



# Paul J. Cerniglia Sr.

JUN 21, 1919 - SEP 19, 2018



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## **Paul J. Cerniglia Sr.**

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**P**aul J. Cerniglia, Sr., age 99, passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in Muskegon. He was born June 21, 1919 in Rockford, IL to Salvatore and Mary (Manalli) Cerniglia. He served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corp 1941-45 and was injured in France during WWII. On July 15, 1945, he married the former Mary Ann Parlapiano in Rockford, IL and she preceded him in death on February 2, 2010. Paul worked 20 years as the General Manager for Abbell Bowling Center in Springfield. He was also the owner and operator of Southern Illinois Bowling and Recreation Center for 25 years. He was inducted into the State of Illinois Bowling Hall of Fame in 1984. Paul was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Muskegon and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Rockford, IL. SURVIVORS include his children, Kathy O'Connell of Ellicottville, NY, Georgianna Cerniglia of Seattle, WA, Ted (Suellen) Cerniglia of Muskegon, Mary Martha Cerniglia of Ellicottville, NY; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Frances Nelson of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his son, PJ Cerniglia, Jr., his granddaughter, Emmy Cerniglia, his brothers, Jack and Joseph Cerniglia and his sisters, Angela Bidzinski and Rosalia Vascellero. VISITATION will be held 5-8 PM Thursday, September 27, 2018 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Service, 6291 S. Harvey St., (231) 798-1100, where the Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 PM. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11:00 AM Monday, October 1, 2018 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 1010 Ferguson St., Rockford, IL 61102. Visitation will also be held 1 hour prior to the Mass at St. Anthony. INTERMENT will take place at Calvary Cemetery. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be directed to his granddaughter Sophia's cause to help those struggling with Cystic Fibrosis through the Breathing Becomes Effortless Foundation, 6010 Hazekamp Ct., Muskegon, MI 49442, [www.bbefoundation.com](http://www.bbefoundation.com). Sign the guestbook online at [www.sytsemaf.com](http://www.sytsemaf.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

**Thursday**, September 27, 2018

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



## Rosary Service

**Thursday**, September 27, 2018

7:30 PM ET

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## Visitation

**Monday**, October 1, 2018

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**

1010 Ferguson Street, Rockford IL 61102

## Mass of Christian Burial

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### Cemetery Details



**Calvary Cemetery**

8616 West State Street, Winnebago IL 61088



## Tribute Wall

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MJ

**Mark Jastrzembski** posted:

To Ted and family, you have much to be proud of for having been blessed to have such a terrific father. Met him at McAuley Place when visiting my friend and he shared some great stories about his life every chance I had to speak with him. A fine gentleman that lived a beautiful life. He was indeed a good and faithful servant. Rest in God's peace Paul. A Friend, Mark Jastrzembski

September 30 at 2:50 PM

GM

**Glenna Mason** posted:

Georgie and family - my deepest sympathy on the passing of your dad/Grandpa. I know how much you loved him. Peace my friend. Glenna Mason

September 26 at 7:05 AM

EN

**Evelyn Nichols** posted:

Paul will be so missed by many at McAuley.. He was a good man and loved by all. He liked having his hair cut, always looked good.

September 24 at 11:30 AM

TG

**Tom & Grace** posted:

Such a great loss for a great family, Grandpa was truly the prime example of a Patriarch. His standards for life will live on for generations to come. Our love and prayers to this great family. Tom & Grace

September 22 at 6:25 AM

BD

**Bonnie And Carl Davis** lit a candle in honor of Paul.

Ciao, my friend! Enjoy all the salad and favorite things you so enjoyed in the flesh! Until we meet again! All my love, and prayers to your wonderful family, you did well!

September 22 at 4:29 AM





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**Claudia Sowell** lit a candle in honor of Paul.

I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for family and friends. Claudia Sowell Cousin of Suellen

September 22 at 2:46 AM



**Terri Ann Schoenrock-Zell** lit a candle in honor of Paul.

Oh how sad it is to hear the passing of such a great man, father, brother, husband, grandpa and great grandpa. Yes he lived life to the fullest. My condolences to the entire Cerniglia family. May u b blessed with fond memories, and he shall shine a bright light to look over u from above. God speed. RIP Mr C!!

September 21 at 7:25 PM



**Francine Busch** posted:

Dear Ted, Suellen and family,My heart is so sorry for the grief you are experiencing in these days. I pray that our wonderful Savior will comfort you and give you great joy as you share memories and look to the future without your dad and grandpa here. Just from reading your friends' comments, it it obvious he made a difference for others and will be missed by so many. I love the picture here of him waving. That is what our lives are, as we say 'see you soon' to our loved ones, until we meet again when we are home with Jesus. Love to each of you as you grieve this dear man. Love you, friends,Francine Busch

September 21 at 3:48 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cerniglia family.

September 21 at 9:35 AM



**Lily Kaiser** posted:

My heart is beyond torn. I've cried so much today. He's been a part of my life for years. He & his wife were such amazing people. He always gave me a hug & kiss before I left for home. Telling me to drive safe & that he loves me. Asking how school is and just always so happy to see me. My job is about my residents and the love I give them and the love they give back to me. My prayers are with all the workers affected by his kindness. His family that lost an amazing man. Love and prayers 🥹❤️

September 21 at 6:38 AM



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NS

**Naomi Smith** lit a candle in honor of Paul.



September 20 at 8:03 PM

NS

**Naomi Smith** September 20 at 8:08 PM

Paul always had a hug for me. Paul and my Mom Bernie we in Mcauly together for about the same amount of time. Paul was so looking forward to celebrating my Moms Birthday she will be 99 and he wanted to celebrate and get their picture together. Oh Paul going to miss you so. Prayers to the family. Wonderful man.

CL

**Crystal Lee** posted:

Paul always had a smile, a kiss, and hug for me. He promised he'd take me out dancing and for a night on the town 😊 He was loved by many and be missed. Rest in Heaven Nanu ❤️

September 20 at 7:28 PM

DM

**Debbi Moore** posted:

I was a new CNA when I met Mary and Paul. I took care of Mary and watched Paul, her amazing husband, come to visit his beloved wife every day for 2 years..When she passed, it broke my heart to see Paul go through that grief. Then Paul became our resident. What fun he was! I grew to love him as my own family. King of Bingo, lover of bellydancers and the only man who has made me interested in golf! I love you, Paul.

September 20 at 7:18 PM

JK

**Jeff Kooyers** posted:

Singing to you, my friend every 1st Monday of the Month was always a Blessing to me. The way "That's Amore" would always bring a Huge smile to your face. On September 4th, little did I know that would be the last time I would see your smiling face, this side of Heaven. It was a Pleasure meeting you...Until we meet again, Paul...Happy Trails To You!!

September 20 at 6:17 PM



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**Judy Carlisle** lit a candle in honor of Paul.



On September 4th 2018 we sang at McAuley where we always sing on the 1st Monday of the month, because of the holiday we sang on tuesday, Paul always enjoyed our karaoke night, and if we missed he would let us know how much he missed us... our closing song was always "Happy Trails to you " and I would give the mic to Paul and he would sing along with us.... and he sang the whole song on the 4th .... and he said don't forget in June I will be 100 and we are going to have a big party and you are coming,.. and I just can't even believe you are gone Paul... we love you so very very much.... Ron and Judy Lynn Carlisle... Happy Trails to a dear friend... and it will always be in your memory when we sing it from now on.....

September 20 at 5:28 PM



**Megan Lanore Rn** posted:

I have had the privilege of caring for Paul over the last few years. He was always smiling. And I was always jealous of him sitting there with a beer or glass of wine with his dinner as I would come into work for the night. We would joke about him needing to share with the rest of us. He was so funny and nice. And we are really gonna miss having him around. So sorry for your loss and prayers for peace and comfort for your family during this time.

September 20 at 5:09 PM



**Karma Graves** posted:

So sorry for you lose .My prayers are with you all .

September 20 at 4:31 PM



**Dan & Therese Domanchuk** posted:

Ted, Suellen and the Cerniglia family. We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Our condolences, sympathy and prayers of peace to all of you.Dan & Therese Domanchuk

September 20 at 3:46 PM



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AE

**Annie Ewing** posted:

Thank you for the opportunity to care for Paul and sharing his life with us. It was such an honor to be a part of his life. He was such a kind, loving, genuine Man with so much class. He was so loved and cared about. Oh how we loved his kindness and humor. He filled such a special part in our hearts and he will be so missed by many. Our hearts go out to His loving kind family. Prayers for comfort and healing during this time of loss and grief. We love all of you !! So many really special memories will be with us always. With love and Sincerity, Annie Ewing / Sanctuary at McAuley.

September 20 at 3:42 PM

CP

**Chrissy P** September 21 at 7:16 AM

Oh Nanu! So many memories! I did not get to have a relationship with my grandfathers, Nanu was even more than that for me. He had an impact on both Kasey and I. His spunky zest for life will be missed.

FO

**Father Michael Olson** September 21 at 6:14 AM

Ted, Suellen and family, you have my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your dad, grand dad and special friend of so many of us. So many good memories of seeing him each week at Our Lady of Grace and so many spaghetti dinners. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. Father Michael Olson

MA

**Marta** September 20 at 3:08 PM

Love you Paul 🙏🙏🙏



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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