

**Dr. Paul Naccari**

**1920 - 2013**



His eager handshake and endearing smile made an impression to all who came in contact with Dr. Naccari. From the beginning, his curiosity and insight made him a welcomed asset to Pendleton Methodist Memorial Hospital, where was a distinguished member of its medical staff from its inception. He faithfully served as treasurer of the medical staff and member of the medical staff executive committee before being appointed to the Methodist Hospital Board of Directors. He served as Chief of Staff in 1977, and his ongoing contribution continued as Medical Director of Methodist Hospital's Department of Occupational Medicine where he founded the Methodist Occupation and Industrial Medicine Clinic. He continued his service to those in need as Board Member of the Methodist Health System Foundation, Inc. until his retirement, when he was awarded Director Emeritus status.

His vivacious energy was as contagious as his faith was strong as he extended his love of family and community in so many ways. So many individuals and families were touched by his kindness and compassion. We will forever appreciate his dedication and generosity, but mostly his friendship.

## FULL OBITUARY:

Dr. Paul Francis Naccari, Jr., passed away peacefully on Friday morning, January 25, 2013, at the age of 83. He was born in New Orleans, where he met and married the love of his life, his wife of fifty-six years, Jerleen Ann Davis, and together they raised five children. He was a caring doctor who was dedicated to his patients, practicing family medicine and industrial and occupational medicine for over fifty years. Dr. Naccari entered the United States Air Force in 1957 and was called to active duty as a captain in the United States Air Force Medical Corps. He received training at the School of Aviation Medicine at Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama and served two years in the Tactical Air Command at England Air Force Base in Alexandria. He received an honorable discharge in 1958 and remained in the Air Force Reserve through 1966. Thereafter, he was designated a Senior Airman Medical Examiner by the Federal Aviation Administration and served the Office of Aerospace Medicine for a period of approximately 30 years, conducting evaluations of commercial pilots and air traffic controllers. In his practice of occupational medicine, he performed employee evaluations for numerous federal agencies, including the FBI and the United States Department of Justice. Additionally, he provided emergency treatment, performed employee examinations and provided medical consultation in various industries, including American Marine, Halter Marine and the NASA Lockheed Martin plant at Michoud. He is a past president of the Orleans Parish Medical Society and was a charter member of the medical staff of Pendleton Methodist Memorial Hospital, where he was chief of staff in 1977 and served 28 years on the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. Additionally, he was the Medical Director of the Methodist Hospital Department of Occupational Medicine and founder of the Methodist Occupational and Industrial Medicine Clinic, he provided emergency medical treatment as well as employee physicals. In recent years, he served as a director of the Methodist Health Systems Foundation. He is a past president of the Mid-South Chapter of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and served on the board of directors of the Louisiana Occupational Medical Association. As a young man, he studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in St. Benedict, Louisiana, and in 1947, he graduated from St. Paul's School in Covington, Louisiana. He graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1951 and from LSU Medical School in 1955. He was a faithful parishioner for many years of St. Pius Catholic Church in New Orleans and, more recently, of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mandeville, Louisiana. He enjoyed tennis, running, dancing with Jerleen, spending time with his nine grandchildren who loved him dearly, and celebrating holidays with all of his family together. He was a compassionate, kind-hearted man who enjoyed his life, loved his family and his fellow man, and gave of himself to all. His life is an inspiration to his children, and his memories and spirit will remain with us always. He is survived by his devoted wife, Jerleen, by his four daughters, Janelle Pugh (and husband George Pugh, Jr.), Lisa Keyes (and husband George Keyes), Paula Wills (and husband Dr. Tom Wills), and Stephanie Farr (and husband Charles Farr), by his son Paul Naccari, III, and by his grandchildren, Meredith and George Pugh, Marissa, Kristin and Emily Annaloro, Tyler and Grant Wills, and Joshua and Allison Farr. He is preceded in death by his parents, Francesca Shambra Naccari and Paul Naccari, his brothers John and Joseph Naccari, and his sisters Annette McCrory and Frances Rooney. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home (5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124), on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow in All Saints Mausoleum. To view and sign the guest book, visit [www.lakelawnmetairie.com](http://www.lakelawnmetairie.com). Special thanks to wonderful caregivers, Shannon Everitt, Rita Lewis and Samantha Odom, and to the caring people of Canon Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.Alz.org](http://www.Alz.org)). - See more at: <http://obits.theadvocate.com/obituaries/theadvocate/obituary.aspx?pid=162651907#sthash.V412vhFn.dpuf>