



Paul E. Liebig

June 9, 2021

Paul E. Liebig, 69, of Kearney, passed away peacefully June 9, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., June 15, 2021, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney with Fr. Paul Colling and Fr. Sagar officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., June 14, 2021, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with a vigil service to follow at 6:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Catholic Church to help fund small groups and bible studies.

Son of Dan and Joanne Liebig, Paul was born on November 6, 1951 as the second of four children. He grew up on a wheat farm and cattle ranch outside of Wauneta, NE. Farm life brought with it many chores and responsibilities that helped shape the man Paul was. He took pride in being a leader on football field and graduated from Wauneta High School in 1970.

Paul earned a bachelor's degree from Kearney State College and a master's degree from UNK. He retired from Ceridian in 2017 after a 37-year career in management consulting.

Jan and Paul met while working for Ceridian in Lincoln, NE and were married on December 22, 1984. Paul and Jan's passions and gifts were a compliment to each other, and they enjoyed travelling, exercising, and hosting Bible studies together.

A man who truly lived his values, Paul took his faith in God and membership in the Catholic church very seriously. As an active member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, he found his calling mentoring other men in their faith journeys, advocating for strong marriages, and was instrumental in forming the Watchmen men's group.

Paul's hobbies all shared one attribute – productivity. He enjoyed running marathons, working in the yard, hanging Christmas lights on individual clips, making apple crisp to use up the apples from his trees, washing dishes by hand, and juicing fresh fruits and vegetables. Paul never missed a harvest in Wauneta and spent many hours helping

manage the family farm operation from afar.

More than anything else, though, Paul cherished his family. From coaching softball teams to climbing 14ers, he looked for any opportunity to spend time with his daughters. Known as "Papa" to his five grandkids, Paul made it a point to spend quality time with each child to help instill strong values in their lives. The sound of laughter would fill the room when Papa played hide and seek or engaged the kids with silly voices.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Liebig of Kearney; daughters, Kristin (Cory) Barry of Omaha, NE and Laura (Stuart) Hoffman of Kearney, NE; grandchildren, Jase Hoffman, Jillian Barry, Elliana Hoffman, Eleanor Barry, and Luke Hoffman; and sisters, Mary Kay (Forrest) Lauher of Schulenburg, TX and Roseanne (Bill) Benzel of Waynesville, MO.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Joanne, and his brother, Thomas Liebig.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 5:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Wake Service

JUN 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Paul E. Liebig

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JS

“ Paul was one of the “Born Loser” clan at Kearney State College, and is remembered for all the fun he brought to this group of friends. I will miss his ready smile and the thoughtful and deep- thinking man he was. Rest I Peace, Paul 🙏

Jan Gradoville Schultz - June 14, 2021 at 03:54 PM

AG

“Rest In Peace,Paul.” You Were A Worker, No Doubt. I Appreciate Seeing Your Family’s Farming Operation Down South. I Appreciated Working With In Kearney And Lincoln:Even Pouring Concrete For C&K Part Time. Rest In Peace, My Friend and May Eternal Light Always Shine Upon You. Peace Always. 🕊️🌹

Anthony J. Gauthier - September 18, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul E. Liebig.



June 14, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. Liebig.



June 14, 2021 at 01:56 PM

VF

“ I was so sorry to hear about Paul. I grew up with his sister, Mary Kay, and was around them most of the time. Whether in school or church. I remember Paul well from high school. Such a good looking man. Sending your family thoughts and prayers.

Vicki Fanning-Baker

Vicki Fanning-Baker - June 14, 2021 at 09:46 AM

FS

“ Paul Liebig is a man filled with faith and instilled the same in everyone he met - Fr Sagar North Platte

Fr Sagar - June 13, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul E. Liebig.



June 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul E. Liebig.



June 11, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul E. Liebig.



June 11, 2021 at 03:30 PM

RS

“ Jan , girls and family ❤️ Our hearts are broken at the loss of Paul! What a wonderful man!! We so enjoyed the many years of being neighbors and knowing all was right with the world seeing Paul and Paul and Jan out walking and exercising. It was an honor to be neighbors. A memory we hear of quite frequently from our kids is , when our 2 youngest children were playing out front and Paul walked by , always so kind to speak ,ask the kids what they were doing? they quietly replied having a concert as their imaginations were always at work! Kind Paul replies. Well I sure hope you draw a crowd. He will always hold a special place in our families hearts. May the peace of God hold you close and Know our prayers are with you all. Paul has now witnessed the face of our Lord 🙏

Randy and Tanya Schleiger - June 11, 2021 at 02:12 PM

VR

“ Paul was one of the nicest, Kindest people I have ever met. He helped me through a very difficult time in my life, he will be missed.

Verlyn Rewerts - June 11, 2021 at 11:41 AM