

# Paul A. Gustafson '59

The St. Mary's community is profoundly saddened by the passing of Paul A. Gustafson '59, a loyal alumnus and thoughtful benefactor of St. Mary's High School. Paul died unexpectedly last week while vacationing in Sicily with his beloved wife Elaine.

Paul and Elaine have been a constant presence at St. Mary's events for many years, and we will be forever grateful for his friendship and wise counsel. The St. Mary's community has been enriched and enlivened by the many contributions of Paul Gustafson. Thanks to Paul's gracious generosity during the *Ours is to Build* campaign, St. Mary's was able to add a science lab, significantly upgrade our chemistry lab, and enhance accessibility for those with disabilities. "The Gustafson Family Science Center" exists today as a wonderful legacy to this great friend of St. Mary's.

In recent years, Paul made a St. Mary's education a reality for numerous students through funding the "Gustafson Family Scholarships". These scholarships have provided over \$50,000 in tuition assistance for our students.

A long-time senior executive for the Black and Decker Corporation, Paul was honored with induction in the St. Mary's Hall of Fame in 2003 recognizing his professional achievements and numerous charitable endeavors. In 2006, he received the St. Mary's Richard Cardinal Cushing Award for his steadfast support of Catholic education.

We mourn Paul's passing, while celebrating a life exceptionally well-lived. We extend our prayers to Paul's wife Elaine, their children Amanda, Danielle, Paul, Peter, and Andrew, and the many family and friends who loved and admired Paul.

Please [click here](#) to view Paul's obituary in the Lynn Item.