



Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs

May 9, 1922 - January 7, 2017

Rev. Waldemar “Wally” Friedrichs, 94, Topeka, passed away January 7, 2017.

Wally was born May 9, 1922, the son of Friedrich and Agnes Stohs Friedrichs, in Herkimer KS. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bremen KS. Wally married Olinda Holle on February 4, 1945, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Wally enrolled in St. Johns College, Winfield KS, to start ministerial studies in 1936. The dust bowl cut his studies short after two years. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1940. Wally was called into the United States Navy in 1943, during WWII. He was honorably discharged as a Radarman Third Class. Wally enrolled in Sticklers Business College in Topeka, graduating as a certified accountant. He was hired by Martin Tractor Co., Topeka, as a Cost Accountant. Wally was hired as Secretary and Financial Officer of Bremen Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, in 1949. In 1966, Wally joined Town and County Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, Topeka, as CEO and Finance Officer. Later, he joined Taylor and Company of Topeka as the Insurance Production Manager. He then served the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as Church Extension Fund Administrator and Business Manager, retiring in 1987.

After retiring from the Kansas District, Wally continued his studies towards

pastoral ordination. He served Prince of Peace Lutheran Church as Minister of Outreach, retiring in 2003. While he was retired, Wally continued to serve various congregations as a vacancy pastor.

Wally was known to be an avid Royals fan, excellent woodcrafter, loved playing golf, and never met a stranger.

Wally is survived by his wife, Olinda; children, Warren Friedrichs (Cindy) of Spokane WA, George Friedrichs of Topeka, Virgean Bosworth of Carthage MO, Kristin Barber (Rob) of Carthage, Debra Crites (Thomas) of Topeka, and Lora Samuelson (Mike) of Carthage; ten grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; siblings, Fred Friedrichs of Herkimer KS, Norma Fairchild of Westmoreland KS, Wayne Friedrichs of Greenleaf KS, and Nelda Friedrichs of Lake Arrowhead CA. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Wilbur, Roland, Ervin, and Valeria.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 12, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1716 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka KS, 66604.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 13, at the church. Burial to follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, House of Hope Haiti, or Topeka Rescue Mission, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
1716 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66604

Funeral Service

JAN **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
1716 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 11, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Wally and Linda were the most wonderful couple...always smiling with a pleasant greeting. It's hard to think of one without the other. Wally was so influential in recruiting members to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in it's infancy. I wish my children would have been the recipients of one of Wally's beautiful wooden chest that he presented at baptisms. And could Wally remember people's names....unbelievable! My world was brightened by knowing Wally. I'm so so sorry I missed his funeral.*

Diana Frownfelter - January 13, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.*



January 13, 2017 at 03:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.*



January 12, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Kent and Kerry Holle and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.*



Kent and Kerry Holle and family. - January 12, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Pastor Wally is cherished by my family. He saw us through 5 weddings and a funeral traveling even to Manhattan and Kansas City to officiate. He and Linda shared some beloved memories with us and those memories are so precious. Never a handshake always a hug. He will be missed. I will think of him often and fondly.*

Lacy Hileman - January 11, 2017 at 05:18 PM

JC

“ We are thinking of all of you at this time. It was always a joy to visit with Wally! Such a wonderful example of Christ's love. Blessings!
Julie & Steve Caspers

julie caspers - January 11, 2017 at 11:59 AM

LF

“ Love, The family of Roland G. Friedrichs purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.



Love, The family of Roland G. Friedrichs - January 10, 2017 at 09:04 PM

LF

“ Love in Christ , The Hartwig Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.



Love in Christ , The Hartwig Family - January 10, 2017 at 02:30 PM

PP

“ Unfortunately I have a schedule conflict and will not be able to attend the service.

I consider it an enormous blessing to have known Wally as a friend and co-worker in God's kingdom throughout most of my career as a pastor in the Kansas District. His support and encouragement were especially helpful during the years I was starting a new church in Gardner, Kansas. Time spent with him was always enjoyable.

I praise God with the confidence that he now is celebrating and enjoying the company of Jesus in eternity.

*Pastor Jerry Peck (retired)
Paola, KS*

Pastor Jerry Peck - January 09, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Waldemar John Friedrichs.



January 09, 2017 at 04:50 PM

LR

“ Wally and his wife both were quick to welcome me at Lexington when I started my job there. I have enjoyed his stories and shared many laughs with him. He always put a smile on my face. May you rest in peace Wally. Always in my thoughts, until we meet again.

*Lindsay
CMA at Lexington*

Lindsay Roberts - January 09, 2017 at 07:56 AM

JE

“ *Pastor Wally baptized both my children. He was at the Sabetha Church where I grew up and instantly myself and my mother were drawn to him. I am so sad to hear he has gone, but I know he is looking over all of us with his infectious smile! Please know your family is in our prayers and know he was a big part of my life spiritually. We still have the white cross he made my daughter hanging in her room. He will be missed.*

Jennifer W

Jennifer - January 08, 2017 at 08:47 AM