



Richard "PeeWee" Wenger

August 3, 1930 - January 11, 2022

Richard "PeeWee" Wenger, 91, of Manly, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Manly Specialty Care in Manly.

A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 am Monday, January 17, 2022 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 428 W. Walnut Street, Manly, with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating. Inurnment will be held at a future date in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Albert City, IA.

A Livestream of PeeWee's service will be available on the Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel Facebook page.

Richard was born on August 3, 1930 in Fort Dodge, the son of Rev. Carl and Signy (Halvorson) Wenger. He grew up in Albert City alongside siblings, Victor, Ruth, Paul, and John.

From a young age PeeWee developed a love of all sports, but especially baseball. Following high school Richard attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake where he pitched for two years on the college team.

While attending Buena Vista he met the love of his life, Lois Rockwell, while she was working as a secretary for Chas G. Walters Manufacturing Company. They were united in marriage on October 5, 1952 in Albert City. Together they would be blessed with three children, Tim, Rhonda, and Terry.

While working on his degree in education at Buena Vista, PeeWee signed with the Cleveland Indians where he pitched in their farm leagues for three years during the spring and summer while working towards his college degree in the fall and winter.

In 1955 the family moved to Manly where PeeWee began his teaching career in Social Studies. He taught 7th, 8, and 9th grade for 37 years before retiring in 1992.

PeeWee always enjoyed living an active and healthy lifestyle and many will remember seeing him jogging and in later years walking along his route across Manly. He enjoyed watching sports, especially baseball, and cheering for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Those grateful in sharing in his life are his children, Tim Wenger, Pueblo, CO, Rhonda Hermsen, Boulder, CO, and Terry Wenger, The Villages, Florida; grandsons, Austin Hermson (Elena Peraldi), Benjamin Hermsen (Jacqui Martina), Dane (Meghan) Hermsen, and Adam Hermsen; great grandchildren Hadley Hermsen and Alexander Hermsen; brothers, Paul Wenger and John Wenger; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Carl and Signy Wenger; his beloved wife, Lois; son in law, Fred Hermsen; and siblings, Victor Wenger and Ruth Rubhuhn.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
428 W Walnut Street, Manly, IA, US

Comments



“ So very sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing mr. Wenger on his daily walks and just saying hello now and then. Sincere sympathy to you all. Steve and Sue Trebil

susan trebil - January 17 at 10:04 AM



“ Sorry about your loss Terry and Family

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Allen Sutcliffe - January 17 at 06:45 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss terry and to your whole family.



Sharon - January 16 at 04:31 PM



“ Connie Enderson Hamilton purchased the Memorial Trees for the family of Richard "PeeWee" Wenger.



Connie Enderson Hamilton - January 16 at 03:43 PM



“ With gratitude, Janan (Brown) Mehlhaff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "PeeWee" Wenger.



With gratitude, Janan (Brown) Mehlhaff - January 16 at 03:18 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Wenger family.
I was a student not only of Mr. Wenger but of Mrs. Wenger. I was a young girl transitioning from elementary to Jr High and also changing to a new school. Mrs Wenger, my 6th grade teacher, showed her loving kindness towards me and reassured me that Mr Wenger, 7th grade teacher, would be there for me to help me adjust to my new school. She was right, he was.
Not only did he support me through the transition, but he also challenged this shy nobody to be bold.
He gave me my love for the Social Sciences.
They gave me the desire to be there for others in vulnerable situations.

I wish I had taken the time to tell them how much they made an impact on me and how I've been trying to pass it on for all these years.

May God give you strength and comfort through this difficult time.
Cindy (Krahenbuhl) Vimpany

Cindy Vimpany - January 16 at 05:12 AM



“ Terry, Rhonda and Tim,
So sorry for your loss. Mike, Glenn and I have many fond memories of your dad. I would often run into him when he was out walking in Manly. We would talk briefly, but he always would asked about my brothers and would share his happiness about their success. He was a good person. We hope you find comfort if your memories and peace in God's grace. Mike, Glenn, Pat and Sally Evans.



Patricia Whitfield - January 15 at 10:28 PM



“ Mr. Wenger, Lois, and kids were my neighbors and I babysit for them. He was also my teacher and a friend to my family as my dad was a teacher also. Remembering good times. May he rest in peace with Lois.

Linda (Mead) Whitcomb

Linda Mead Whitcomb - January 15 at 09:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "PeeWee" Wenger.



January 15 at 09:25 AM



“ My condolences to the Wenger family. I have fond memories of being a student in Mr Wenger's social studies classes. He was part of the reason I went into education as as a social studies teacher. Also have great memories of him coming down to baseball practice once in awhile and throwing batting practice to our high school team. Rest in Peace Mr. Wenger.

Jeff Chisholm

Jeff Chisholm - January 14 at 07:44 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard "PeeWee" Wenger.



January 14 at 06:22 PM



“ Boy, there wasn't a day that you didn't see Mr. Wenger out walking all over Manly, no matter what season of the year! I remember just within the last couple years, an extended family member mentioning they thought he must live a few miles north of the Catholic Church because they always saw him walking out there. No, he just lives a couple houses down, he just walks all over!! What an inspiration he was to so many of us as a teacher, close friend to our Mom through Lois, and just a good friend and neighbor to my son and his family. I always tried to stop and visit whenever I saw him out, or at least say, oh look, there's Mr. Wenger and smile. Another community treasure missed. Prayers to all his family.

Sandy Haacke Snider - January 14 at 04:47 PM