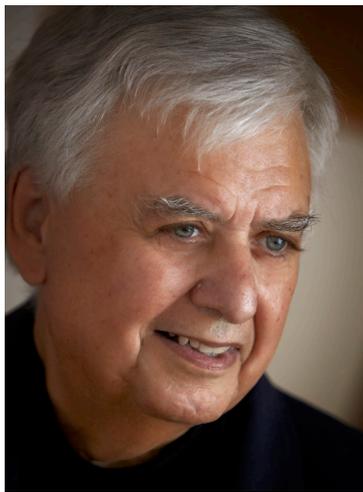


# Paying it Forward: Paul's Legacy

The 1950's saw a polio epidemic that brought fear into the heart of every parent in Waterloo Region. It was, and still is a disease with no known cure. In 1954, 10-year-old Paul contracted the much-feared disease. Unlike many children his age, Paul survived but polio left its mark leaving him with a permanent limp and mobility challenges.

Paul never forgot how his life was shaped by the men who took time out of their schedules each week. Members of the Rotary Club of Preston would drive him to each of his therapy appointments at KidsAbility, which was then known as the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. The fact that doctors, lawyers and respected professionals would take time out of their busy schedules was never lost on Paul. Thanks to local Rotarians, Paul felt like his life mattered and that he was important.

It was through his therapy at KidsAbility that Paul regained some of the mobility that he had lost. He learned how to strengthen his muscles. It was through the constant affirmation from Rotarians that Paul's self-confidence continued to grow.



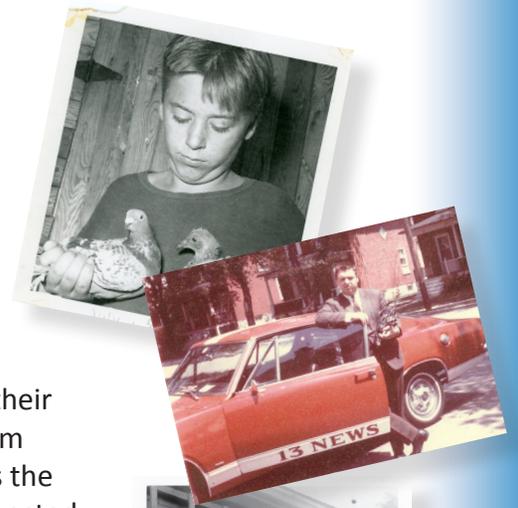
Throughout his life Paul enjoyed pursuing a career as a videographer. He loved technology and amateur radio. Never afraid of a new challenge, he could be found working on his beloved Mustangs. Paul was a successful entrepreneur and a caring mentor to many in the tech-field. Like the Rotarians did for him, Paul took people under his wing and helped them to succeed.

Paul overcame so many obstacles and challenges throughout his life never losing his positive attitude. He embraced life to its fullest. As he grew older, he began to suffer from post-polio syndrome, the after effects of his childhood disease. Still, it did not dampen his spirit and three-weeks before losing his battle with cancer, Paul married the love of his life.

During his final weeks, Paul would often express to his sister, Blanche, his gratitude for the role that KidsAbility and Rotarians played in his early years. It was this gratitude that led Paul to his final wish: to leave a Legacy.

Through a bequest in his will, Paul honoured the local Rotary Club and KidsAbility. His generosity will mean that future generations of children will have the same opportunities that Paul did. They too will be able to begin their journeys toward brighter futures one step at a time at KidsAbility.

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