

Friday, May 8, 1998

In Memory of Paul Reekie

Station Break

I wrote the following letter with full intention of reading it at Paul's memorial service.

Overwhelmed with emotions, I found it difficult to read at that time but I didn't want the words left unsaid so that is why I asked Janet Taylor about publishing it for everyone to read.

Next to my wife Donna, Paul was my best friend in the world. Although I have two brothers who are both quite a few years older than me, it wasn't until I became close friends with Paul that I realized what having a brother close to my own age could mean.

Paul and I went to Canadore College in North Bay a few years apart, but didn't meet each other until May of 1980 when I started working at CKCO. In the late 80's when he became a director and I did tapes on the same shift we became the best of friends. Donna could never understand how I could work with someone for 8 hours then come home and talk on the phone with him for another hour or 2. Sometimes we'd talk about work and that day, or television shows that we shared an interest in, but most of the time we talked about what would seem to be nothing in particular. We'd argue over the smallest point in a movie or something else and neither of us would give in. This would go on and on until we would start laughing and then we'd realize that we had just had another "Seinfeld" moment - 15 minutes about absolutely nothing.

I had the pleasure of being the "Best Man" at Paul and Sandra's wedding and Paul was my daughter Nicole's god father. Our kids

always called him uncle Paul because to them he was a part of our family.

Friendship is something that was very important to Paul and something that he nurtured everyday. Too often we are friendly towards people but can't say that we have many friends. Paul had many friends - whether it was the friends he had in the K-W Flying Dutchmen, The Benesfort Street Bunch, those of us at work, or a number of others, Paul always made you feel that you were a special part of his life and he would often fill you in on the details of his relationships with others.

And details were very important to Paul too - in his speech, a simple story would be stretched and etched and painted with the most minute facts. In his life, he would take care of the finest element to the point where - what he referred to as being meticulous, I always told him he was just being "anal". Whether it was the thorough step-by-step account of the building of his new house, Braedon's burps, giggles and bowel movements or anything else that was going on in his life that day, you could always pick out Paul's sense of detail.

So days, weeks and years from now when you think of Paul, recall the details and you will remember the friend.

I'd like to thank all those people, my friends and Paul's friends who have expressed their condolences to me over the last week. It means a lot to me. Please remember Sandra and Braedon in your prayers.

Thank you, Bob Tiffin



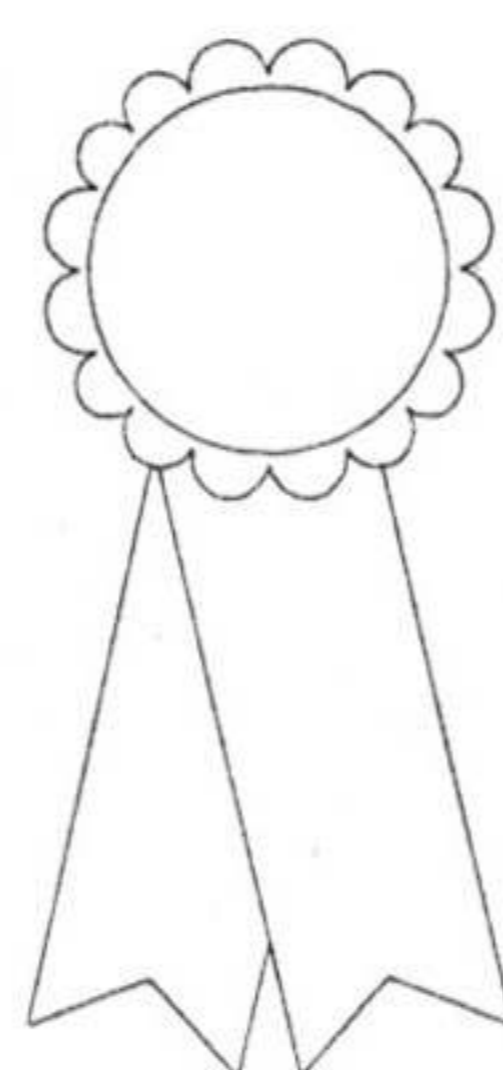
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Celebrating a birthday the month of May:

John Lay	May 1st
Stephen Langan	May 3rd
Cameron Crassweller	May 10th
Tom Farwell	May 17th
Ken Grist	May 17th
John Smith	May 24th
Rick McAulay	May 26th
Sue Mondoux	May 29th
Lisa Mayberry	May 30th

And a Happy Anniversary to:

Kandi Heisz	05/16/71
Bob Tiffin	05/26/80
Jeff Soltysiak	05/31/82
Gerald Morrow	05/03/84
Vaughn Boegel	05/13/85
Zeljko Zugaj	05/20/85
Warren Letson	05/04/87
Paul Moser	05/04/87
Alan Fraser	05/08/89
Chris Roenspiess	05/25/94
Al Gibson	05/30/94
Tom Farwell	05/15/95



I first remember meeting Paul when he started working at CKCO Television many years ago. Even though Paul was only 4 years younger than me, I always thought of him as this very young man with the bright, smiling face. Paul was always happy and it wasn't long before he became a very important member of the CKCO family.... liked by everyone. I can still hear his laugh echoing throughout the halls.

I didn't really know Paul on a personal level but throughout the years working side-by-side in Production, you couldn't help but find out little tidbits of his life away from the station. I remember how happy Paul was when he met Sandra and they got married and how much he talked about her. I didn't think anything could make him a happier man.... but I was wrong. Sandra got pregnant !! Paul always made me laugh when he would suddenly start singing that Paul Anka song... "You're Having My Baby"!!! When Braedon was born I thought Paul would burst with pride !! I hope that when Braedon gets older and can understand, he knows what a special man his Daddy was and how proud he was of him.

Over the years, we have already lost quite a few of the CKCO family... so I know that Paul will be in good company in Heaven. Say hello for us Paul.

I think I can speak on behalf of everyone here at CKCO... we have all lost a very important family member. We love you Paul and we will miss you always.

Kathy Fedy



This Day In History



- Milan, Italy - Defeating Finland 2-1 in a sudden death shootout, Canada won its first World Hockey Championship since 1961. (1994)
- Canada replaced the paper dollar with the 'loonie'. (1987)
- Birth of singer Toni Tennille (1943)
- Birth of comedian Don Rickles (1926)
- Atlanta - Jacob's Pharmacy became the first business to serve Coca-Cola. (1886)
- Champlain and his wife sailed for Canada. (1620)

Manulife Ride For Heart

As a tribute to fellow employees whom have passed away from heart problems I have decided to participate in this years Manulife Ride For Heart.

I am looking for sponsors for the Ride on Sunday, June 7th. Thanks for your help.

Calvin Shaver

**Happy
Mother's
Day
Sunday, May 10th**

**To all the
CKCO Mom's
&
Mom's To Be**

