



## Paul J. Rowean

July 3, 2019

Paul Joseph Rowean of Portland, CT, formerly of Old Lyme, passed away July 3, 2019 after a short battle with cancer. He was born September 26, 1946 in Boston, MA. He was the beloved son of the late Dorothy E. (Molway) Rowean and the late Joseph Rowean. Paul grew up in Boston, graduating from Boston Technical High School. Shortly after his graduation, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve where he served as a combat medic. He served six years and received an Honorable Discharge. After leaving the Army, he attended, and graduated from, the University of Hartford with a B.S. in marketing and an MBA.

Paul joined Danaher Tool Group (then Easco Hand Tools) as a product manager after graduating from the University of Hartford. Shortly after, he was promoted to Director of Marketing and helped to build the organization. In the 1980s, he left Danaher and started a manufacturer's rep firm focusing on big box retailers in the Northeast. Danaher Tool Group asked him to rejoin their company as VP of Sales and Marketing for Sears Roebuck/Craftsman business. Under his watch as VP, the business grew and he was promoted to VP of Innovation and Ideation in 2001. He earned his Master Black Belt in Lean Ideation at Danaher. He retired from Danaher in 2007 and started his consulting firm Rowean & Associates. He found a love for writing and authored 6 books about Lean and a book about growing up in Boston. Paul loved family time, especially Sunday dinners and time spent at Old Lyme Shores. He looked forward to puttering in the garage with the grandchildren,

painting bird houses and spoiling them with “reverse dinners.”

In 1971, Paul married the love of his life, Judith A. Rowean, with whom he raised four children. They made their home for twenty years at 75 High Farms Road in West Hartford and spent summers at 29 Billow Road in Old Lyme. They recently built an in-law apartment with their daughter and son-in-law in Portland. He was predeceased by a son Paul Rowean, Jr in 1985, a sister Nancy E. Liljedahl in 2009, and his wife Judy in December 2018 to Parkinson’s Disease.

Paul is survived by his sister Janet E. Farrelly and his four children: Amy Beth Dumais and her husband Brian of Portland, CT; Bryant M. Rowean and his wife Nicole of Winnetka, IL; Brandon P. Rowean and his wife Falan of Manchester, CT; and Katelyn M. Rowean of West Hartford, CT.

He leaves behind ten grandchildren: Andrew, Samantha, and Tyler Dumais; Keegan, Alexander, Hayes, and Heidi Rowean; Rylee, Alexandra, and Taylor Rowean.

Friends and relatives are welcome to call on the family on Thursday, July 11 from 6-8 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. Funeral services will be Friday, July 12 with a celebration of Christian Burial at 10 am at St Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Paul's name may be made to: Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church  
47 Pleasant St  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ To the family of Paul Rowean: your loss is deeply felt by those in the Chicagoland area (Sears headquarters). Paul provided innovation and creativity in supporting the marketing of the Craftsman tool line. He came to our meetings with enthusiasm and that smile and twinkle in his eye that communicated he had a solution / answer to any dilemma. Always pleasant, professional — thanking God for his life. May God grant you His peace and comfort. Carol Martin Miller

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**Carol Miller** - July 13, 2019 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ Dear Rowean Family - It is with great sadness that we heard of both your dad and mom's passing. We had many fond memories of a long hockey season and many good times throughout the years with games and tournaments, even though we froze through many of those hours. Our deepest sympathy on behalf of all our family. Maryanne, Edward "Bud", Adam & Eric Bulewich

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**maryanne b bulewich** - July 12, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Paul's family. I worked with Paul at Danaher Tool Group and Easco Hand Tools. He was a good friend and a pleasure to work with. John Tatasciore and family

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**John Tatasciore** - July 11, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Paul J. Rowean.*



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July 11, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Dear Brandon and all your family members:*

*I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing so soon after your Mom. Having lost both parents I know hard it is. I know that he was proud of all of you including your late brother. He is now with your Mom and Paul and is looking down from heaven sending loving thoughts. May his memory always be a blessing and may you find comfort in all your memories. Kathy Leis*

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**Kathy Leis** - July 09, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Paul J. Rowean.*



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July 09, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ *We are very sorry for the loss of Paul to your family. Judy welcomed him with open arms..together in eternity. Norm, Cindy Emard and family.*

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**Norm and Cindy Emard** - July 09, 2019 at 07:35 AM

Sheryl  
Holden

“ *Fond memories of time spent when I was 16 and visiting Nancy. There are family movies of me having my ears pierced using an ice cube and needle. They are still pierced today.  
Sheryl Holden (Molway) and Illinois cousin.*

Sheryl Holden - July 08, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul J. Rowean.*



July 08, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *I worked with Paul at Danaher back in the 90's. Paul was a great guy who was passionate about his family and a true professional at his job. Although I have not seen Paul in a number of years, I will always remember and admire him for his success in life. I offer my utmost sympathy to the Rowean family.  
Kerry Kovarik*

Kerry Kovarik - July 08, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *Tom and Sheila Sulentic purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Rowean.*



Tom and Sheila Sulentic - July 08, 2019 at 09:52 AM