



## Paul Strelkow

January 19, 1927 - March 9, 2013

Paul Strelkow, 86, was born Jan. 19, 1927 and would have celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary on May 3, 2013. His death on March 9, 2013 means he will barely miss his special anniversary, but he did not miss one moment of the love story that began on their special wedding day. Paul met his sweetheart, Mildred “Milly”, where she worked at a soda fountain in Pittsburgh, PA. Lana Turner may have gotten a contract to Hollywood, but Milly won the heart of her returning WW II Navy Veteran, Paul. Paul came back from his tour of duty in Okinawa and married the love of his life on May 3, 1948. They began their married life in Pittsburgh and before long they added two adoring daughters to their family. Everyone remembers Paul’s amazing green eyes that sparkled when he smiled. They sparkled all the time when he was seen anywhere with his most beloved daughters, Cheryl Ann Parnis and Susan Strelkow.

Paul worked in the Steel Industry throughout his career. While still living in Pittsburgh, he was an active member of his parish. He was a member of the Men’s Adoration Society and a Eucharistic Minister for St. Margaret’s Church.

Paul was known for humbleness, his kind heart, his laughter and love of life no matter what adversity was thrown his way. He particularly was known for being the biggest fan of all times and a life long member of “Steeler Nation”. He was a season ticket holder beginning in 1942 and only agreed to relinquish those tickets to his nephews Greg and Mark, when he moved away to Texas and they took an oath to continue the “Strelkow Cheering Section”. Paul, and Milly moved onto Texas, and that too turned out to be a new chapter in their adventure together. They spent a wonderful thirty years in Texas. Sports were always big for Paul and Houston is big on sports. Paul loved Texas!

Paul worked for Brown & Root in Houston, now, Halliburton, until his retirement. Since retirement he stayed active gardening, fishing, watching his beloved Westerns, singing to country western music and enjoying big band music. He loved to travel with his Milly. Their trip to Eastern Europe to visit the land of his ancestors for their 50th anniversary was a highlight for a life spent being a loving husband and wonderful father.

We love you, Daddy. You will always be an inspiration to us and we will draw on your strength and courage. Thank you for being the very best father there ever was.

Cheryl and Susan

The Strelkow family will be present to receive friends Monday, March 18, 2013 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Holy Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr. @ Kirkwood in Houston. The Funeral Mass will commence Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. The Committal service will follow mass at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Paul's memory to the American Heart Association, Houston Chapter at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Paul's memory to the American Heart Association, Houston Chapter at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX, 77079

**MAR 18** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

**MAR 18** **Rosary** 07:00PM

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Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

**MAR 19** **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

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St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX, US, 77079

# Comments

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“ Hi Milly, Cheryl and Susie,

You have our deepest sympathy in your lost of Paul. We have alot of memories of the whole Strelkow family.Paul and his brother were Alter boys at our church when I was picked to be one. His mother was my GOD Mother and his dad was the GOD FATHER to my brother Vincent. We had alot of fun at each other house when we were all so young.

Love from the MEDUHO FAMILY, Nick, Vincent , Mary who has left us and Sophie Foster

**Nick Meduho** - March 21, 2013 at 03:43 PM

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“ From Pittsburgh, Pa. We the Stambrosky Family, Pauline ,Edward and Kathryn, (George

Passed 2 years age) would like to extend our sympathy to the Family and extended Family for the loss of Paul. Your parents and our parents were Kum and Kumma way back when they came to this country, long age. So sorry for your loss, May God be with you.

The Stambrosky Family

**Kathryn Stambrosky Guenther** - March 19, 2013 at 06:03 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Strelkow, Cheryl, and Susie,

I'm sending hugs and lots of love to all of you for tomorrow. Your Husband and Dad loved the three of you with all his heart. Don't you ever forget that. Some of my most favorite memories of him came whenever the three of you were with him...add Anne and me during a college visit from your family.... Sue.... that poor man never stood a chance. Five women giving orders.... talking at him...telling him where to hang something in your dorm room or how to drive the car or how to do almost a million things. He'd just shake his head and smile at all of us with those twinkling eyes. He never said a word. Never lost his cool. He was one in a million. He will be remembered always by me and by anyone who ever loved the fun loving and always a little crazy Strelkow women!

I asked him once why he thought the Steelers were so great. I thought the Bears were better and told him as much. After that comment, I never stood a chance. I heard every stat while we both re-lived Steeler games from the past 20 years. I'm born and raised in Chicago, but believe me....I learned my lesson...I know for an absolute fact...the Steelers are best!

I love you, Mr. Strelkow.

Melinda McCarthy  
St. Louis, MO

**Melinda "Gerb" McCarthy** - March 18, 2013 at 09:38 PM

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“ Susan,  
I am so sorry for your family's loss - and that I never met your dad. The obituary was beautiful.  
Love, Stacy

**Stacy Walker** - March 18, 2013 at 12:54 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Strelkow, Cheryl and Susie,

We are so very sorry about the loss of your beloved husband and father. I will always remember your Dad from our many years together on Rose Garden Road, especially the twinkle in his smiling eyes. You were blessed to have such a wonderful husband and father. Our prayers are with you all.

Much love and our deepest sympathy,  
Mona, Jack and Emily Dromgold



**Mona Dromgold** - March 14, 2013 at 08:26 AM

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“ Katie Adams purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Paul Strelkow.



**Katie Adams** - March 13, 2013 at 02:11 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Strelkow.



March 13, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Strelkow.



March 12, 2013 at 07:29 AM