



Paul F. Donahue

Paul Francis Donahue graduated from Fort Hill High School in 1959. His wife Judith Blonskey Donahue also graduated from Fort Hill in 1963. They have been married for 54 years. He has two daughters Tonya Martin (Class of '85) and Trina Diallo ('88). Paul worked at the Celanese until they closed in 1983. After this closing Paul began working for himself.

Over the years Paul spent many hours volunteering his time. He put together a group of guys to do much needed work to the ballfield at Washington Middle School so that the Fort Hill girls' softball team would have a place to play. The guys worked on the dugout, field, padded the fencing, and put up a scoreboard. He helped to raise the money to purchase the inflatable football helmet which the Fort Hill team uses to enter the field at every home game. Until last year he was helping to put it up at every game. He ensures it is cleaned and maintained so it will last many more years. Paul hand dug the ditches for the delay of game clocks located at each end of the field. At the top of the 52 steps, you will see a hand cut memorial Paul salvaged from a piece of concrete from the old stadium and had it placed there. Anytime Coach Appel needed anything he would contact Paul. He constructed platforms for the weight equipment and installed them in the weight room along with a fan to help cool the mat room. The brick memorial wall which honors many graduates of Fort Hill was another project Paul helped plan and construct.

There has not been any request that Paul has not been happy and willing to do for Fort Hill.