



## Paul S. Strange M.D.

October 17, 1937 - September 2, 2016

Paul S. Strange, M.D.,

78, passed away September 2, 2016 with his family present. He was born October 17, 1937 to Ruth E. Woods Hillis and Ivan T. Strange, in Loogootee, IN. He lived most of his life in Indianapolis and graduated from Howe H.S. in 1955. He attended Purdue University and subsequently joined the Indiana Air National Guard where he completed the pilot training program and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant. He married Judy Brown in 1959. He then resumed his education at Purdue and graduated with honors in 1964. He earned his Medical Degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1968 and did a surgery residency at Methodist Hospital. In 1973 he relieved a missionary doctor in Zaire for a month and then began his surgical practice. He was on the staff at St. Francis, as well as Community South. He served as Chief of the Medical Staff at St. Francis and eventually retired in 2002. After his retirement, he served on the Board of Directors for St. Francis and continued as a consultant until his death.

Paul was a member of the AMA, American College of Surgeons and instrumental in the beginning of laparoscopic surgery. He also taught laser surgery throughout Asia and parts of the U.S.

Paul is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy; daughter, Jennifer Keller (Dave); son, Thomas Strange; grandsons, Alexander and Ian Strange, and Andrew, Christopher and Max Keller; as well as a sister, Patty Zorman. He was preceded in death by his son, Bill Strange; and brothers, Tom and

Richard Strange.

Visitation will be Friday, September 16, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Washington Park East Community Life Center, 10612 E. Washington St. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the TC Howe HS Alumni Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 19832, and/or the Franciscan Alliance Foundation, 5255 E. Stop 11 Road, Ste. 245, Indianapolis, IN 46237 and/or The Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Ste. 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Washington Park East Community Life Center  
10612 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

## Memorial Service

SEP **17.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Irvington Presbyterian Church  
55 Johnson Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

# Tribute Wall

MO

“*Dr. Strange taught me a lot more than surgery!  
He taught me to love and care for my family and never apologize for putting them before all else when needed.*

*He taught me to speak out and act on behalf of patients with limited resources who were unable to care for themselves.*

*He taught me the prayer of serenity: “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”*

*He taught me to embrace change and technology with the work he did for Franciscan Alliance after his retirement from the practice of surgery.*

*He even tried to teach me to shop on line when he told me how he bought a car on eBay!*

*Dr. Strange was a true and faithful servant. He was an ambassador, always bearing witness to the wonderful work of the Sisters of St Francis.*

*As he told me on many occasions, I will forever be grateful that my path crossed that of Dr. Paul Strange.*

*Thank you.*

*Dr. Mercy Obeime*

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**Mercy Obeime** - September 16, 2016 at 03:04 PM

FT

“ *Forever Grateful, Business Transformation Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul S. Strange M.D..*



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**Forever Grateful, Business Transformation Team -**  
September 14, 2016 at 01:50 PM

AR

“ *Al, Sandi, Lori, Frank, Lisa, Dwight, Les & Randy purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Paul S. Strange M.D..*



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**Al, Sandi, Lori, Frank, Lisa, Dwight, Les & Randy -** September  
13, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul S. Strange M.D..*



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September 11, 2016 at 01:28 PM

PA

“ *I remember going to a family funeral and there was Paul. Someone told me that he had been helping out with the family expenses. Very nice! I remember going as a kid to Paul's graduation from the Airforce. I was always so proud to be related to him. All of the brothers were so smart! Patty Zorman*

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**patty.zorman -** September 10, 2016 at 10:08 AM

  
Jennifer  
Keller

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**Jennifer Keller** - September 08, 2016 at 05:14 PM

PZ

*I loved seeing you ,Paul. You were the last connection in this world to my Dad. The eyes, the soft voice and the other mannerisms that you were probably not aware of that that you were not aware of that reminded me of Dad.*

*The last time I saw you was in the hospital. I came in and asked you how are you. Instead of laughing at my stupid question, you proceeded to explain how you were. You explained when you were diagnosed, all the treatments you had gone through, your new chemotherapy and how it worked in the body.*

*Always the consummate teacher just like Our Dad. Patty Z*

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**Patty Zorman** - September 11, 2016 at 01:35 PM

SM

“ *My prayers and sympathy to his family.*

*I was blessed to work with Dr. Strange as he embarked on his second career dedicated to Quality Care. I very much appreciated his direction and enthusiasm on the quality journey...and the time he shared with us on the Board of Trustees.*

*Sister M. Madonna, OSF*

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**Sister Madonna** - September 08, 2016 at 11:06 AM

CS

“ My first day at St Francis in 1977 I was assigned to Dr Strange's OR. He was a excellent surgeon and educator. He had compassion for his patients and their families. The respect and friendships that developed within our Surgery Department over the years is tremendous. He will be missed by many. Thank you friend and rest in peace.  
CSword

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**Cindy Sword** - September 07, 2016 at 11:31 PM

DF

“ We all knew Dr. Paul S. Strange to be the consummate professional and general surgeon. I recall also his hobbies; he loved to travel (I believe he visited all 7 continents), he was an avid reader-with a keen interest in everything from art, to history, to physics (including string theory). He was incredibly humble and thankful for his blessings. Thus ends an era. Chivalry has died.

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**Deborah Franco** - September 07, 2016 at 10:42 PM

MA

“ Dr Strange is an awesome compassionate Man a true friend he will be missed

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**Mark Allen** - September 07, 2016 at 03:17 PM

EW

“ I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Strange and the IUPUI Engineering students on a Process Improvement Project this past spring. He was an awesome mentor and in many ways the Patriarch of Quality here at St. Francis. He believed in providing the best care possible to patients and using lean methodology to ensure sustainability of healthcare. I knew him only briefly but his impact on my life and how I look at process improvement will be forever changed.

*You have my deepest condolences.*

*Elizabeth Wallace MSN, RN Healthcare Quality, St. Francis*

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**Elizabeth Wallace** - September 07, 2016 at 05:32 AM

JJ

“ I loved working with Dr.Strange ...the man was amazing ...Jim Gray was right when he said Dr. Strange didn't want you to anticapte him..the trick was to keep the instrument out of his vision..kinda hard to do cause he had eyes in the back of his head ...he will be missed by all those who knew him and worked with him ....another Beech Grove friend and co-worker...Jr

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**Janet Routh ( Jr)** - September 06, 2016 at 08:00 PM

KB

“ As a nurse, I was always impressed by Dr. Strange's kind, gentle demeanor with patients & their families, as well as hospital personnel. I always knew, whether during a busy day or in the middle of the night, that if I had to call him about a patient, I would be treated with kindness and respect. He patiently answered questions and eagerly explained. When needing a surgeon for myself, my son, & my father, we knew we were in the BEST of hands with Dr. Strange. He was a blessing to many, and he will be missed. May he rest peacefully in Heaven. Our prayers and sympathy are with his family.

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**Kelly Butler** - September 06, 2016 at 06:37 PM

DC

“ As a Surgical Tech student years ago, Dr Strange was starting his own practice, but was kind to be available to answer any questions, about procedures. He had a great respect for his fellow Surgeons and Nursing staff. He will be missed. My condolences to Judy and his family.

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**Dee Capozzi** - September 06, 2016 at 06:30 PM

 Loretta Hall

“ Dr. Strange would always stop me and asked how I was doing..loved that smile he would get when he got tickled at something you said or did..he made my years in surgery exciting. I remember when we were first learning about lasers we would be using in surgery and he was so patient and understanding of our concerns. Proud to have known this amazing man. RIP Dr. Strange....

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**Loretta Hall** - September 06, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JG

“ *Dr Strange is the reason I work in surgery today. He was an inspiration to me as a young nurse just starting out. I was working on the floor of St Francis Hospital when he would make rounds. He was always very personable and patient with the newbies. He said a word for me in surgery and that opened the door to the future for me. I enjoyed working with him in surgery. He never wanted to be out guessed as to what instrument he was going to want so he would look and see what you had in your hand and ask for something else. Always made me chuckle. Rest in peace Dr. You were very well admired by all. Jim Gray-Walter R.N.*

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**jim gray-walter** - September 06, 2016 at 06:41 AM

RW

*Dr. Paul Strange was a great surgeon and an admirable man. He never forgot his humble beginnings on the Eastside of Indianapolis. He believed there were two kinds of surgeons, those that were gifted and those that had to work to be great. He believed he was the latter. I believe he was a great man first and a well respected surgeon admired by many of his peers. He loved to teach and never stopped seeking knowledge himself. I will miss you my friend and co worker. Robin Watkins RN*

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**Robin Watkins** - September 08, 2016 at 05:27 PM

BB

“ *"The difference between a man with an education and one without?...the man with an education had an opportunity: take your opportunity."*

*Paul Strange, MD 1984*

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**Barbara Bowers** - September 05, 2016 at 06:55 PM

JJ

*I always enjoyed working with Dr.Strange...loved his compassion he showed his patients...and the respect he had for his peers and co-workers..I consider it an honor to have worked with him...*

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**Janet Routh ( Jr)** - September 06, 2016 at 07:25 AM

BR

*Dr. Strange was a great mentor for all nurses, doctors, peers and families. I shall miss his kindness and advice on medical matters and patient care.*

*His great compassion and respect for all will be missed.*

*Rest in peace friend and fellow beech Grover*

*Barb*

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**Barbara Bowles RN** - September 06, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MF

*Dr Strange has been an important part of St. Francis for the last 40 years. He was a kind and compassionate surgeon with amazing talent. Always on the cutting edge of new techniques and procedures.It was an honor to work with him. I'll never forget him. RIP Dr Strange. You'll be missed.*

*Mary Jo Fox*

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**Mary Jo fox** - September 07, 2016 at 04:47 PM

KS

*I was a new nurse in 1969 in surgery at Methodist Hospital. And I met Dr Strange.....it was the Vietnam era....here was a dr that mentioned flying planes....in 1974 I worked on the floor at St Francis....again Dr Strange. And after living in at St Louis, I worked St F OR in 1983...and Dr Strange remembered me. Like Jim, Dr Strange was instrumental in helping me obtain my weekend option job. A gentleman, a teacher, and a man who deserves a rest.....others should emulate him.*

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**kathy summers** - September 09, 2016 at 06:58 PM

TP

*Dr. Strange was the first person I met at St Francis. I was blessed to work with him for almost 10 years, bringing quality and systems improvement concepts to Franciscan Health. He mentored me in the intricacies of healthcare, as I shared concepts of Six Sigma, systems theory and analyses. He was a true renaissance man, accomplished in so many fields, always learning and teaching, and ever kind and compassionate with everyone. His leadership will be greatly missed. His friendship will be missed even more.*

*Tom Pearson*

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**Tom Pearson** - September 13, 2016 at 11:49 AM

RS

*Dr. Strange and Judy were a huge part of my brothers life. His son Bill and my brother were best friends and Paul and Judy took my brother in as an extended part of their family. Then came along the next generation and of course== they took on my nephew as well. Cannot express how much I appreciate the love and kindness you bestowed to my brother and his son. I also felt welcome and loved by you both and Tom and Jenny any time we were together. I already and always will miss Paul. He was a great and gentle soul.*

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**Richard Seats** - September 16, 2016 at 06:20 PM

TC

*What an amazing surgeon and mentor! I can honestly say that because of his direction I am who I am today! His expectations were high of all that surrounded him and I always worked to never let him down and ultimately his patients! Thank you Dr Strange! Tammie Lord-Calligaro*

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**Tammie Calligaro** - September 23, 2016 at 09:11 PM