szetela

June 10, 2014

Mr. Paul Stanley Szetela, 63, of 54A South Russell St., Boston, formerly of Adams, died on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Coolidge House in Brookline. He was born in Adams on March 5, 1951, the son of the late Felix and Stacia (Wisniowski) Szetela. He attended schools in Adams including St. Stanislaus Kostka Elementary School and graduated from the former Adams High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Merrimack College, Andover, and then went on to receive his Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University in Cambridge.

At the time of his death, Mr. Szetela was teaching Early Childhood Education at Urban College of Boston, where he was considered a great mentor to the faculty and held the highest standards for his students. He was selected "Outstanding Faculty Member" by the 2012 graduating class. He was instrumental in founding the college and was a dedicated member of the Academic Excellence Committee and a member of the NEASC Self-study team. For over 20 years, Paul gifted Urban College of Boston with his intelligence, wisdom, creativity and breadth of knowledge about early childhood education and adaptations for children with special needs. Mr. Szetela had also worked for ABCD in Boston as the Early Childhood Administrator and teacher. There he received the Abigail Adams Award and was a 2 time recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Shrine, Boston. He is survived by his Aunt, Helen Wisniowski of Adams;

8 Cousins – Ann Robinson and her husband George, Richard Wisniowski and his wife Barbara, all of Adams, Peter Wisniowski and his wife Lucille of Vernon, CT, Carol Morin of North Adams, Thomas Douglas and his wife Sally of Cheshire, Mary Jane Desmarais and her husband Gerald of North Adams, Mary Ann Rogers and her husband Paul of Eliot, ME and Andrea Palmer and her husband Ernie of Ashford, CT, as well as many second and third cousins. He was also survived by his Goddaughter, Lesley Kowalczyk of Adams and his very close longtime friends Jane & Richard Sasso of Groveland, MA. The funeral will be on Saturday, June 14, at 9:00AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Boyle, Pastor of the Parish of St. John Paul II. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Adams. Calling hours are Friday from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 108 Summer St., Adams, MA 01220.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Dear Paul's family I was a student of Paul's at Urban College, he was a great, funny guy and professor. I will always cherish his views, thoughts and advice he provided to me.

Adrienne Pilarski - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

BJ

“ As a friend and colleague I have wonderful memories of Paul. We worked together for over 20 years. During that time we shared our stories and had many laughs. Paul was a strong support to his friends and the early educators he worked for and taught. He will be dearly missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time.

Barbara Jacobs

Barbara Jacobs - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MC

“ I met Paul at ABCD when he started as an Education Supervisor. He participated in a Support Group developed to support fellow "Edsups" and we met almost every Friday after work! I cannot think of Paul without remembering a funny story made funnier by his ad libs and punch lines! May he forever rest in peace and live on in people's hearts and memories.

Maryellen Connors - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

TH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Paul's passing. Paul will always hold a special place in my heart. He was a great teacher and an amazing man. Paul always made me laugh and smile. He will be deeply missed.

Theresa Hutchings - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear that Paul is no longer with us. He was my supervisor for many years at ABCD and always had a way of putting a smile on everyone's faces. He had integrity and was committed to children and their teachers. He will be greatly missed.

Cldny Hoisington - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

JJ

“ Paul was a kind and gentle soul. And loved and respected by all who knew him.

James F. Clarke, Jr. - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

SF

“ Dear Paul, May you rest in peace. I will never forgotten your support and the memories that we shared. Celtics games, Red Sox games, the Red Hat! You were the best and I am so sorry that I didn't get a chance to tell you this before your passing. I know our bond will live on forever! I love and miss you. May you rest in peace. Suska

Suzi Fiore - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

BL

“ I was a student at urban college and Paul told me to be the best teacher ever i will continue my education because of him. He wrote my letter of recommendation. He knew who i was and i was blessed to be his student and know him for five years.

Brandy Lambert - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

DS

“ Dear Paul's family:Paul was my teacher at Urban College. He was the most professional and loved teacher I ever had. I always will remember him. Rest in peace.

Doris Spoor - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MW

“ Dear Paul's family,I was a colleague of Paul's at the Wm. Lancaster Elementary School in Salem, NH. He was a very talented teacher and true friend. The education world will miss him. RIPMaryann Fitzgerald Wilson

Maryann Wilson - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Mary Jane,I was so sad to hear this sad news. Paul had an amazing way with students, and I enjoyed the years I spent as his colleague. He will truly be missed. Sue (Valenti) Wilk

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JW

“ Paul had a wonderful spirit and a great person. He will always be remembered.

Judith West-Carbon - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Paul was my friend and colleague. I will always remember the good times, laughing on the loading dock. Will miss you Paul, very much. Love ya, Donna Grimaldi

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“ To Paul's beloved family.Paul will be missed by all the Head Start teachers and students whom he touched through their education and mentorship. Most of all, he will be missed by us, the co-workers, friends and staff of Bradshaw Children's Program where he once worked as the Education Supervisor. We miss you Paul. May You Rest in Peace.

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“ GREETINGS SZETELA FAMILY PAUL WAS MY INSTRUCTOR AT URBAN COLLEGE TEARS I WILL MISS MY SOUL BROTHER MUCH LOVE IS WHAT I FELT IN HIS PRESENCE!!!!!!

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“ I was so.saddened when I heard the news of my favorite teacher who made me comfortable and willing to learn. Never a dull moment with him. Last summer after finishing a course with him the last day I was late an had a test . I said Paul please don't give me the test am too sleepy he said even if u did it with ur eyes close you will still master. this test. I will miss your laugh but God knows best.To Paul's family I pray that God may give u all the comfort that you need in this time. RIP Mr. Paul.

Kameka Joseph - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

LC

“ Paul was a wonderful colleague to me and so many others at ABCD. He was always laughing and ready to help out. He was a great mentor to me in my early years at ABCD, and I feel blessed to have worked with him and to have known him. My very best to the family and close friends of Paul's. He will truly be missed.

Lisa Correnti - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

PC

“ My deepest sympathy to Ciotka Helen and all of Paul's Family. I remember Paul and have been friends with him since the early 70's. Paul had an amazing intellect, a great sense of humor and was extremely proud of his heritage. His love was teaching, and I know his dedication to his work and his students went above and beyond what one might expect. I am so proud to have known Paul and will miss him. May he rest in eternal peace.

Peter Cole - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ sorry for your loss we will miss him. He was a great teacher i enjoyed the years i had him as my teacher and he always had good words of encouragement for me. my Name is Nancy Velez i attended the Urban College of Boston, class of 2010. your family will be in my prayers.

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DF

“ I loved Paul. He was one of the best people I've met in my life. Sad to see him go, may he rest in peace.

Dolly Finocchio - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

RD

“ When you engaged in a conversation with Paul he gave you his undivided attention. He was a great listener; always had words of wisdom to impart. He was truly an educator; one in a million. He will be missed.

Roberta Dowdy - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ To the family and friends of Paul, Just wanted to say how sorry I was to hear of his passing. Paul and I worked together at ABCD in Boston, he was a very friendly, passionate person who will be missed very much by all. Take heart in knowing he was a great source of light and encouragement for many! Peace and Blessings to you all, Janean Muhammad, Boston, MA.

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BS

“ To The Szetela Family, God walks with us...He scoops us up in His arms or simply sits with us in silent strenght until we cannot avoid the awesome recognition that yes, even now, He is here.

Belynda Skinner - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Paul was someone to be admired and loved due to his generosity and good humor. He was a joy to work with and was much loved by many in the early childhood field. I looked up to him and admired him, and I will miss him greatly.

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RB

“ Paul was a wonderful teacher, I learned many things from him. He was such a nice guy with an awesome personality. I would always see him smiling and laughing . Everyone enjoyed being around Paul . He will be missed dearly , my condolences to his family.

Renee Bartlett - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

LH

“ Paul was my supervisor for several years. I always enjoyed working with him. He had a personality that was easy to get along with, yet when he meant business, you knew it. I will certainly miss him!

Lillian Harrison - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

DP

“ I am very sadden to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great supervisor, teacher and mentor. He was well liked by everyone. Paul had a great sense of humor and a great laugh to go with it. He will be greatly missed. Paul, May the Lord welcome you into His kingdom and cover you with His peace and His love forever.

Diana Perry - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

DJ

“ I have known Paul for over 20 years as a colleague and a friend.He was truely a special person.Rest in peace Beautiful One(that's what he made me call him). You will always be beautiful in my mind

Dianne Jenkins - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

BW

“ I met Paul 45 years ago when I married his cousin Dick. He was a wonderful and caring man. We couldn't have chosen a better Godfather for our daughter Lesley. His passing is a great loss to our family. We love and will miss him dearly. May he rest in peace.

Barbara Wisniowski

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“ Dear Mr. Paul' family:I had the honor to be Mr. Szetela's student at Urban College as well as co-worker in ABCD.He was a kindly person that everyone love and respect.Elba

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SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Friends and Family.Paul will always be remembered as an amazing educator!

Sarah Montoya - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ To the Szetela, my sincere condolences for passing of Paul. May his soul rest in perpetual peace. May God comfort your hearts during this difficult time.

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JM

“ Paul is in my thoughts and Prayers.Janet MyronSouth Boston Head Start

Janet Myron - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MD

“ To Paul's Aunt Helen, his Cousins, Jane and Wizard and his Boston Friends It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my dear friend Paul. For me, Paul's gift of gab, his wit and the personal touch he extended to everyone he met is what I admired most. Over the last couple of days I have heard countless stories on how Paul encouraged, supported, lent a listening ear and make people laugh with his uncanny wit and talent to know what people needed to hear. Thank you Paul for allowing me to share in your battle over the past few months, you knew I would need that. As the sadness and tears subsides, I find comfort in knowing when I think of you, it will be with a smile and laughter. It has been a privilege to be called your friend. Thank you and love ya "Buddy"

Mary Dooley - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Rest peacefully buddy. I will miss your laugh, your quick wit and that smile. It was a privilege to know you. Kathy

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CZ

“ I will always remember you!

Carmen N Zayas - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MF

“ Paul was a wonderful person. I was fortunate to be able to call him a friend. Rest in peace. Always remembered, forever missed.

Maura Flynn - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

SS

“ Paul was one of my best friends and only real uncles I have ever had. We didn't share the same blood but he was my family as long as I have been alive and I truly loved him. He always was there as a friend to my parents and as a mentor for me. He taught me to value education. He was responsible for getting my daughter's into head start and molding them into the model students that they are. My daughter lili loved reading books with him on Sunday mornings and was proud to show paul what new words she had learned. Please remember my buddy for the loving soul he was. I love y o u buddy. Thanks for the great memories. Look after us from above.

sam sasso - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

LK

“ Paul I don't even have the words to describe what you ment to me. God deff. Chose you as my God father for a reason and I am so blessed by that. I love you and will miss you always and forever. And the day I get my teaching degree I know you will be right there by my side.

Lesley Kowalczyk - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

RB

“ Rest in peace Paul...My thoughts and prayers are with friends and family.....he was a great person...
Rita B (Boston, Ma)

Rita Buenrostro - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

SC

“ This expedition, we call life, continues on for you Paul. Walk with the angels and look down on us with your cherished guidance.

Suzane Croteau - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

BR

“ You will be missed R I P AMHS '69

BRIAN - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MM

“ It was my privilege to know Paul for over 20 years. I taught with him at Urban College and collaborated with him on work for ABCD Head Start. He was such a kind and considerate gentleman. Rest in peace, Paul You will be missed by many

Maureen McDonald - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ I will never forget you Paul, My favorite Teacher, Wanda Bradshe

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“ My sincere condolences to Paul's family and the Urban College of Boston. He was an amazing teacher, and he certainly impacted many students as they prepared to become teachers. Marcelo Juica, Endicott College Boston

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VB

“ Paul, you have shine your light for others...now it's time to sleep peaceful until there are no more pain or sadness in this world. Peace!

Venitte Burke - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to the family of a true angel. Thank You Paul for your patient wisdom and loving support. I will never forget how you made me feel! I will do you proud*Deanna Reid

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“ *I will miss you Paul. You best friend in the whole world.*Ms. Olive

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“ *Paul was an excellent professor and a wonderful man. My sister and I both knew and respected him. We will always remember you!*Tanisha Holloman & Tra'Neal HOLLoman-Rodgers

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“ *Paul was a dedicated, intelligent and supportive colleague with great courage and disarming sense of humor! He was an inspiration to me personally and to all who benefited from his giving nature. I will always miss his physical presence on this earth. Think of the thousands of lives he touched and influenced for the greater good over the years. Well done, my friend, well done!*

Martha Shea Smith - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *I had the privilege and honor to work with Paul. He was a fine person and a gentleman who was loved and respected by all. I will greatly miss Paul. He was taken from us much too soon. Sympathies to Paul's family on his loss.*

Stuart Cleinman - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

LZ

“ I will miss one of my best teacher from Urban College of Boston. My condolence to his family

Ledyn Zepeda - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

NM

“ Mr. Szetela has been apart of my family since i was 4 years old. I could always count on a greeting as though time stood still. His expertise in this field and willingness to allow you to grow as an educator set him far apart from most. My mother was mentored by him and still talks about his personality ("What a funny guy!") You rest easy sir and my your family be covered with blessings.

Nickey Mondon - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

LF

“ One of the wittiest and fun persons from my misspent years as a young adult. I just learned of Paul's passing and even though our lives went in different directions, I will always remember Paul with fondness. Hope I see you in the afterlife my friend.

Lis Fitzgerald - June 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM