



## Paul Stephen Tela

September 6, 2013

Paul Stephen Tela, 80, of Powell, Ohio, passed away at his home on Friday, September 6, 2013. He will be deeply missed by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Nancy and three children, Stephen D. Tela (Kara) of Alexandria, Virginia, Bryant P. Tela (Cathy) of Columbus, Ohio and Ann C. Young (Steve) of Dublin, Ohio. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren upon whom he doted, Julianne Tela, Janet Tela, Ryan Young, Avery Young, Jenna Sulser, Adam Young, Paul Tela and Bryant Tela. Paul lived an extraordinary life devoted to the field of children and family services. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and graduated from Phillips Andover Academy. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts. His work with children included 25 years at Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth in Canaan, New York where he served as Assistant Executive Director. In 1986 he and his family moved to Worthington, Ohio where he was Executive Director of the United Methodist Children's Home until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul proudly served his country as a pilot in the United States Air Force in the Strategic Air Command during the Korean Conflict. A private graveside service will be held for the family. Friends are invited to a Memorial Service honoring Paul which will be held at 2 p.m. on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013 at the POWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 825 East Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio 43065. Reverend Larry Brown will officiate. The family suggests that, in lieu of

flowers, memorial donations be made to the Powell United Methodist Church, The James Cancer Hospital, Office of Development, 660 Ackerman Road, 6th Floor, PO Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218-3112 or to a charity of your choice . The Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio 43065, (614)-792-1471 assisted the family. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com) to send condolences to the Tela Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Stephen Tela*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To the Tela Family, I was heartbroken to hear today about your loss. Such wonderful memories growing up in the Canaan Congregational Church with Stephen, Bryant and Ann. I will be praying for you all. - Sean*

**Sean Devich** - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

**Kathy Ramey Borchart** - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for you loss.*

**Neil Jensen** - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Tela Family, I was so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. Nancy- he was a wonderful family man, always talking about you, the kids and grandkids. Bryant- I always admired and respected your dad and enjoyed working with him, and with you, at UMCH. He truly left a positive impact on the child welfare system to which he dedicated his entire professional career. We are all the better for having known, and loved, Paul Tela.

My heartfelt sympathy,  
Lesia

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Lesia Krisa - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Bryant,  
It is with great sadness that I heard about the loss of your father. Although I did not have the privilege of meeting your father, I know that he raised a wonderful son. He must have been proud. I will keep you in my prayers. joyce

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Joyce DiGiannantoni - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM