



Felix Mahu

February 6, 1954 - July 22, 2019

Felix Paulus "Paul" Mahu

Bon vivant. A true gentleman. Connoisseur of gourmet food, fine wine and beautiful women passed away 22 July 2019 in Home Hospice Care surrounded by the extended family he loved, after a most arduous battle no soldier should ever have to wage with the vilest of enemies-pancreatic cancer. He was 65.

Born in Hulst, Netherlands on 6 February 1954, Paul was a Brainiac who left school early to work in the vineyards of France, which inspired his appreciation of wine. He entered the AF Academy at 17. A graduate of the Royal Netherlands Air Force Academy and the University of Leiden, with a Master's Degree in military organizational psychology, his 33 yr. distinguished career spanned the globe. As the consummate aviator, he flew the F-16. Worked as Air Force Liaison in the Hague. NATO assignments in AV South Naples, Italy Transitioned to NATO Base Commander, Crete, Greece and tactical delivery of missile systems. He was critical to working in and negotiating the inclusion of Eastern EU countries of Greece, Poland and Romania in missile armament and NATO. He was the consummate negotiator for brokering multinational NATO agreements throughout Europe. His final assignment was as the first ever Netherlands Air Force represent to the German Military in Cologne, Germany. Paul was fluent in seven languages

which lent to agility in all roles and assignments. He loved all types of travel but particularly those island beach communities with aqua crystal water or destinations off the beaten track unknown to most tourists. He was a rabid fan of soccer, Formula One racing and the tour de France. He crafted wine and loved to cook. He was a natural "Techie" in every sense. He loved the global perspective on politics. As a "city boy" grew to love nature in the hills of Western Pennsylvania. Nothing pleased him more than hosting the family and friends he loved in his own home. For Paul, family was everything. Paul travelled the globe and held dual citizenship in the Netherlands and his dear USA.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Angele Pille and his father, Piet Mahu of Oosterhout, Netherlands. He is survived by his beloved wife, Charlene Rychlinski Mahu; son, Rutger (Patty) and (his adored grandsons), Railey and Parry in Breda, Netherlands; daughter, Stephanie in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; brother, Peter Mahu in Oosterhout, Netherlands.

An unassuming, reserved, elegant man, cremation will be immediate, upon request. Private mass for family. Memorial Service to be announced. Contributions in his name can be made to: St. Margaret Mary Food Bank, Salvation Army or the Charity of YOUR choice in his name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Felix Mahu*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Felix Mahu*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Knowing Paul as a Kind Gentleman, the world will miss.
His eyes showed the truth of Kindness and love for people.*

*Deepest sympathies,
Melanie Jacobs*

Melanie Jacobs Kokenda - August 02, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Felix Mahu.*



July 25, 2019 at 11:01 AM

RM

“ *Veel met Paul gereisd door Duitsland in de 80'er jaren. hij was altijd een prettige medereiziger en altijd veel plezier beleefd tijdens bezoeken aan partner eenheden. Veel tre vroegen nemen we afscheid van hem.*



Robert Meijering - July 25, 2019 at 07:35 AM

CO

“ *Dear Paul, Although we haven't seen each other for ages, I know, that our love which existed between us, as (ex)brother and sister in law, never died. I miss you. Constance*



Constance - July 25, 2019 at 02:42 AM

MH

“ *Samen met Paul gediend in Duitsland in de 70'er jaren, 20 jaar later samen gediend in Den Haag in het Operatiecentrum, weer 20 jaar later drinken we samen bier op Curaçao... dat was kennelijk de laatste keer... R.I.P. ouwe reus!!*



Mat van Houten - July 24, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Felix Mahu.*



July 24, 2019 at 04:57 AM



“ *Beste familie Mahu,
In 1980 diende ik als soldaat bij het 503 Sq.
Paul was destijds hier 1e luitenant. Paul kon
erg goed om gaan met mijn eigenwijs en
tegendraads gedrag. Ook mijn grote Haagse
muil kon hij waarderen. Als officier heeft hij mij diverse hierop
aangesproken als in "ongepast" gedrag liet zien. Op een meer dan
eerlijke, recht voor zijn raap, met humor doorspekt en als mensen
onder elkaar las hij mij de les. Dit deed mij goed en hier heb ik veel
van geleerd.*



*Had graag nog een keer met hem gedeeld wat er uiteindelijk van mij
geworden is. Zijn woorden "je gaat de lange, moeilijke maar o zo
interessante lange levensweg volgen, zijn inderdaad uitgekomen.*

*Ga de link ook sturen naar de Facebook pagina van de 5e Groep
Geleide Wapens en ons 503 squadron.*

*Wens alle nazaten en zijn dierbaren alle kracht, wijsheid en liefde
toe.*

Willem van der Steen - July 24, 2019 at 03:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Felix Mahu.*



July 24, 2019 at 03:03 AM



“ *My brother. My buddy.
Rest well Paul. You deserve it.*



John Rychlinski - July 23, 2019 at 08:33 PM