



## Mr. Paul Rowe Thibault

November 7, 1934 - October 20, 2025

Paul Rowe Thibault, age 90, of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 20, 2025. Paul was born November 7, 1934 to the late Victor and Margaret (Krutina) Thibault in Nahma, Michigan. On September 28, 1974 he married Nancy (Kulenkamp) and they shared 51 years together. In addition to his wife Nancy, he is survived by his daughter Jennifer (Kevin) McCabe of Chantilly, Virginia, his three grandchildren Brecken, Ronan and Evalee, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his three siblings, and many other dear family members and friends.

After growing up in the upper peninsula, he attended the University of Michigan and worked for forty years in Saline Area Schools. In retirement, Paul enjoyed gardening, golfing, traveling, and the civil war. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren, and cheering on his beloved Michigan Wolverines. Paul was a member of the Saline Rotary Club, St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, and many other educational organizations.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday, October 26th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Visitation will continue on Monday, October 27th from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. with Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. Following

the Mass, burial will be held in the Lodi Township Cemetery in Saline. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Veteran's Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. Also following the Mass, a luncheon will be held at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Paul's name may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Church or to The Rotary Club of Saline's Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to "The Rotary Club of Saline" with "In Memory of Paul Thibault" noted on the memo line. The mailing address is P.O. Box 121, Saline, Michigan, 48176. To leave a memory you have of Paul, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsalinee.com](http://www.rbfhsalinee.com)

Feel free to wear a colorful outfit as Paul would have preferred that guests not wear black.

# Cemetery Details

## Lodi Township Cemetery

Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline  
Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

OCT 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## **Luncheon**

OCT 27. 11:35 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## **Graveside Service**

OCT 27. 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM (ET)

Lodi Township Cemetery  
Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ A very short ten years ago, Mr. T. came to this same funeral home during the 2015 visitation for my dad, Max Collins. I had not seen Paul since I'd graduated from SHS in 1971, but he came up to me, shook my hand and told me how much he respected Max. During the late '60s-early '70s my dad was on the School Board, so they worked together on several important projects, including planning for the “new” high school (now the Middle School) to be built on Maple Road. He said he'd learned a lot from watching Max's handling of sensitive issues and his interactions with people of diverse backgrounds and interests.

Now, although I could not attend Paul's service, I want to return the favor of his visit by sharing with you the respect my family and I have for him and his service to Saline families over an incredible 40 years. Just think how many thousands of students were positively influenced by him during that time! As a high-schooler involved in many school organizations for four years, I often had occasion to discuss with Mr. T. our own plans for activities which required his approval. He was always approachable, a careful listener and never condescending in giving his advice.

I will always feel blessed to have had, as my principal, a man of such integrity who clearly loved his job and wouldn't have wanted any other career!

Liza Lee Collins

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**Liza Lee Collins** - October 27, 2025 at 03:10 PM

TF

“ The Skinner Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Paul Rowe Thibault.



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**The Skinner Families** - October 25, 2025 at 05:28 PM

HH

“ Great Uncle Paul (or as I misspelled once and he never let me forget it, "Pual") was an influential and important family member from the moment we moved to Saline. I fondly remember trick-or-treating in his neighborhood, staying overnight when my mom had to travel for work, and lounging in the living room surrounded by his Civil War books and playing in the afternoon sun. Uncle Paul was larger than life and commanded any room he walked into; but was also gentle and thoughtful with a keen understanding of children and students and their interests and dreams. Whenever I mentioned in town that I was related, people would immediately express their respect and love for Paul Thibault. Love you so much Uncle "Pual".

Heather Heiser - October 25, 2025 at 12:27 PM

DS

“ Diane Drake Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Rowe Thibault



Diane Drake Smith - October 23, 2025 at 08:31 PM

RB

“ Renee Brennan-Sexton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Rowe Thibault



Renee Brennan-Sexton - October 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM

DC

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Paul's family. He was loved by many, and both my children went to Saline High School when he was principal. Paul always had a smile and made time for students and their parents. He had a positive effect wherever he was.  
Donna Chandler

Donna Chandler - October 22, 2025 at 10:19 AM

DR

“ First met Paul 1968 1sh, at the then high school, he was a great principal and a greater man, he ALWAYS, had time 4 students.

David I rittinger - October 22, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DG

“ Mr. Thibault was deeply influential in my life. An example of quiet strength, through his efforts, integrity and kindness he made Saline High and Saline in general a better place. My condolences to his family, thank you for sharing him with us. A life well lived and blessing to all who knew him.



David N Gailbreath - October 21, 2025 at 05:02 PM

BW

“ As a proud Saline alumni and having lived in other states, I always felt so fortunate for top-notch educators like Mr. Thibault. He will be forever Saline royalty and will be remembered fondly. God bless and God's speed.

Bonnie Webb - October 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear this. He influenced me to become a teacher and professor. Thank you Paul.

Susan Crim - October 21, 2025 at 03:21 PM

PL

“ When I was the Mayor of Saline, Paul and I worked together on several issues. He was always wise, honest and open. He was a great asset to the schools and the community.

Patrick Little - October 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

KM

“ My most favorite library friend. I will miss you, Mr. Thibault.  
Katie

Katie Mitchell - October 21, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CB

“ A wonderful man and a life well lived. Rest in Peace Mr. T  
Carter Bishop III

carter III bishop - October 21, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DP

“ Mr. Thibault was a kind and great principal. Luckily, I never had to go to the principal's office. He also lived across the street from us, when I was a teenager.

Deanna Swan Parkinson - October 21, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BF

“ Beth and Troy Johnson and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Rowe Thibault.



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**Beth and Troy Johnson and Family** - October 20, 2025 at 09:19 PM

LS

“ Paul Thibault was a gentle leader that truly made Saline High School a great school in our state. I always enjoyed his happy nature and positive outlook for the education process and all its students. We send our deepest sympathy from the Vogel and Stegenga Family's. Laurie Stegenga

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**Laurie Stegenga** - October 20, 2025 at 09:18 PM

LP

“ He was a great principle! I was in the class of 1979. He was a gentle voice of order. I had to go to the principles office only a few times, and I remember what a nice man he was. I knew him from church as well. Always a pleasant soul.

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**Linda Payeur** - October 20, 2025 at 09:02 PM

ML

“ *Mr Thibault was such an amazing Principle. He was always fair and always had an open door if we needed it. He also ran interference with Mr Corona sometimes if he knew we needed it...lol. I don't know how long he worked after our class graduated (1989), but I hope all classes after us knew and understand what kind of person he was.*

*Rest now Mr Thibault. SHS is the school that it is today because of you,*

*Micki Lackney-Lawson*

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**Micki Lackney-Lawson** - October 20, 2025 at 08:20 PM

BC

“ *Mr thibault has the distinction of being the best principal I ever knew of. He understood me, in ways that many others did not. His legacy is timeless.*

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**barry chapman** - October 20, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *So many special memories of this wonderful man. He always called me and my siblings the Schaib tribe all thru school, and even after high school whenever I saw him. My sincere sympathy and prayers for his family. His life's work as an educator and friend will forever be in my heart.*

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**Elaine Masters** - October 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JJ

*My time at SHS I will always remember him as being my favorite principal out of all the Principle's I had with Saline & Clinton Schools. Full life! Prayers to the family.*

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**Jim Ingersoll** - October 20, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JF

*Mr Thibault was a quiet and thoughtful leader while I was a student at Saline High. He was a strong student advocate and leader. He is in my fond remembrances and prayers. Joe Forrester*

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**Joe Forrester** - October 21, 2025 at 09:08 PM

AC

*Paul was one of my favorite fellow administrators I worked with during my administrative career in Special Education at Saline Schools. He had a heart of gold and always cared about every student. He and my husband, Bert, used to laugh together with that Yooper humor (Bert's from the UP). Bert was a CTE Director for Washtenaw County at that time.*

*We have lost a great leader and educator. May we all thrive to live his principles.*

*Our prayers are with you during this time of grief. May his memory live on in your hearts forever. God bless!*

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**Anne Chapman** - October 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JP

*If success in life was measured by how many friends one has Paul was extremely successful.*

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**Jim Peters** - October 23, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SM

*Mr. Thibault was such a wonderful man. From the time he was my high school principal, fellow parent of FHA members when Joe and Jenny were officers together, friend of my parents, and fellow parishioner of St. Andrew Catholic Church, he was so kind and always asked about my family. Many of my classmates from the class of 1975 were so blessed to see him at our 50th class reunion.*

*Mrs. Thibault, Jenny and family, you are in my prayers. May God give you comfort and peace.*

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**Sue (Carter) Mulka** - October 26, 2025 at 10:03 PM