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Paul Edward Lormand, age 66, passed away peacefully with his sisters at his side on June 20, 2021 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Paul is survived by his son, Joseph Li Lormand, his brother, Darrell LeNormand of Edison, New Jersey, and his sisters, Brenda Lormand Couvillon and her husband, Wayne of Abbeville, and Gerianne Lormand Marceaux of Kaplan. He is also survived by his nephew and godchild Matthew Boucher, nieces, Ava Couvillon and Laura Couvillon Humble and her husband, Brody along with his uncle, Deluse “Dee” Doucet, and aunt, Lyn Holley Doucet and godchild, Jacques Doucet.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Joseph Lormand and the former Sadie Doucet and his brother-in-law, Carl Marceaux, all from Kaplan.

On Monday, June 28, 2021 services honoring the life of Paul Edward Lormand will be held in Kaplan at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Roman Catholic

Church beginning with visitation at 1:00 p.m., a rosary led by brothers of the Knights of Columbus at 2:00 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Mark Miley and Reverend Arockia Doss will be officiating the service with burial following at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Cemetery in Kaplan.

Music will be provided by pianist, Matthew Boucher and vocalist, Laura Couvillon Humble. Ava Couvillon will be the lector of the scripture readings.

Paul was a graduate of the class of 1972 at Kaplan High School. He was also a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and English. He received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from the University of Memphis.

Paul's professional career was filled with a love of theatre. He held titles of Managing Director, Founding Executive Director, and Executive Director for the Performing Arts in Memphis and Collierville, Tennessee, Hartford, Wisconsin, Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Cullowhee, North Carolina. He also shared his love of theatre through instruction as an Assistant Professor at the University of Memphis, Chair of the Department of Performing Arts at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Western Carolina University. During his career he was privileged to work with such celebrities as Jay Leno, Hal Holbrook, John Dye, and even Carrie Underwood (prior to her winning American Idol).

His love of music was truly remarkable and spiritual music was how it began for Paul. At the age of 13 he was the organist and music director for Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kaplan. Throughout his life he shared his talents with other churches as the organist and musical director for the Blessed Sacrament Church in Memphis, TN, First Christian Church in Tahlequah, OK,

St. Margaret of Scotland in Maggie Valley, NC, and then returned to Holy Rosary Church where it all began when he moved back home in 2017.

Community service was also important to Paul. He was active throughout his life in the Jackson County Arts Council, Sylva Rotary Club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus in Sylva North Carolina and in Kaplan, and he served on the Board for St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Paul was a very loving and kind man with a gentle heart and soul. He was always friendly to everyone he met and he made you feel like you were a long-time friend. He also had such a love of laughter and joy.

He was always thinking of others and was a giving and generous person. If you knew Paul, he was always a well-dressed man wearing a suit and tie and was always a true gentleman.

We want to thank everyone who took time to pray for Paul during his time of need and for everyone who showed their love and support to our family with loving thoughts and prayers. A special thank you to God's Warriors, an online prayer group led by Danny Choate of Kaplan that prays the rosary along with the prayer intentions of its members every evening. They faithfully prayed for Paul and his family during his time of illness.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 West Lafayette St., Maurice, LA. 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Rosary Cemetery

152 Veterans Dr  
Kaplan, LA 70548

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
602 N Church Ave  
Kaplan, LA 70548

## Rosary

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
602 N Church Ave  
Kaplan, LA 70548

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

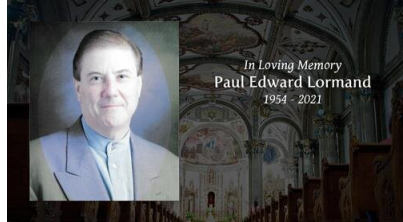
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Edward Lormand* ”



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**Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 24, 2021 at 03:22 PM

TF

“ He was the dedicated director in Collierville, TN at the Harrell Theatre.

One of my last memories of him was when I was watching a couple of my friends take a summer acting class. I would walk over my from my house and just sort of hang out with the class, even though I wasn't in it. Very sweet girls of all ages were in the class, and I made a few friends. One day, I saw him smack one of the little girls on the rear end. I was 13 years old, but I knew it was unacceptable. He did it shamelessly, they were even on the stage. I'm not sure if it was the same day or the next, but he sat right behind me in the theatre, leaned over me, and wrapped his arms around my shoulders, encircling and holding onto my upper body. He then leaned the entire side of his face heavily on my head and started rubbing it slowly, the scruff on his face hurting my scalp. He stopped after a few seconds, because I froze and said nothing. It was one of the most embarrassing, humiliating moments of my life. He had no business touching me like that. I can't even remember what he was whispering, I blocked it out. My mom called and complained to the office, and the woman said they'd gotten similar complaints from other parents and their daughters. He remained there for who knows how long, doing who knows what to young girls. Shame on him. That's what people need to know when they look him up. It haunts me that white men get away with this stuff. I hope he's rotting in hell.

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Tracy Flint - March 03, 2025 at 02:52 AM

RR

That you added a racist comment to the end of your rant diminishes your credibility. Paul was a gentle spirit and a true gentleman. Too often people are poised to misinterpret sincere displays of affection.

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Rick Robinson - July 19, 2025 at 02:15 PM

EP

“ Paul was one of the brightest souls I've ever met. In third grade, I had moved to Cullowhee, North Carolina, where I was lucky enough to meet his son, Joseph Lormand. The two of us became best friends and thankfully still are to this day. We'd often visit what was Paul's workplace at the time, the Fine and Performing Arts Center. I always thought it was fascinating, the environment and how the building was dedicated to art. It was a type of place I had never been in before. A lot of discovering had to be done on my own, but before I had met Paul and his son, I don't think I had ever realized how important art is to me. In a way, Paul and his son are responsible for me discovering who I am as a person.

Whenever Paul would bring Joseph to my house so the two of us could hang out, he'd always light up the room, bringing a smile to the face of everyone he talked to, whether it be my stepfather, my mother, or me. Every time Joseph was picked up, me and my mother would talk about how great of a person Paul is, how sweet he is. He had a lot of qualities that are rare when it comes to people, the ones that are the most important, the ones that can be often be taken for granted. He was an extremely generous, welcoming, and kind man. I'm beyond lucky to have met him, and I know that anyone else who has met him will say the same.

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**Elijah Penland** - June 29, 2021 at 07:40 PM

SK

“ I knew Paul when he was our organist at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Sylva and the many years he was administrator over the Fine and Performing Arts Center at WCU! He was a generous, loving and kind gentleman. He will be missed by many. The parishioners at Saint Mary's are lifting his family up in prayers. May he have eternal rest with Jesus and join the choir of Angels! Our loss is heaven's gain for sure! In loving sympathy, Susan Karcher

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**Susan Karcher** - June 29, 2021 at 01:28 PM

JQ

“ Jim, Betty & Quinn purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Paul Edward Lormand.



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**Jim, Betty & Quinn** - June 27, 2021 at 09:09 AM

SN

“ Paul was a champion for the performing arts. Soon after he arrived in Jackson County, he offered opportunities for the students in the public schools to attend special performances at WCU. He was an asset to the community and a great friend of Jackson County Public Schools. It is a testament to his life that he will be deeply missed by so many people. He was a good person.

*Sue Nations*

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**Sue Nations** - June 26, 2021 at 07:17 PM

RN

“ I was blessed to meet Paul Lormand when he lived in Sylva, North Carolina. Paul was an amazing person, and one of his many gifts was the ability to bring joy to others. Joseph, I watched you grow up with my own son, Remington. You were and are the best treasure in your father's life. My sincere condolences to all of the family. May the Good Lord bless and keep you all. Sincerely, Robin Nations

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**Robin Nations** - June 26, 2021 at 07:05 PM

RN

“ Robin Nations lit a candle in memory of Paul Edward Lormand



Robin Nations - June 26, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Lormand.



June 26, 2021 at 06:47 PM

JS

“ Paul will be greatly missed. He was what I would call a "kind soul". I first met Paul of course through WCU's fine and performing arts center. He brought a next level management to that wonderful facility and greatly elevated its profile and standing in the region-- something that is sorely missed. He worked closely with local and regional organizations I was associated with including the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Sylva Rotary Club, to focus attention on WCU and it's place as the region's focal point for the arts and culture in general. When he joined the Rotary Club as a member we got to know him even better, and he brightened our meetings with his music and his gentle spirit. Paul's passing is a huge loss for the community and the club, but more importantly for the many people his life has touched over the years.

Jay Spiro - June 24, 2021 at 11:37 AM

RV

“ Paul was a wonderful colleague of mine at Western Carolina University. I was lucky enough to hire him as the Director of our new fine and performing arts center at the University. He not only did a great job for us, but he brightened the day of anyone who ever encountered him. His incredibly kind and thoughtful soul will be greatly missed. The world was a much better place because of Paul Lormand.

*Bob Vartabedian*

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**Robert A. Vartabedian** - June 24, 2021 at 07:03 AM

BH

“ Most grateful for Paul's generous gift of music for Holy Rosary/Cabrini parish. He willingly offered his time and talent to share his love of music for those in need of his service. Prayers for his soul continue. *Belinda G Hargrave*

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**Belinda G Hargrave** - June 23, 2021 at 10:34 PM

DD

“ I was a graduate assistant at the U. Southwestern Louisiana with Paul and have so many fond memories of him, especially in theater. My sympathy to his family.

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**Danon Dastugue** - June 23, 2021 at 06:53 PM

BR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Paul when he directed the new Fine and Performing Arts Center at Western Carolina University. He worked miracles putting together the "Galaxy of Stars" seasons there, which included many acts that could only have come out to Cullowhee because of Paul's talent for building relationships that, in turn, brought talent. No one has come close to replacing him. He was a most gracious man, and indeed a true gentleman in every way. --Brian Railsback

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**Brian Railsback** - June 23, 2021 at 06:28 PM

EM

I graduated with Paul from high school at Kaplan High in 1972. My memories of Paul was the first year that I had to attend Kaplan High in 9th grade That's when segregation was just beginning at the schools and Paul was one of the people that was so kind to me. He would always say"Eva Dell everything is gonna be alright". those words back then meant a lot to me. R.I.P.my friend. YOU really gonna be missed

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**Eva Dell Morrison** - June 24, 2021 at 01:03 AM

LD

My best memory of Paul is when we had a meeting at his house before going to Girls/Boys State. He had wonderful advice for the new people, and he was so sweet and helpful about everything through the years. Rest in the arms of Jesus, my friend.

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**Lois Broussard Dooley** - June 24, 2021 at 03:03 AM

KJ

As a music educator in Cullowhee and his son's music teacher, I appreciated his passion for providing cultural arts experiences at little to no cost for the children in our rural community. Sending a hug to Joseph and thoughts and prayers to his faithful and loving family. Katee & Jake Johnson

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**Katee Johnson** - June 24, 2021 at 11:23 AM

CB

*I will always remember Paul with a smile on his face or laughing. He was such a good friend to Freddy when they sang together at Masses. They both loved music so much. He was such a kind and giving person. I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. I'm sure he and Freddy are telling stories and laughing right now. May he rest in peace with God and all the angels. Continuing to pray for the family.*

Cathy Brazan - June 24, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Lormand.



June 23, 2021 at 05:08 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I will always remember Paul for the great enthusiasm he showed when playing music for the sacrifice of the mass. From the time he provided music since our time in Maltrait Memorial Catholic School, through high school, and into adulthood, I loved to be part of providing music with him. He was so patient and kind and loved what he did. My condolences to the family, and my prayers for the repose of his soul are being offered up. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.! AMEN!  
Linda (Meaux) Stelly

Linda Stelly - June 23, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Lormand.* ”



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June 22, 2021 at 10:44 AM