



Paul Manning Price

December 23, 1952 - July 15, 2012

Paul Manning Price, an extraordinary friend, teacher, editor and musician, died on July 15, 2012 at his home in Chapel Hill, N.C., surrounded by his family and friends. He was 59 years old.

Paul was born in Ankara, Turkey, on Dec. 23, 1952, the son of Darrell Manning Price and Anna Maldari Price, marking the beginning of a full life roaming. In 1974 he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. in international studies, one of the first students to do so. He was later an influential and admired teacher at UNC. In 1986 Paul assisted Dr. Lou Lipsitz in producing a political science textbook, *American Democracy*, and in 1995 became assistant director at the University Center for International Studies (now called the Center for Global Initiatives) at UNC. He lectured at the University of Asmara, Eritrea, worked in various capacities in Boston and San Francisco, and, as a child of a U.S. Diplomatic Corps family, he lived in the Middle East and Southeast Asia as well. He was, in every respect, a man of the world.

From 1999 until his retirement in January 2012, Paul was a member of the Social Science Research Council in New York City. In his role as editorial and communications director, he oversaw the publication of books, created promotional materials and directed internal communications, always with an eye to quality and integrity, and served as a key advisor to the council president. He is remembered by all as a giving and perceptive mentor whose wise counsel changed lives. While at the council he was associate editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of the Social Sciences* (Oxford University Press, 2002), and co-editor of *Understanding September 11* (The New Press, 2002).

Paul seemed to have led two lives: one as a social scientist and the other as an inspired professional musician. Much like his hero, Paul McCartney, he was a producer, songwriter, vocalist, piano player, lead guitarist, rhythm guitarist and bass guitarist in many Chapel Hill bands, from the 1970s to the 1990s, including Luthermoon, Toulouse T'Trek, the Swamis, the Emperors of Ice Cream and Lud. His last CD, which he composed and produced, was with the Morays, in New York City; it's called *Everything Will Be Alright*. He was writing and recording music until the end. Music was his last and greatest love.

Paul Price is survived by his wife, Kelli Ervin-Price, of Durham, N.C.; his brother, James Wilson Price, of Salisbury, N.C.; his sister, Valerie Anne Price, of Carrboro, N.C.; and

many cousins, aunts and uncles in North Carolina, Massachusetts, California and Italy. There will be a visitation at Summersett Funeral Home, in Salisbury, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday July 19th, with graveside rites and burial at Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 20th. There will also be a memorial service at the Friends Meeting House in Chapel Hill, 531 Raleigh Road, on Saturday, July 21, at 5:00 p.m., with a reception to follow from 6 - 7.

Tribute Wall



“ *To the Family of Paul:*

Your loss surely is felt greatly for a person who apparently appreciated life and contributed a lot towards it. How sad that life in this system of things prevents us from continuing to make contributions to it because of being cut short by death. But rest assured Paul will be able to live life to the full in the real life (1 Tim 6:19) Find time to read and draw comfort from the scriptures when God's Kingdom that Jesus taught us to pray for will restore life to the earth under paradise conditions (Rev 21:3-5)##imported-begin##Linda Harrison##imported-end##

July 25, 2012 at 12:31 AM



“ *Dear Jim and Valerie,*

You may not remember me but Paul and I were very good friends back in the days of Meadowbrook and high school, along with John and George and Gregory and Robbie and Edward, etc. We had some great times and he and I corresponded while he was away at military school. He wrote fabulous letters, as you can imagine. He was just a great friend and though I haven't seen him in many years, I'll always remember him...and your dear mother as well. She always welcomed us into her home and was so very warm and kind. Paul loved her dearly as I recall, and as I'm sure you both did. I wish I could be there for the visitation and service but sadly I am out of town. Please know that I am thinking of you both and am terribly sorry this has happened. He was such a uniquely brilliant and talented friend. I know he will be missed by so many. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Jane Nussman##imported-begin##Jane Nussman##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 09:39 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Carlyle Poteat##imported-end##*

July 18, 2012 at 10:39 PM



“ *So surprised and saddened to hear the news, a very nice write up about Paul. My sympathies to his entire family and friends.##imported-begin##Lee Bishop##imported-end##*

July 18, 2012 at 06:16 PM



“ Dearest Paul, kindred spirit, this world is not the same without you. You have taught us all so much about how to live.

Many pictures in my mind as I think of you but perhaps the best is of you wearing a giant Eritrean constitution for Halloween in Asmara in 1997. You were one of the few who had insight into what would happen to that constitution.

*You are always with us,
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July 18, 2012 at 02:14 AM



“ Wonderful obituary for a very decent man. I will miss Paul. My condolences to the Price family.###imported-begin###Nick Ramsey###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 11:56 PM



“ Paul was my instructor and my friend...I am so saddened to hear this news. My thoughts are with his family and friends, and everyone who will miss him.###imported-begin###Hilary Anne Hager###imported-end##

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