



## Jerry Cyril Steffek

July 4, 1927 - May 18, 2007

Jerry Cyril Steffek , 79, of Needville passed away Friday, May 18, 2007 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas immediately after surgery for a pulmonary embolism. He was born July 4, 1927 in Needville to John Steffek and Frances Skrovan Steffek who preceded him in death.

He is also preceded in death by his brothers: Victor Steffek, John Steffek, Edwin Steffek and Emil Steffek; sisters: Christine Steffek, Marcella Steffek, Martha Schwettman, Cecelia Steffek; and his only son, Randall Wayne Steffek.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lillian Novosad Steffek; his daughter, Amber Dawn Cortemelia and her husband Chris of Richmond. He is also survived by grandson, Casey Kendall Steffek of Needville; sisters, Mary Zwahr of Needville, Alma Martin of Richmond, Evelyn Skellie and husband, Al of Houston and Loretta Whittington and husband, Dale of Houston; brother-in-law, Ed Schwettman of Houston and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jerry graduated from Richmond High School in 1946. He was employed with the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and retired with 30 years of service. All the while, he was a farmer, cattle rancher and a “real” cowboy. A member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Needville, he loved spending time with his family and friends, working on the farm, gardening, riding horses, listening to country music and watching sports and old westerns.

Jerry will be remembered for his sharp and witty sense of humor even during his failing health. After his diagnosis of brain cancer in 2006, he never gave up hope and fought bravely to the very end. He is greatly admired by his family for battling his illness with such patience, dignity and always-pleasant demeanor.

The pallbearers for the service are Jerry’s nephews: John Charles Steffek, Jason Steffek, Brian Zwahr, Michael Schwettman, Tommy Martin and Joel Skellie. Honorary pallbearers

are Casey Steffek and Chris Cortemelia.

Visitation is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2007, with a rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. at the Davis Chapel in Needville. A funeral mass is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville with Rev. James Ramsey officiating. Interment to follow in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

For those wishing, memorial donations may be made in memory of Jerry to St. Michael's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 95, Needville, TX 77461 or Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure, Inc. to aid in the fight against the disease, 1717 Rhode Island Ave NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Lillian and family  
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jerry. He was really a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.  
Danny and Irene Hurta*

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**Danny & Irene Hurta** - May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Dearest Lillian, We are so very sorry for your loss of Jerry. We will always fondly remember him with his quick smile, soft laugh and kindness. He was one of a kind and we know you know that as do all his family and friends. We're here if you need anything.*

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**Glenn & Ann Roberts** - May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Lillian, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. A former Southwestern Bell employee...*

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**Marilon Morris** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Our family extends our love and support for your tremendous loss. Jerry was my parents' best man at their wedding and a classmate at Richmond High School.*

*Linda Filla Esch  
Nancy Filla Dutton  
Austine Beard Filla*

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**Linda Filla Esch** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Lillian,  
I am truly sorry for your loss. Remember: God only takes angels. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Lynda Christ-Matcek** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Lillian & Family,  
Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Praying that God will comfort & guide you.  
A memorial is being sent to St. Michael's Building Fund.

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**Nelson & Geraldine Linke** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Good ole Jerry ... what an awesome uncle! As well as husband, father, and brother. We will miss him at family gatherings.

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**Joel Skellie** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I will certainly miss Jerry at all our family gatherings. He always had a knack for saying something uplifting and kind to everyone.

*With deepest sympathy,  
Marc Schwettmann*

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**Marc Schwettmann** - May 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Jerry was one of my favorite friends in high school. The kids from Needville made up a good part of our class of 1946. Even though I didn't see that much of him after graduation, I still kept up with him through his sister, Evelyn, since she always attended our reunions. He will be remembered by us all as we have another reunion this June 9th. Those were the days!

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**Evelyn Strickland Hardin** - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM