



## Paul Richard Fehmel

December 27, 1948 - November 19, 2023

Paul Richard Fehmel was born December 27, 1948 in Dallas, Texas and passed away November 19, 2023 in Arlington, Texas.

Paul was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Kimball High School and attended The University of Texas at Arlington. Paul proudly served his country flying helicopters during his tour in Vietnam as a member of the US Army 101st Airborne. While stationed in North Carolina, he met his wife, Mary Harris. They were married for 41 years and raised three children: Mary Anne, John, and Linda. After Mary passed away, Paul found love again and married his second and current wife Cathy Christopher-Fehmel.

As a man of faith, he was dedicated to catholic charity organizations including the Knights of Columbus, rising to a 4th Degree Senior Knight. During his work with the Knights of Columbus, Paul served on several American Wheelchair missions distributing wheelchairs to the needy in Israel, Vietnam, and Mexico. He also participated in Hike for Life fundraising events.

Paul was a fan of the Texas Rangers and Texas Longhorns. He loved to attend baseball games in Arlington and watch college football on weekends. Unfortunately, he was too sick to know that the Ranger won the World Series. All who knew him, will miss his sense of humor, his kindness and loyalty. May he rest in peace with his beloved Mary, Linda and Mary Anne

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Fehmel; his daughters, Mary Anne Fehmel and Linda Gail Fehmel; his mother Virginia Fehmel; and his father, Frank Fehmel Sr.

Paul is survived by his wife, Cathy Christopher; his son, John Paul; his daughter-in-law, Yajaira Ivett; his bonus daughter, Mary Kay Sargent; his grandchildren, Adam Brown and Charlotte Fehmel; his brother, Frank Fehmel; and his sister Pepper Ann Phillips.

Family will receive friends on Monday, Nov 27, 2023 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel with a Rosary beginning at 6:00pm.

A celebration of Paul's life will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Dallas.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Paul's name to American Wheelchair Mission <https://amwheelchair.org/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road  
Lancaster, TX

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
4015 S. Hampton Road  
Dallas, TX 75224

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Fehmel.* ”



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November 27, 2023 at 09:09 AM

“ 1st Decade

*Nativity*

*December 27, 1948*

- *As Jesus was a gift of God, Paul was a gift (as are all newborns) from God.*
- *The life begun at each birth is a mystery at first, all not knowing how they will be affected by that new being; entering into their life.*
- *Let us reflect on how our lives were touched by his.*

*2nd Decade*

*Carrying of the Cross*

- *Difficulties, trials, tribulations some of his own making, some not. How did he deal with them? How did he “carry his crosses”?*
- *Let us reflect on how our Paul in dealing with his “crosses” helped us to deal with our own.*

*3rd Decade*

*Annunciation*

- *The Blessed Virgin was able to respond after hearing that something was going to happen that would change her life forever, with “Behold, I am the handmaid (servant) of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”*
- *Let us reflect on how Paul was able to react to announcements both good and troubling that would change his life after reflection would respond similarly.*

*4th Decade*

*Simon Helps Carry the Cross*

- *Did you ever wonder how wonderful Simon felt after he was able to assist Christ with the carrying of his Cross?*
- *“What so ever you do for the least of your brethren, you do for me.”*
- *Paul got to play the part of Simon through the Knights of*

*Columbus “American Wheelchair Mission” “Pro Life “ walks and fund raisers this and other ministries, helping others in dealing with their “crosses”.*

- *Let us reflect on his example, helping it to guide our own actions*

*5th Decade*

*The Transfiguration*

*November 19, 2023*

- *“...He was transfigured before them; “*
- *Peter, James and John were granted a glimpse of the future in seeing the mortal body of Christ transfigured to it’s glorified state.*
- *Let us reflect on the glory that Paul is enjoying, until we are like Peter, James and John able to see so much more*

*Farewell for now, my friend*

*Deacon Larry & Phyllis*

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**Lawrence Seidemann** - November 26, 2023 at 10:18 PM

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“ Paul was my baby brother and growing up I thought he was such a pest. We played cars and paperdolls together as Frank, Paul and I were the only children in our neighbor hood. He threw worms at me. Ugh! To this day, I still scream at them. We loved each other, were always there for each other no matter how long it had been since we had talked.

I have been thinking and remembering all the fun times together. The day I got my driver's license. I was 15, Paul was 13 and our Mom made me take him to the Kiest drive in with my friends for protection. He was always our 5th wheel. The girls loved him. When my daughter Carrie was little, Santa Claus gave her a Tippy Tumbles doll. Paul played with that doll so much that he broke it. Carrie didn't seem to mind because she loved him too. Shortly after that he went off to war and we were so afraid for him but thank God he made it home. In recent years he liked to tease me by accusing me of ruining his Ford Terino while he was away at war. I swear it wasn't me. Why would I drive that when I had a brand new Mustang?

When he married, the 4 of us spent a lot of Friday and Saturdays playing cards. I moved away in 1996 to New England and after that I didn't get to see my brothers very often. I will always miss him. I will always love him.

PS. Paul, it was Daddy that drove you car.

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Pepper Phillips - November 25, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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John Fehmel - November 23, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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*- , We had a lot of time together, our families, we shared trips and get. To gathers , holidays . we had a lot of sad times but we had a lot of really good times . We wish we could be there . May God Bless you. All Larry, Judy -*

**-LarryJudy allen** - November 26, 2023 at 06:35 PM

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*“ I was fortunate to meet my cousin Paul only a few years ago. I couldn't tell you his favorite song or movie, but I felt as though I knew him well just talking over the phone and once (?) in person. Paul drove with Frank from the Dallas area to support Jerrod and me when our dad (Ronnie Fehmel) passed away 2 years ago. I sensed Paul's heart and a "Fehmel" connection each time we spoke. Our odd sense of humor was something we shared. I am forever thankful to you Paul for gifting me with an original "Fehmel Dusting Service" beanie. I remember my papaw (Bill Fehmel-your uncle) wearing one just like it back in the 70's. After my father's death (Ronnie Fehmel), you knew I had little to remember him by (due to opportunistic scavengers). I have always cherished that special gift! Now it will also serve as my memory of you-my cousin and my friend. Always, your cuz Wendy*

**Wendy Kirkby** - November 22, 2023 at 09:08 PM



*“ Sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was one of a kind. A true man of faith, kindness, compassion, and friendship. He could drive us crazy but we knew he had our backs. Rest in Peace Paul and may God's perpetual light shine upon you. Monica and John May.*



**Monica May** - November 22, 2023 at 05:03 PM

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Fr. John Neneman - November 22, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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Fr. John Neneman - November 22, 2023 at 03:07 PM