



Paul Andre Boivin

December 3, 1957 - October 8, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paul André Boivin. Paul passed away on October 8th, 2025, at the age of 67. He was born on December 3rd, 1957, in Montreal Canada, and for the past several decades has made his home in Sarasota, Florida, where he enriched both the cultural and personal lives of all who knew him.

Paul's life was a blend of business, artistry, and friendship. He owned and operated an internet marketing and web design business, bringing creativity and precision to the digital world. Yet his true calling was always music. A gifted pianist whose evening playing often delighted neighbors, Paul was also a distinguished symphony conductor and musical director.

Hailed as a “formidable talent” from Canada to Southwest Florida, Paul earned the respect of critics and colleagues alike for his precision, sensitivity, and versatility on the podium. His career began remarkably early—conducting professionally at just 17. After completing his music studies at McGill University and the Montreal Conservatory, he pursued double doctoral degrees in instrumental and choral conducting at Indiana University. He later deepened his craft at Aspen, Budapest, and Siena, receiving international recognition.

Paul went on to lead orchestras across Canada and the U.S., including the

Ballet de Montréal, the Plattsburgh Symphony, the Laval Symphony, and guest engagements with symphonies from Montreal to Vancouver, Tallahassee to Sarasota. In 1988, CBC/Radio-Canada named him “Revelation of the Year,” a distinction that foreshadowed a career filled with accolades. One of his most recent projects was the foundation of the SRQ Jazz Trio.

Alongside his musical accomplishments, he nurtured interests in history, psychology, photography, aviation, and technology. His love of learning and curiosity were boundless.

Paul was also a passionate tennis player at the Laurel Oak Tennis Club, where he was known for both his skill and his camaraderie. Friends and colleagues describe him as much more than an accomplished conductor or businessman—he was an exceptional mind with a generous spirit, an incredible friend who brought people together and left behind countless stories of inspiration and impact.

Paul is preceded in passing by his father, Rolland André Boivin, and his sister, Denise Boivin.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Kathy; his mother, Marie Corbell; siblings, nieces, extended family, and countless friends, many of whom became like family to him.

A Celebration of Paul’s Life will be considered in the future, and details will be shared once arrangements are finalized.

Paul André Boivin will be remembered for his formidable talent, his boundless curiosity, his generosity, and above all, the beauty he brought into the world—through music, through friendship, and through love.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I met Paul at the 12/12/2012 TedX in Sarasota. Since then we became good friends. He was a wonderful man with great talents, with high level of intelligence and humility, and an amazing love of life. Paul was truly a renaissance man who will be missed dearly. His memory will be eternal with me. My sincere condolences to his lovely wife Kathryn and all his family members. You left us early Cher Paul. Rest in Peace. “George Haddad”

George Haddad - December 16, 2025 at 08:13 AM

DG

“ Deborah Walker Goetz lit a candle in memory of Paul Andre Boivin



Deborah Walker Goetz - November 14, 2025 at 06:34 AM

DG

Sending light to honor Paul and love to his family, especially Kathy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am truly grateful to have met him.

Deborah Walker Goetz - November 14, 2025 at 06:40 AM

JM

“ It's been a little over two weeks now and I still can't quite believe that Paul is gone. Paul was an incredibly talented and larger than life person whose presence will be missed by many.

I can truly say that meeting him changed my life for the better in two significant ways. I'll always be grateful for that and am thankful that I told him so when I had the chance.

Jonathan McNulty - October 24, 2025 at 07:06 PM

MM

“ I first met Paul while studying voice at McGill university. He had been engaged as the conductor for an independent production of the opera ‘Imeneo’ by Handel. I had been selected as one of the cast, along with some of my contemporaries. Paul’s talent as a conductor was already so evident, and he led the small orchestra with skill, professionalism, and musical depth. He was also great fun to be with, and we remained good friends for several years after that, until our educational paths led us in different directions. We had reconnected on Facebook a few years ago, and it was such fun to catch up with all his accomplishments since those early days. It’s so hard to imagine that he has left us so soon. I cherish my memories of him, and send condolences to his wife, Kathryn, and his family.❤️

marla mayson - October 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JC

“ I moved next to Paul 3 years ago and in that Time he has made such an impacted in my life wife and my kids life . Teaching them how to play instruments and so many other things . Even teaching me about nature, airplanes ,music, tennis ,biking and I can go on and on !! What a great guy.☐ I’m really going to miss listening to his piano at all hours of the day . I can hear it in the background every evening what a great talent. So sad that we didn’t get to really spend more time together and learn more amazing things .☐ again so sad 😞

John Ceron - October 16, 2025 at 01:52 AM

WD

“ I met Paul at the Hub in Sarasota, where I had put together a recording studio. We did projects together and became friends. The last time I saw Paul he recorded one of his compositions at my second studio on Blvd. Of the Arts. He was very excited about his jazz trio and blown away by his remarkable composition. Without exaggeration, he was one of the finest, intelligent, musically gifted souls I have ever had the pleasure of knowing in my life. ❤️🙏

Wayne DeLair - October 15, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ He was a truly good guy. I met him when he borrowed my dad's piano tuning tools. He played a little lick on the piano and I was blown away. Such talent. We would run into each other at the corner Publix and chat a bit. He will be missed. I am profoundly sorry for your loss.

Lauri Keckler-McMillen - October 15, 2025 at 08:47 PM



Christine Bolton

I met Paul at Laurel Oak Country Club. He was such a delightful person. interesting, talented, and a pure joy to know. He will be missed by everybody whose life that he touched. My heart goes out to Kathy at this awful time. 💔

Christine Bolton - October 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CM

I met Paul through his wonderful wife Kathy. my heart breaks for you. Unfortunately, I know this loss! much love!

Carolyn Michel - October 17, 2025 at 08:13 PM

AE

I met Paul through my dear friends Natatcha and Stephen Austin who were dancers with the Sarasota Ballet. He was so handsome, warm and kind and I soon learned there was so much more to him! He adored his wife, Kathy.

I want to offer my sympathy to Kathy and all of Paul's family and friends. I know the pain of loss and send you love and prayers for comfort and peace. 💜🕊

Annie West Ellzey - October 19, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BC

I felt honored to have worked with Paul and enjoyed very much the depth of his personality and his tremendous knowledge in a variety of subjects. He freely shared and was most willing to mentor us at HANDS of Central Florida. He blessed us and we became so grateful to him for his presence and help which became so very valuable to us individually and as a non-profit entity. I will forever be grateful. His memory and legacy will certainly continue to enrich our lives.

Bill Lavender, Housing Counselor - November 10, 2025 at 09:01 AM

DV

My heart breaks for you Kathy. He will be loving you and looking after you well beyond the end of time!

Dara Vino - December 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM