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## Paul R. 'Bops' Beatty Sr.

1937-2024

Paul R. "Bops" Beatty Sr., age 86, longtime resident of Youngstown and Lewiston, passed peacefully at Niagara Hospice on Feb. 4, 2024, surrounded by family.

Paul was born March 9, 1937, in Niagara Falls, the son of the late William and Blanche Garrow Beatty. In 1961, he married Elizabeth "Jean" Switzer Beatty. They were married for 51 years prior to her death in 2012. Paul enjoyed life with Jean to the fullest and traveled often and far to visit family and friends. Having grown up on the banks of the Niagara River, Paul had a lifelong love of boats and being on the water, especially at their cottage in Canada. He was a great storyteller and a wonderful singer. He enjoyed evenings out playing cards and shuffleboard, or just hanging with friends. He loved a good-toasted tomato sandwich;

fresh corn-on-the-cob; fruit pies; and was always in search of the best local produce.

Paul started in the car business as a teenager and remained in the business for nearly 70 years. He was proud of the connections he made in the car business and was seen as a staple of the community his entire life. He was a good friend to many and maintained those relationships until the end.

For the last 22 years, Paul's passion centered on supporting, volunteering, and bringing attention to the amazing end-of-life care offered by Niagara Hospice. This began with the first Jack Beatty Memorial Regatta started in honor of his late brother in 2001.

Paul proudly wore his trademark Hospice hat and frequently spoke about the value of end-of-life care. Paul took great pride in being a volunteer ambassador



and was humbled and surprised when the Paul R. Beatty Sr. Residential Suites at Niagara Hospice were dedicated in his honor.

It was beautifully fitting that, one week before his passing, Paul was able to walk into the new resi-

dential wing to receive his own end-of-life care. To the end, he continued to talk about the care available through Niagara Hospice and would certainly join us now in thanking the entire staff for the love and attention given to him, and for the constant support and empathy provided to his family.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; by his brothers, Jack Beatty and Bob Beatty; and by sisters Connie Carkeet, Mary Jane Norris, Gloria Beatty and Gail Beatty. He is survived by his five children: Karen Ruero of Lewiston, Linda (Shawn) Wise of Boylston, Massachusetts, Paul (Joanne) Beatty Jr. of Youngstown, Charlotte (Tom) Destino of Asheville,

North Carolina, and Steven (Jodi) Beatty of St. Ignace, Michigan; by his grandchildren: Charlie Ruero, Shawn Jr. (Chrissy), Patrick, and Mary Kate Wise, Paul III, Lindsay, Katie, and Joseph Beatty, Alex (Brigit), Anna, and Max Destino, Melissa and Shelly Beatty; by his great-granddaughter Breanne Wise; by a brother, Richard Beatty of Rochester; by a sister, Judy Killian of Tonawanda; and by many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held on his birthday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Brickyard Brewing Company, 436 Center St., Lewiston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY 14094.

## Village of Lewiston approves events

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it's a change of the zoning law," Leone said. Those panels "have the right to weigh in."

With regard to the self-storage business already operating on Cayuga Street, Leone said the new law "recognizes that there is an existing use, and it's not looking to put that person out of business."

Moreover, he explained, "Nobody's looking to say that you can't have a garage, or you can't rent a couple of your garage units for somebody. We're talking about a facility."

He added, "The law that it comes out of deals with people who don't pay their bill - like you see on TV; they're going to sell

somebody's storage unit. That's where the definition of self-storage facility comes from.

"I put a little bit extra in there, just to make sure that it's clarified. But we then say it doesn't include a garage or a storage area in a private residence or other specifically permitted use. So, if I had a garage behind my house that had three stalls and I wanted to use those, I could. We're talking about a full facility."

In the fall of 2022, a real estate investor presented a plan to convert the Lewiston Event Center

into a self-storage facility. Trustees sent the proposal to the Zoning Board of Appeals for clarification on whether or not such a business is permitted in the B-1 business district. By a 4-1 vote, the ZBA ruled self-storage does not align with municipal code Section 9, District Regulations, D.1.b.g.

Once self-storage is reviewed, Welch noted the Village Board might circle back to storage units on residential properties.

"That's something that we have to look at also," she said. "It's not

that you can't have one. A lot of people use them. It's just that we don't want it to be there for a year parked in the driveway, and your neighbors can't see past it. I think there needs to be a time limit on how long you can use it."

### In the News

In other business from this week's work session, the Village Board approved these motions:

- A request from the Mason FOREVER Foundation to host a 5K Run on Wednesday, June 5.

- Lewiston Assembly of God's application to rent Academy Park and the Alphonso I. DiMino Memorial Band Shell to host a carnival event from 3-9 p.m. Saturday, May 11. This will serve as a fundraiser to purchase picnic tables for the future park pavilion.

- Lewiston Porter Youth Football & Cheer's application to use Richard F. Soluri Park (Cayuga Street spoils plateau) for football and cheerleading practice from 5:30-8 p.m. April 15 through Oct. 27, and to host a tournament from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 8-9.

- The annual "Trick or Treat on Center Street" from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. This request includes closing Center Street (Sixth to Fourth streets) for the duration of the event, and the use of Hennepin Park.

- Using \$26,243 of the remaining funds from the sale of the "Big Yellow House" (475 Ridge St.) to pay MJ Mechanical Service for two single-zone HVAC systems in the clerk's and mayor's offices (as previously approved).

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