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Paul Gallagher, 72, Financial Executive Who Worked at Air Express International in Darien

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Paul J. Gallagher, 72, of the Villages, Fl., died Saturday, Oct. 21 at home.

Born in Scranton, Pa. on March 30, 1945, to the late Patrick J. and Mary P. Loftus Gallagher, he was a graduate of Holy Rosary High School, where he was class president.

Paul was a veteran of the Army, having served one year in South Korea. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a B.S. in accounting, master's in business administration, and later became a certified public accountant.

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He was a member of the National Honorary Accounting Society, Beta Alpha Psi. Paul was also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors, where he served on the Board of Governors for its Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter and was chairman of its education committee.

— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Knight O'Donnell Funeral Home*

Later, he worked at Emery Worldwide in Dunmore before being promoted to the executive office in Wilton, where he was director of international finance. He also worked at and retired from Air Express International in Darien, where he was vice president and treasurer in charge of finance.

One of the perks of his jobs was traveling to Europe, Asia, South Africa and Australia, which he truly enjoyed, especially Hong Kong.

Paul was a wonderful son and brother who had a ranch house built in Peckville for his parents to accommodate them in their declining years. He was very generous with his time and money, such as taking his mom and the family each October to Atlantic City, N.J., for an overnight stay to celebrate her birthday.

Paul will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Paul's family would like to give a special thanks to Jim Joyce, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., formerly of Scranton, who has been a true and devoted friend to him for more than 50 years, and whose son, Brendan, is Paul's godson. Also, special thanks to Allan Hartung of the Villages, who was a good neighbor and friend.

He is survived by a brother, Donald of Bensalem, Pa.; a sister, Maureen, of Peckville, Pa.; and numerous cousins.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10 in Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton. Interment with military honors will take place at Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Edward Knight O'Donnell Funeral Home, 323 William St., Scranton. Family and friends are asked to go directly to the church on the morning of the funeral.

Memorial contributions in Paul's name may be made to the Arc of Northeastern Pa., 115 Meadow Ave., Scranton, 18505.