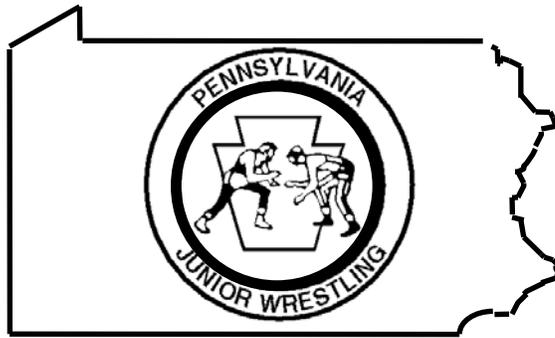


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IS THE GOAL

Paul Yoder, Area II passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Paul became involved with Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling (PJW) in the late 70's. He eventually became the Area II Chairperson for a decade. Paul then was elected as the State Chairperson for the PJW Committee in 2000, stepping into that position after an unexpected passing of the PJW Chairperson. Paul served as Chair until Spring 2007. Larry Newcomer then took the reins from Paul and served to 2018. Ironically, Larry passed on December 18, 2020, followed by Paul's passing on February 2, 2021.

But when Paul stepped down as the State Chairperson, he DID NOT stop supporting the growth and development of PJW. The nature of Paul's "day job" as a semi-retired pharmacist, had Paul traveling all over PA to fill in at various drug stores. He had an incredible amount of contacts, and in his articulate style, he garnered support. Paul was a HUGE REASON that PJW was able to expand greatly into the eastern part of the state. Paul knew a leader when he saw one, and he was adept at recruiting the right people in the east to help grow PJW in the east.

When Paul started PJW had eight areas, all in the west part of PA. Area II was the largest Area, and included ALL of eastern PA. Wrestlers from the east had to come to the qualifier at Bald Eagle Area until Paul found leaders willing to host sectional tournaments, and then eventually become a full-fledged Area. Today, PJW covers the entire state and has fourteen fully operational Areas. A lot of that is attributable to Paul Yoder's drive and ability to acquire collaboration among people.

Paul was born on June 24, 1941, in Belleville, PA. Paul was a man of faith. He knew his Bible well, and was guided by his beliefs. He attended the former Kishacoquillas Junior/Senior High School until the 11th grade. His family relocated to the Goshen, Indiana area, where he graduated from high school. Paul furthered his education at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science; now known as the University of the Sciences, and graduated with a degree in Pharmacy in 1963.

Paul's career as a pharmacist spanned over 50 years. His career as a wonderful human being and wrestling supporter spanned just under 80 years. Rest in Peace Paul Yoder. You can now just watch instead of recruiting and building our wonderful sport.

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