



Dr. Paul Lee Kornblith

January 15, 1938 - January 10, 2023

Paul (z"l) was born in Philadelphia. Incredibly bright from a young age, he skipped two years in school, graduating from high school at 16, before immediately attending Temple University and Jefferson Medical College. Upon graduation, he served two years active duty in the US Army, one stationed in Korea and one in Valley Forge Military Hospital. Then 5 years in the reserves. Paul (z"l) had an illustrious career in medicine, including teaching at Harvard Medical School, serving as Chief of Surgical Neurology at the National Institutes of Health and then Chairman of Neurosurgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center, before being appointed professor and vice chairman at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Medical Center.

In 1993, growing out of his life-long research into tissue culture he founded a bio-medical company, Precision Therapeutics in Pittsburgh. A pioneer in precision medicine, and an anchor of Pittsburgh's then-new biotech sector, the company grew cells from cancerous tumors and then tested chemotherapy medicines in the lab rather than on the patient. The technologies honed as the company's CEO and scientific leader have extended thousands of people's lives. Employment at PTI grew to a peak of over 200 employees, in 2019 PTI merged with Helomics Corporation, now a subsidiary of the multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical company, Predictive Oncology.

To be closer to family, he made the decision to move to Austin about two years ago. Paul (z"l) loved his family and enjoyed sharing his passion for history, toy trains, and antique tools and furniture with his children. He was fond of family drives with his children, looking for antiques and sharing reflective conversations about their lives. Paul (z"l) valued a strong work ethic, constantly searching for knowledge, and had a deep love of music. He was 84.

Funeral and burial services will be held on Thursday morning, 12 January @ 10:00 at Austin Memorial Park (2800 Hancock Drive).

To stream the funeral, please go to the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals>. A Facebook account is not required in order to view. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in, click "not now" and the live stream will be available for you to view. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for you to select.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paul's (z"l) loving memory to:

Congregation Agudas Achim --<https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/give>

Cure Alzheimer's Fund -- <https://curealz.org/>

Previous Events

Computer Accessible Funeral Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Austin Memorial Park
2800 Hancock Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Paul Kornblith was a true visionary and a wonderful neurosurgical-scientific mentor. At Massachusetts General Hospital, he developed the techniques to grow glioma cells *in vitro*, and devoted his life to experimental therapeutics. He had leadership roles at the NIH and Albert Einstein School of Medicine. Our paper with Nicolas de Tribolet on the demonstration of lymphocyte-mediated cellular cytotoxicity was one of the first papers demonstrating that lymphocytes from a patient with a malignant glioma, but not patients without brain tumors, could target and kill the glioma cell, anticipating the explosion in cellular immunotherapy of the current generation of immuno-oncology with immune checkpoint blockade, cytokines, CAR T cell and dendritic cell therapies. Paul Kornblith was relentless in the pursuit of scientific truth and solutions. He had a great, infectious, enthusiastic spirit. He will be sadly missed but his legacy is enormous. Steven Brem, MD

Steven Brem, MD - April 01, 2023 at 07:08 PM

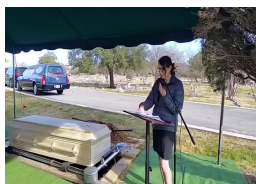
DT

“ Paul was a dear friend. He was kind, gentle and caring. I loved our monthly lunches and talking about everything from trains to his children and grandchildren. He loved chinese food and we enjoyed all his favorite places. I will greatly miss him. Darrell Triulzi

Darrell Triulzi - January 13, 2023 at 10:56 AM



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Austin Natural Funerals - January 13, 2023 at 10:50 AM

GF

“ Paul was an amazing gift to the Pittsburgh community. May his name be remembered as a blessing.

Gina Fleitman - January 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM

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Michele Migliuolo - January 12, 2023 at 11:50 AM

MM

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Michele Migliuolo - January 12, 2023 at 12:10 PM

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Margot Carter - January 12, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MM

“ For over 20 years Paul was *THE* mentor for life sciences startups in the Pittsburgh region.

If an entrepreneur approached Innovation Works for funding, the answer would always be: "What did the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse say?"

After consequently approaching the PLSG, the entrepreneur would inevitably be asked: "Did you have lunch with Dr. Paul, and how did he react?"

We owe endless gratitude to the visionary Dr. Paul, and to sushi lunches with him.

Michele Migliuolo - January 12, 2023 at 09:36 AM

AW

“ Paul was a great friend and mentor. I was always amazed at his photographic memory and enjoyed during our weekly lunches his many stories of growing up in Philadelphia, his time in the Army, and his many experiences with the doyens of medicine. He was a truly nice person who was most proud of his children. He will be missed.

Alan West - January 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Flying to Austin, March 19 2021*



Michele Migliuolo - January 12, 2023 at 08:42 AM

RS

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Robin Sneider - January 12, 2023 at 12:14 AM

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“ *2 files added to the album Dr. Paul - Back in the Day*



Nick - January 11, 2023 at 03:34 PM