



Walter J. Leucht

October 12, 1953 - August 14, 2023

Walter J. Leucht, 69, of Hampshire, passed away early Monday morning, August 14, 2023, at his home in Hampshire.

He was born October 12, 1953, in Woodstock, the son of Charles and Jacquelyn (Conger) Leucht. He was a member of the 1971 Class of Marian Central Catholic High School and received his bachelor's degree in political science from Murray State College University in 1975. He graduated from the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1976. Walter married Judith L. Harper on Nov. 6, 1976, in Eminence, KY and they were partners in the operation of Fredrick Funeral Home in Hampshire which they purchased in 1980. In 1986 he purchased the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home in Huntley and was very proud to serve the families in Hampshire, Huntley, Burlington, and Plato areas. He was very dedicated to his profession.

Walter was an accomplished golfer and was a member of Woodstock Country Club for over 38 years. He was a 12-time club champion, 10-time senior champion, and 3-time McHenry Co. Senior Champion. He also was a top 10 and top 20 finisher in the Illinois State Senior Amateur and had 7 holes-in-one to his credit. He made many great friends playing golf and many would join him in South Texas for the annual golf trip.

Surviving is his wife and partner Judy; sons, Joseph (Jenni) Leucht of Marengo, Matthew Leucht of Hampshire; two granddaughters he adored,

twins, Emma, and Cadence; siblings, Chuck (Patti) Leucht, Regina (Wiley) Bell, John F. (Cathy) Leucht; many nieces, nephews, and great friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Jacquelyn; his baby brother, Kevin Christopher (KC); and his beloved sister, Teresa Pappas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Saturday, August 19th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 Jefferson Ave. in Hampshire. Burial will follow in the Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 18th at the church from 2 to 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Walt's name may directed to the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School or the church.

Cemetery Details

Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
297 E. Jefferson Ave.
Hampshire, IL 60140

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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297 E. Jefferson Ave.
Hampshire, IL 60140

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I'm so sorry I'm so late in thanking all of you for your loving and sweet comments about Walt. Please know how much you meant to Walt and still to me. He loved being a funeral director and helping you during a difficult time in your lives. Thank you so very much, Judy

Judy Keucht - February 22, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JL

Leucht

Judy Leucht - February 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

FE

“ Our condolences to Judy and family. His services were used for many of our family members spanning from even before his time in Hampshire. RIP
Frank & Carol Engel

Frank & Carol Engel - August 18, 2023 at 02:21 PM

RF

“ When I came in 1993 to serve as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampshire, I met Walter. As a new pastor in the ministry, Walter was kind 'showing me the ropes' about funerals. We had a great working relationship and one as friends. His manner and demeanor were always comforting to the families he served in their grief. A good friend! -Rev. Tom Fleischmann

Rev Tom Fleischmann - August 18, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Walter J. Leucht.*



August 16, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Your Friends at St. Mary Church, Huntley purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Walter J. Leucht.*



Your Friends at St. Mary Church, Huntley - August 16, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter J. Leucht.*



August 16, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter J. Leucht.*

August 16, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Walter J. Leucht.*



August 16, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nick Tegtman - August 16, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Hi my name is Jon Ferguson I'm good friend of Walter I'm so sorry about his loss my prayers are you and his family he was wonderful person may God bless you Jon Ferguson 🙏🙏🌹🌹🌸🌸❤️*



Jon Ferguson - August 16, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Walter J. Leucht.*



August 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM



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“ My sincere condolences to Judy, Joe and Matt. What more can I say that hasn't been already said by all these people who responded to the Tribute Wall? Anyone who's lived and had loved ones in Hampshire has probably required Walt's services. His guidance and gentle manner made the experience easier. R.I.P.

Darrel Johnson - August 15, 2023 at 04:13 PM



Truly a sweetheart,, i was his babysitter and he was absolutely one of my favorites ,,,, hugs to Judy and the boys !! 🍀

sheila ritter - September 04, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ I'm so very sad to hear about Walt's passing. The comfort he has brought to so many families is immeasurable. Walt was truly a kind, thoughtful and compassionate man.
My most sincere condolences to Judy and her family. Walt has truly earned his wings.
Margaret Irving

Margaret irving - August 15, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ May God comfort the entire funeral home family. He was so caring and concerned about every person he dealt with. With him and Judy being in Hampshire for so many years he knew everyone and all their family members. Walter was the best.

Daryl and Ed Larson - August 15, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DG

“ *Walt was so kind to us after the death of our son. Our sincere condolences to Judy and the family. Eternal Rest!*
Herman and Donna Gnuechtel

Donna Gnuechtel - August 15, 2023 at 09:38 AM

TH

“ *My condolences to Judy, the kids, family and friends of Walter. He was a good friend, good neighbor and all around great person. He was also a very professional funeral director. So sad to hear of his passing.*

Thomas Hicks - August 15, 2023 at 05:32 AM

GP

“ *Walter, one of the kindest and caring people we've been with at the saddest of times. He loved to share his golf stories, and my husband enjoyed hearing them. God bless and keep you Walter, our love and prayers to you Judy and your family.*

George and Diane Pavlik - August 15, 2023 at 02:10 AM

DE

“ *Sorry for your loss. Walter was one of my all-time favorite people to play golf with. He was a fine golfer and incredibly competitive, which I enjoyed a great deal. He helped me in many ways in my youth from providing me with an occasional golf club , and helping finance of few of our wagers vs other players. He took me many times to play Woodstock country club and we always had a great day. I'm sure he already has a tee time in heaven with his dad. Hugs to the entire Leucht family.*

Doug Ellett - August 14, 2023 at 11:07 PM

PV

Having taught in Hampshire for many years, I met so many wonderful families. Whenever I went to a visitation at the funeral home, Walt greeted with a warm smile and called me by name. How could he remember the names of so many people? He was such a dear, sincere man who will be missed by everyone was privileged to know him. Prayers & blessings to his family.
Peg VanMeter

Peg VanMeter - August 18, 2023 at 10:00 PM

EM

“ *Praying for this family during these sad days, especially John Leucht and Cathy Leucht (my niece), may God grant all peace, comfort, and grace.*
Elizabeth and Jim Meaders

Elizabeth B. Meaders - August 14, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ *Walter was my first ever friend. We lived close to each other and were in school together from Kindergarten at Northwood school, then St. Mary's, then Marian Central. I was looking forward to seeing him at the upcoming class reunion. So sad, but we will see him in heaven. Here's to you Wawa!!*

John Matthes - August 14, 2023 at 10:24 PM

TS

Rest in Peace Walt. You were a kind and considerate person in our dealings over the years. I last talked to you and Judy in your home last Fall; enjoyed our conversations. Sending Prayers my friend. ❤️
Terry Lee Seyller

Terry Lee Seyller - August 14, 2023 at 10:56 PM

BO

*Walt was a godsend 4 years ago when our dad passed. He was so caring and gentle and kind. They will be buried near one another. He will be deeply missed by tge Hampshire community.
Sincerely, The Mike and Janet Hartman Family*

Brook Orlando - August 14, 2023 at 11:05 PM

JH

Sympathies to his family. Walt was a very caring person and will be missed by all those that knew him.

Jon and Linda Haines - August 15, 2023 at 08:50 AM

JB

“ *Sympathies to his family..a great loss..a true professional*

Julie Cubert Bogard - August 14, 2023 at 09:27 PM

PR

“ *Walter was always a very caring person. When my mother died, he was so helpful and went beyond what he needed to do. I've never forgotten his kindness to me at that time.*

Pat Ream - August 14, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all of you, Walter was an awesome man and helped us on a number of occasions, he will be sorely missed.. :(*

Peggi Adams - August 14, 2023 at 09:09 PM

SR

“ *Our family is so sorry for your loss The Mr Leucht I knew was always talking about his family especially his granddaughters. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. The Ruffolo's*

susan ruffolo - August 14, 2023 at 07:58 PM