



Russell "Pal" J, Texter

August 5, 1931 - July 2, 2022

Russell J (Pal) Texter, 90, of Parker PA, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 2, 2022. Born in Parker on August 5, 1931, he was the son of the late Russell M. and Jessie (Shoffner) Texter.

He graduated from Parker High School in 1949, worked at Central Electric, and then enlisted in the Navy in May 1951. He served aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin BB-64 for four years including two tours of duty to Korea. After the service, he attended Slippery Rock State Teachers College, then worked as a rural mail carrier at the Parker Post Office, retiring in 1989 with 33 years of service. Pal also worked for Freddie Bowser at the Funeral Home, Dean's Flower Shop, and was the manager of the Clearfield Recreation Club (Parker pool) for many years.

Russ was a member of the U.S.S. Wisconsin Association, a lifetime member of the V.F.W., and a member of St. Mary's/St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Pal enjoyed planning and building his house, tennis, and football (especially Slippery Rock and the Steelers), and traveling over the world with his family. Destinations included Australia, China, New Zealand, Panama, Honduras, Puerto Rico, many Caribbean Islands, Florida, and throughout the US. His favorite destination was Hawaii which he visited several times.

'Babok' cherished time with his grandson Zane and said it was his 'greatest pastime'. He enjoyed attending baseball, football, track, and basketball games, playing catch, swimming, and traveling together and was so proud of his grandson.

Some of Pal's favorite memories were swimming at the 'Falls' and the old swimming pool with his brother Rob, playing football with friends, attending U.S.S. Wisconsin Navy reunions, interacting with wolves at the sanctuary in Ohio, watching the Steelers,

Wimbledon, Star Trek, Twilight Zone, and John Wick movies. He loved to read, especially Jack Reacher novels.

Pal always had a story or anecdote about growing up in Parker, and the many people he encountered. He enjoyed visiting and pulling pranks with his neighbors and going out to breakfast with them.

He was very active throughout his life and experienced flying in a glider plane, hot air balloon, white water rafting, and jet boating/bungee jumping in New Zealand. He both met and corresponded with his favorite Steeler – Rocky Bleier and was also present at the 'Immaculate Reception' game.

Surviving is his wife of 65 years Ann (Latella) Texter, whom he married June 8, 1957, his two children, Felicia Texter of Parker and Daneen (Jeff) Hufnagel of Franklin PA, and his grandson Zane Baughman of Franklin. A brother Robert (Patricia) Texter of Naples Florida, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions can be made to: U.S.S. Wisconsin (nauticus.org 'select Donate menu option, enter Battleship and Russell Texter in the comments area) or Wolf Creek Habitat & Rescue (wolfcreekhabitat.org). Arrangments are provided by Buzard Funeral Home in Parker,

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Pal was a beloved neighbor and friend to all in our family. I have so many memories of him in the neighborhood, at St Mary's, at Big Falls (I can picture him diving into the water from those big rocks) and of course at the Parker pool. He had a ready smile and kind nature. My deepest sympathy to Ann, Felicia and Daneen. Peace to you Pal.*

Trish Marron Shanafelt - July 10, 2022 at 07:41 PM

RS

“ *To Daneen and All Family,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. Pal sounds like an incredible man. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Rhonda Steigerwald*

Rhonda Steigerwald - July 07, 2022 at 08:11 PM

SG

“ *So very sorry for your loss Amen and girls. May the angels surround yours all within their wings and bring you comfort and peace 🙏🙏🙏💙*

Sue Gilbert Gindlesperger - July 07, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell "Pal" J, Texter.*



July 07, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Russell "Pal" J, Texter.*



July 07, 2022 at 02:25 PM

LT

“ I was around Pal a lot in my younger days. He always had some quick witt to share with us younger guys. When thinking about the POOL he is a constant. My Condolences

Len Thompson - July 07, 2022 at 12:31 PM

RT

“ Pal was always thought by me to be my big brother, my mentor, my role model, and my friend. Pal proved these traits to be true many times when we were growing up together in Parker. We shared good times together when swimming at "The Falls" and going to sporting events. Pal's greatest good deed was always keeping a watchful eye on our mother in her later years and making sure our mother was always OK in her stone house that she loved so much. Rest in peace my big brother, and our prayers go out to your loving family.

Rob and Patricia Henry Texter

Robert Texter - July 07, 2022 at 11:35 AM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It was wonderful to be able to Facetime with Uncle Pal last week. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Pamela Texter

Pamela Texter - July 07, 2022 at 11:34 AM

MH

“ Dear Mrs. Texter, How sorry I am for your loss! I'm sorry I never got to meet your husband, but, being that you chose him for your husband, he must have been a great guy! You have always been one of my favorite people & I will keep you & your family in my prayers, Margo Brothers Huston

Margo Huston - July 07, 2022 at 11:32 AM

RA

“ To Ann, Felicia, Daneen
My sympathies to you all in the loss of Pal. He was such a gentleman and showed such kindness to Randilyn, Don and me. In our memory banks is a lovely trip to Florida that we shared. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Randilyn Lewis, Don and Edna Austel



Randilyn, Don, Edna Austel - July 07, 2022 at 11:15 AM

MB

“ *Marcia Brown lit a candle in memory of Russell "Pal" J, Texter*



Marcia Brown - July 06, 2022 at 10:26 PM

MB

“ *Mrs Texter and Felicia, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. What a great man. May he rest in peace. May God comfort you in your time of need.*

Marcia Linamen Brown

Marcia Brown - July 06, 2022 at 10:24 PM

Beth
Gaw

“ *Daneen Jeff and family, so sorry for your loss.*

Beth Gaw - July 06, 2022 at 09:53 PM

MC

“ *My condolences to the Texter family. I remember growing up in Parker and how nice he always was to all of us kids in town. My dad just loved talking to Mr. Texter and thought the world of him. He would often say, "He is as nice a guy as they come."*

Maria Clark - July 06, 2022 at 08:15 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. We are keeping your family in our prayers.*



Jack and Nancy Saylor - July 06, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ *Pal's Family and friends have my deepest sympathys for your loss...Pal was a great guy...i met him when i was a child...he would be at Bob Triils gas station sometimes early in the morning. That also was my Bus stop..he would tease us kids...then later on at Big Falls where i swam every summer...He was such a good family man...and someone to look up to.*

Margie Callender Cotherman - July 06, 2022 at 05:44 PM

SL

“ *I'll always remember Pal and Ann and their warmth and friendship with my family. Pal will definitely be missed. Love and condolences to all of the family.*

Stacy Wineland Leathery

Stacy Wineland Leathery - July 06, 2022 at 05:01 PM

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Robert Texter - July 06, 2022 at 09:24 PM

NS

Ann, so sad to read of Russ's passing. It sounds like you had a great busy life together and many memories to keep.. I often think of the times at Keystone we shared. .

Nadine Sheffer - July 07, 2022 at 10:04 AM