



Paul R. Welter

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Paul R. Welter, 88, of Kearney, died Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Brookdale of Kearney Northridge Senior Living under the care of Asera Care Hospice and the Northridge staff. A service celebrating his life will be held at First Baptist Church, Kearney Tuesday, December 27 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Stan Murdoch officiating. Memorials are suggested to The Building Fund, First Baptist Church Kearney. Paul was born on a farm near Westmoreland, Kansas on August 31, 1928 to Edward and Elsie (Tibbetts) Welter. He graduated from Westmoreland High School. He served as a Counterintelligence agent in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He married Lillian Wagner of Topeka, KS on September 8, 1951. They were married for 64 years until her death on January 16, 2016. Paul earned degrees from Kansas State University, Manhattan; Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California; Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas; and the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He served as a teacher and counselor in Kansas schools for 10 years. In 1968 he accepted a position as a professor in the Counseling and School Psychology Department at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he taught for 24 years. He was also a counseling psychologist and life transitions counselor in Kearney. Dr. Welter authored six books. He wrote "Growing Down" columns for Faith at Work magazine, "Family" columns for The Nebraska Trucker, and "On Staying Married" columns for the Kearney Hub. He was a member of the American Psychological Association and the Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy. In

college he made a decision to live his life as a disciple of Jesus. His missions in the Kingdom of God included making known Jesus' high view of children. Paul's radio program "Learning from Children," was aired on KRVN, Lexington, for 15 years and on KNCK, Concordia, Kansas, for 10 years. Another mission was making known the questioning method of Jesus. He worked to accomplish these and other missions through his writing and the 600 workshops he led throughout the United States. A central mission was his wife, children, grandchildren, great- grandchildren and his many friends all of whom, by their wisdom, taught him a great deal about love and life. Celebrating Paul's life are his children and spouses, Stephen and Catherine Welter of Novato, California, Kathy Welter of Bakersfield, California, Susan and Doug Frerichs of Omaha, and Bill Welter and Diana Scardilli of Park City, Utah, along with Paul's eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by his colleagues, students, and many, many dear friends. Paul was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lillian, his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

Tribute Wall

LU

“ I'm currently taking a class in a doctorate program based on Dr. Welter's book "Counseling and the Search for Meaning". I've taken many classes throughout my years as a pastor and counselor. This text book is one of the best books I've ever read in my life. I'm so very, very grateful for not only his wisdom throughout the book, but also his humility, vulnerability and encouragement. No text book has ever struck such an emotional chord in me as this one.

Luke - July 23, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Paul R. Welter*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

KF

“ I was fortunate enough to have Dr. Welter teach a "Leading Young Children" class while I was earning my master's degree at UNK. I learned much from his teaching and admired his gentle manner while working with people in the counseling profession. Thank you, Dr. Welter.

Kevin Fields - December 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Thank you, Paul, for the enormous impact you had on my life and for fifteen years of beautiful friendship. You will be sorely missed, and remembered fondly. God bless you and your family.

John Viterito - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Paul and I became good friends in the short time that he was here at Northridge. I've never met a nicer person and appreciated his friendship and advise. He will be missed greatly by all who ever knew him.

John H Bancroft - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My Mother, Nina Hammer, and my father, Jack Hammer admired Dr. Welter and considered him a good friend. He was wonderful to both of them. I also was very fond of Dr. Welter and I am sure he will be missed by his family. So sorry for your loss. If the weather is good, I will try (from Lincoln) to attend the event to celebrate his life.

Jaclyn Hammer - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Steve and family,

It was nice to get to know Dr. Welter better when we lived in Kearney ini the early 2000s. I really appreciated his wisdom.

Nancy

Nancy McCammon-Hansen - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Paul was a perfect example of living your life by what you believe. His kindness and ability to listen will be missed by everyone he touched in life. I was both a student and a colleague of his and still can hear his gentle voice.

Cheryl Walker - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Paul was a kind and gracious man. I learned so much from him in school and church in the mid 80's. Last night I realized that just seeing his pictures on Facebook made me feel safe and peaceful decades later.

Ellie Sizer - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ He was a wonderful and most compassionate man, I learned a lot from him and will always recall his kindness!
So sorry for your loss!

Maha Younes - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Paul has exchanged all of his hats from life for the crown our Lord Jesus has now given to him. We thank God for all of the years that He shared Paul with us. The difference that Paul made in countless lives has improved our world. His legacy will know no time. We are praying for each of you in Paul's family, Church family, and close friends as everyone prepares to celebrate his life. Love to each one,
Ron and Mary Reed

Ron and Mary Reed - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM