



Paul C. Utemark

November 20, 1959 - May 24, 2017

Memorial service for Paul will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Evangelical Free Church in Geneva, Nebraska. with Pastor Jeff Jensen officiating.

A service at the graveside with committal of ashes will be in the Kilfoil Cemetery, at Merna, Nebraska at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation in lieu of flowers.

Paul C. "Butch" Utemark, IV was born to Paul F. Utemark, III and Sharon A. (Frink) Utemark on November 20, 1959 at Wayne, NE. He passed away May 24, 2017 at his home in Geneva, surrounded by family, at the age of 57. He was the oldest of five sons in the family, growing up in Emerson, NE, where he graduated from Emerson-Hubbard High School in 1978. He went on to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln where he received his bachelors degree in Business Administration in 1983.

Paul met the girl of his dreams at college, Lori K. Jacobsen, of Merna, NE and they were married August 14, 1982 in Lincoln, NE. To this union God blessed two children, Brindi K. and Derek J. In 1983, the couple moved to Wakefield, NE, where Paul worked for the M.G. Waldbaum Co. (later Michael Foods), working his way up to the senior leadership team. In 1990 he returned to

school, earning his master's degree from the Univ. of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. In 1997, the family moved to Spencer, IA ,where Paul worked for different egg entities, in addition to doing some consulting work. In 2003, Paul and Lori returned to Nebraska and resided in Ainsworth, where Paul took the position of CEO of the Nebraska ESU Purchasing Co-op. 2008 brought a move to Geneva, NE where he became the CEO of the Fillmore County Hospital and led the hospital until his battle with cancer no longer allowed.

Paul had a deep love for the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was constantly thinking of others and ministering to them while sacrificing his own comforts. Paul adored Brindi and Derek and coached every sport in which they participated, from t-ball and soccer, to football, baseball, and basketball. Paul enjoyed kids of all ages and mentored everyone, from the young to the elderly. His true pleasures came from rural Nebraska life, being with family, his love of the Lord, and the staff that he could lead. Paul and Lori enjoyed traveling, Nebraska athletics, and time serving others. Some of Paul's favorite mantras by which he lived included, "Be the hardest worker with the best attitude," "It's not about who's right, it's about what's right," and "Have you looked at it through their eyes?" And of course, we all knew he was "better than he deserved," a saying which he truly believed.

Paul is survived by his love of 35 years, Lori, daughter Brindi (Joe) Streufert, and son Derek. He is also survived by his parents, Paul and Sharon, brothers Jeff, Kirk (Sheryl), Kipp (Peg), and Kyle (Jen), father-in-law, Paul Jacobsen, brothers- and sisters-in-law: Dougg & LeAnn Custer, Jim & Selma Bull, Ron & Judy Jacobsen, and John & Janet Jacobsen. Paul delighted in all of his nieces and nephews: ReAnne (Brandon) Wentz, Arissa Utemark, Preston & Payton Utemark, Diron (Amy) Jacobsen, Bobbi (Jared) Pettit, Roni Jacobsen, Andi (Jennifer) Custer, Scott (Fiona) Custer, Katrina Custer, Jeff (Ashley) Bull, Jenny Jacobsen, Katie (Michael) Allison, as well as their children. He is also survived by many other family members, friends, and the lives he touched in

every community in which he served.

Paul was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bert & Delores Frink and Paul C. II and Anna Utemark, his mother-in-law, Emily Jacobsen, aunts Vera Mackling and Alice Tullberg, uncle Larry Utemark, sister-in-law, Barbara Bull, nephew, Jonathan Jacobsen, and niece, Jamie Bull.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church of Geneva
230 N 17th St
Geneva, NE 68361-1607
(402) 759-4067

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Thinking of you and sending condolences, Lori to you and your family. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

Doug and Connie Campbell

Doug - June 03, 2017 at 09:46 AM

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Doug - June 03, 2017 at 09:42 AM

AJ

“ I only met Paul one time at a meeting but I immediately knew he was a compassionate man who served others. I was so impressed by him. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My only wish is that my legacy is half as strong as his was. What a great man of faith. I wish I was able to know him better. He was a true servant to others. The culture at Fillmore County Hospital was changed by his influence. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the great hospital staff at Geneva.

Alison Jensen

Alison Jensen - June 02, 2017 at 10:43 PM

PW

“ We send our love to the whole family. Butch was such a principled guy, who was willing to take a cut in pay and many advantages, and move, just so he could devote more time as a father and husband. He was a gifted career man, always finding new opportunities to live out his dreams. Most importantly, he was a serious Christian, and shared that legacy with his family and friends. One of those really good guys to know. The world is less at his passing.

*Pastor Mark and Lynn Wilms
Royal, Iowa*

Pastor Mark and Lynn Wilms - June 01, 2017 at 09:13 PM

JB

“ I remember Butch when he was in grade 7 at Emerson-Hubbard where I did my student Teaching. We later worked at Waldbaums (MFI) and officiated High School football games together. We crossed paths many times over the years until he felt it was time to move to another field. Butch, you were always kind, with a smile for everyone. You will be missed May God comfort your family now in their time of grief.

Jerry Boatman

Jerry Boatman - June 01, 2017 at 03:00 PM

MJ

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers, Lori to you and your family. What a amazing man you had for so long. To bad we both could not have had our husbands longer. Mary Johnson

Mary Johnson - June 01, 2017 at 11:07 AM

DW

“ Paul was one of the most positive people I've known and he was truly interested in each employee of FCH. I remember his tireless efforts to make the new hospital a reality and his early morning visits with the night nursing staff. We will all miss him!
Diane Weber (one of the night shift nurses)

Diane Weber - June 01, 2017 at 12:08 AM

JW

“ Paul became a friend who I met in 2011, and worked with until the present, as a services vendor to the hospital. It was amazing how Paul brought his special manner and knowledge to the new hospital there in Geneva, it's patients, and staff he took care of everyone. He was "The Finest" hospital CEO I've ever met.

Over the years I had many rewarding conversations, and I was so sad when he became ill. My condolences and sympathy go out to Paul's family, the community, and hospital staff for such a Great loss!! Having put parents to rest recently, please take solace in knowing Paul is looking down on all of us.

My prayers go out to Paul and his loved ones!!

Regards,

*Jim Waldron
& Florian Wieland*

*May we make a donation to the families favorite charity in Paul's name, please message
jwaldron@athenahealth.com*

Jim Waldron - May 31, 2017 at 09:22 AM

P.

“ One terrific guy with a zest for life. His legacy will continue in this community for years to come. The facility and energized staff on the corner of F street and U.S. 81 is at testament to his abilities. Rest well old friend.

P.R.Farmer - May 31, 2017 at 08:33 AM

LE

“ I got to know Paul when he was anticipating the move to Geneva and becoming my replacement at Fillmore County Hospital. Paul and I shared many thoughts about the future of healthcare in Fillmore County and how the hospital could continue to provide the best possible care for the County's residents. Paul took those thoughts and made them happen. To his credit, a new hospital became reality, with caring for patients at the heart of what he did. Lori and family, there are no words to express the loss that you must be feeling. We extend to you our sincere sympathy now and in the days ahead. We are confident that Paul is now safe in the arms of his Lord.

May the peace of Christ sustain you all.

Sincerely

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - May 30, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



May 30, 2017 at 04:29 PM

JS

“ Many wonderful memories of Butch cheering on Post 81 during the Legion baseball season! So sorry for your loss!

Josh Snyder - May 30, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ I met "Butch" when we were freshman at Emerson Hubbard. I was new at the school and he made me feel very welcome! It was well known by all of our classmates that "Butch" was someone special. He wasn't just smart. He was the brightest light in the room! My heart aches for his family sending the most sincere wishes for peace at this difficult time.

Denise Burks - May 29, 2017 at 10:45 AM

GF

“ Gaylord Pflanz and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



Gaylord Pflanz and Family - May 29, 2017 at 07:04 AM

KM

“ Our sympathies are extended to the entire family and all of their friends. We have fond memories of Butch and Lori and kids during their lives in Wakefield, through the Waldbaum Company, school functions, community activities, the theatre, and most importantly the family at Salem Lutheran Church. May God continue to comfort you in the days ahead. Gerald and Kathy Muller

kathy muller - May 28, 2017 at 06:01 PM

DC

“ So sorry to read about Butch's passing.. May the comfort of memories ease your pain. Debbie Christiansen Pender Nebraska

Debbie Christiansen - May 28, 2017 at 03:35 PM

VB

“ Just want to say I'm sitting at Eaton field for the Chuck Ellis baseball tourney, grilling burgers. I'm thinking of you all and how much Butch supported ball in Wakefield. Of course I also have that memory of LRHT's first Elvis rocking out during Joseph ! Hugs to you all and many great memories from all of us here...

Val Bard - May 28, 2017 at 03:06 PM

DB

“ I am his 1st cousin even as a youngster Butch was always looking over his brothers when I would baby sit them he would say it was his job to look out for them. Even though I was the sitter. He never forgot his aunt vera on the holidays, birthday or just to call her. That just was who he was. This is a big loss to all who knew him but we gain another angel looking over us. RIP Butch .

Diana Bray - May 28, 2017 at 02:56 PM

HB

“ Lori and family, So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Harriet Berger, Spencer, IA

Harriet Berger - May 27, 2017 at 06:18 AM

JG

“ I worked with Butch at Waldbaums - best memory of him was he liked to sing along to Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places". I believe he absolutely loved that song. It would brighten my day when he would sing! Also worked with him when he worked as CEO of Nebraska Coop - it was hard for me to call him Paul though after years of calling him Butch. David played high school baseball with him. Lori and family, David and I are deeply sorry for your loss, he was a good man. Joleen & David Gustafson (Wakefield NE)

Joleen Gustafson - May 26, 2017 at 03:47 PM

HN

“ Howard County Medical Center St Paul NE purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



Howard County Medical Center St Paul NE - May 26, 2017 at 02:43 PM

HS

“ Henderson Health Care Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



Henderson Health Care Services - May 26, 2017 at 12:31 PM

VN

“ Valley County Health System ~ Ord, Nebraska purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



Valley County Health System ~ Ord, Nebraska - May 26, 2017
at 12:04 PM

CB

“ May the love of the Lord comfort you during this time of loss. Sending prayers from the Medical Staff, Administration, and Board of Directors of Henderson Health Care Services.

Cheryl Brown - May 26, 2017 at 11:38 AM

JT

“ Paul was one of the finest leaders and most wonderful people it's ever been my privilege to know and work with. The team at Values Coach will truly miss him and we send our condolences to Lori and the family and the Fillmore County Hospital team.

Joe Tye - May 26, 2017 at 10:55 AM

TI

“ The Radiologists/Staff of Advanced Medical Imaging purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Paul C. Utemark.



The Radiologists/Staff of Advanced Medical Imaging - May
26, 2017 at 07:42 AM

MR

“ *Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan Reinsch lit a candle in memory of Paul C. Utemark*



Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan Reinsch - May 25, 2017 at 10:04 PM

BH

“ *Bryan Heart purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Paul C. Utemark.*



Bryan Heart - May 25, 2017 at 04:26 PM