



Paul Lane Ellen, Jr.

December 9, 1951 - June 4, 2026

Paul Lane Ellen, Jr., 74, of Newnan, GA, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving wife of 50 years by his side. He had been battling serious health issues for the past several years. The oldest son of the late Polly Ellen and Paul L. Ellen, Sr., Paul was the beloved husband of Pam Scholder Ellen. He was "big brother" to Jon Ellen of Auburn, AL and Tim Ellen (Lisa) of LaGrange, GA; "Uncle Paul" to Ragan Ellen Herdener (Chris), Spencer Ellen (Courtney), Taylor Ellen Felker (Andy), Wesley Vornbrock, and Amelia Vornbrock; and "great Uncle Paul" to Mary Larson, Margaret, and Molly Kate Herdener, and Graham Felker.

Born in Gadsden, AL, Paul also lived in Centre, AL, Fitzgerald and Tifton, GA, and Ocala, FL, where he graduated high school. At Auburn, he was a TKE, serving as the chapter president. He received his Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications/Journalism from Auburn University in 1975 and joined the Radio/Television Division of Auburn University's Department of University Relations.

He started his broadcasting career inside Haley Center, then the center of Auburn's campus, and was part of an enthusiastic group of students who started WEGL, the campus' radio station in the early 1970s. He began calling Auburn University baseball for local station WAUD in 1973 and was with the Tigers for their 1975 College World Series appearance.

In 1979, he became General Manager of WAUD radio and the Auburn Sports Network, where he called the Tigers' football and basketball games for two years. After the network changed hands, he was hired as the University of Southern Mississippi's play-by-play announcer for football from 1983-85. In 1990, Paul returned to the Auburn radio team and served for over three decades in a variety of roles. In addition to anchoring the Tiger Tailgate Show, halftime and post-game show for all football broadcasts, he also did play-by-play and color for men's basketball and baseball broadcasts. Highlighting his tenure with Auburn, he worked two National Football Championship games (2011, 2014) and the 2019 College World Series.

While widely recognized, especially by Auburn fans, for his sportscasting, his "real job" was in public relations. He was a vice president and group manager for Cohn and Wolfe, where his clients included Courtyard by Marriott, Hilton Hotels, Chick-fil-A, Turner Broadcasting/Goodwill Games, College Football Bowl Association, and NFL Properties and Players Inc.

In 1999, he founded Ellen Communications, a marketing and public relationship firm, and later partnered with former colleagues to form BAE Executive Media Training.

Paul was an active member of Newnan Presbyterian Church and its Lowry Welch Men's Sunday school class, Rotary Club of Newnan and the Coweta/Fayette Auburn Club. He served on the committee for the annual College Football Kickoff Breakfast benefitting the Coweta Samaritan Clinic.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 27th at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, GA from 5 to 7pm.

A Memorial Service celebrating Paul's life will be held on Sunday, June 28th at 3pm at Newnan Presbyterian Church, 38 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA

30263.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made, in memory of Paul Ellen, to one of the following:

Newnan Presbyterian Church Hubbard Endowment, 38 Greenville St.,
Newnan, GA 30263 (or at newnanpres.org)

Coweta Samaritan Clinic, PO Box 963, Newnan, GA 30265 (or
CSCcares.org); or

Whupper Lee Scholarship Fund c/o Auburn/Coweta Auburn Club. (or
auburngiving.org/paulellenmemorial)

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan is in charge of arrangements.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUN **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Newnan Presbyterian Church
38 Greenville St/P.O. Box 1107
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall



“ *Pam, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob Heller*

Bob Heller - June 13 at 03:54 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jimmy Carter - June 13 at 12:39 PM



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Jimmy Carter - June 13 at 12:37 PM



“ *Fraternity brother, Roommate, Fellow broadcaster and loyal steady friend... Through the years we called each other when we had a work issue or question.. Despite by graduation from Alabama, I would still seek him out at football games.. Our WEGL days were some of our most important. Paul was such a great soul.. Never knew anyone who didnt love him... He's not gone... He's just not here...*



Jimmy Carter - June 13 at 12:37 PM



“ *I had the good fortune and pleasure working with Paul. We have lost a true GENTLEman, always ready to help, a bona fide StandUp Fellow, superb communicator... and most certainly an Auburn Man. RIP, War Eagle.*

Joseph Donohue - June 11 at 01:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Don Moseley - June 09 at 06:47 PM

AR

“ Worked with Paul for only a few years but his positive impact was significant and lasting. Truly passionate about helping others his positive attitude and colorful stories were a highlight of my day when he was in town.

Alex Reed - June 08 at 02:35 PM

BN

“ A fraternity brother, teammate, workmate, roommate, and FRIEND. Many, many fond memories of adventures with Paul and Pam. RIP, brother. YITB and War Eagle.
-Bill

Bill Nixon - June 07 at 03:05 PM

KK

“ Too many happy memories of Paul and Pam in the early days WEGL, Public Television shows, fishing bait and crawfish boils, University Relations and many many dinners at their home. When work opportunities took them from Auburn, it was always like no time had passed when we got to be together again.
Much love to two great people.
Rest well, Paul. 🙏

Karen Killian - June 06 at 04:52 PM

JB

Paul, along with fellow WEGL DJ, Chris Carter, were fraternity brothers of ours and greatly helped fan the flames of our 50's band, Teen Angel and the TK's by hosting us for 3 live performances.

TKE calls itself "The fraternity for life". I'd like to add "and death". I look forward to seeing Pam and my brothers at visitation on the 27th.

We share many happy times and talk about how much we miss Paul aka El Monte Slim.

Jim Blackmon - June 07 at 02:29 PM

RH

Paul was a great friend and a great frat brother. He loved Auburn and he will be dearly missed. My best wishes to his family and to his dear wife Pam. Miss you already my friend, love Hendo.

Rob Hendrickson - June 07 at 05:34 PM

JT

Paul Ellen was an outstanding broadcaster. He was an important part of WEGL in the early days. He was a fraternity brother and TEKE for life. He will be missed.

John McGiboney BL 345 TKE - June 08 at 12:39 PM

SP

What a wonderful talent and what a key part of that broadcast team, on and off the air - so glad for the seasons we worked together - love and prayers to Pam and family

Shelly Poe - June 09 at 09:16 AM

J&

Pam: We and sorry to hear this sad news. Sending caring thoughts your way. Take care.

Julie Sneath (Class of '96) - June 12 at 11:00 AM