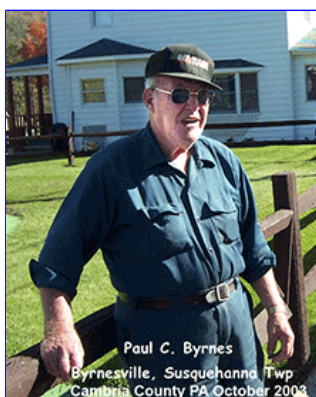


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Paul Byrnes in Byrnesville



My cousin Paul C. Byrnes was married to Mary D. Martucci (1920 - 1994), a daughter Karen Ann Harmon is a close second cousin.

I was glad to see Paul at his home in Byrnesville, near Barnesboro, now Northern Cambria Borough Pennsylvania in October of 2003. My wife and I had traveled to the area to enjoy the mountains with autumn color.

I found Paul with a rake in his backyard on James Street; he was filling in a small depression in the lawn. I said, "Hey Paul! Boy am I glad to see you!" Paul said he was glad to see me too. It had been 20 years since I last saw him or Byrnesville.

Everything had changed but Paul Byrnes still lived in Byrnesville, in the house he built and it meant a great deal to me to see him again.

Paul told my wife and I all about the little grocery stores which used to do business in Byrnesville, DeFazio's Grocery and Sampson's Grocery which later became Bunny Byrnes's Grocery Store.

We talked about the parties which used to go on in his large covered porch. At 13 I was allowed at the party for a bit before hitting the sack at my grandparent's house across from Paul's. I listened to the party, the music, and laughter, long into the night. (I know I was 13 because the song Locomotion by Little Eva was playing which came out in 1962.)

A number of us Byrnes's gathered at Paul's house in July of 2005 in the few days before the Byrnes Family and Friends Reunion of 9 July 2005. It was the best of a small reunion there in Paul's front yard. Karen Byrnes, Jerry and Judy Byrnes, Edward A. Byrnes, his sister Diane Byrnes Carl, Maureen Byrnes wife of Wes and daughter Cynthia were in attendance.

One of my favorite memories of Paul was when I was about 10 years old. I loved to fish and so did Paul. Paul made an electrified metal rod which he could stick into a damp lawn. This pipe would apparently shock and induce night crawlers to come to the surface of the grass for easy collecting. Being ten and wanting to do everything (still do), I begged Paul to let me work the electric rod.

In my bare feet I'd take that rod and try to stick it in the ground but I'd get zapped every time and would have to give it back to Paul to operate. I asked him about it during the October 2003 trip, he said there was electrical tape on it which would keep him from getting shocked. We had a great time remembering!

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Grandma Byrnes in Byrnesville

My grandmother, Pauline Schrot(h) Byrnes (27 Sep 1894 - 27 May 1972), in the yard of her home in Byrnesville about 1965. The house across the street belonged to Paul C. Byrnes (Sept 27, 1920-June 14, 2006). Pauline came from a large family with a farm in Curwensville, PA. When I was young and allowed to stay for the summer in Pennsylvania, my grandmother would pack me the best lunches so that I could take off into the woods with my buddies and be gone all day. I would have a canteen full of Nehi grape soda.

My grandmother was always so nice to me, she would put milk and sugar on the berries I picked on the hill. In the evenings she would sit me down on the glider on the porch and give me a big bowl of chocolate ice cream. She made me sandwiches all the time and taught me how to play Canasta. When I wanted to camp out up on the hill she would outfit me with tent materials, blankets, pots, utensils, and food. She took splinters out of me and applied band aids. She was always nice. I didn't realize that as I became older and a bit more wild it was harder for her to take care of me.



Pauline Schrot Byrnes

If you click on the picture you can see a birdbath in the yard. One time I came home with a dozen baby catfish (I'm not sure where I got them) and put them in the birdbath. The catfish were about 3/4 of an inch long and while checking on them throughout the day I noticed their numbers going down. I'd look all around for the fish, under the birdbath on the grass and it wasn't till I was down to just a few that I realized birds were coming and taking those little fish!

If you click the picture you can also see how nice Paul Byrnes kept his yard, his yard always looked good, including the last time I was there in July of 2005. When my grandfather died, my grandmother wanted to give me his car which was a 1955 Chevy which looked to me to be in mint condition. Unfortunately my dad didn't go for the idea of towing the car back to Michigan.

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- create entry on Annabelle Byrnes
- write more entries based on info from Edna Byrnes Lantzy
- organize genealogical materials
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Edward R. Byrnes Family

Welcome to Byrnesville.

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