



Dr. Paul Theodore Werner MD

January 14, 1947 - November 22, 2019

Werner, Dr. Paul Theodore, MD
Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday, November 22, 2019, at his residence. He was 72 years old. Paul was born January 14, 1947, in Alpena, Michigan to the late Theodore and Eileen (Koehler) Werner. He married Jane Cotton on December 23, 1967, in Kalkaska, Michigan. Paul attended the University of Michigan earning his undergraduate degree and attended medical school at Michigan State University, earning a doctorate degree in medicine. He worked as the director of education of the Upper Peninsula Medical Education Program in Escanaba for Michigan State University and was Vice President of Medical Affairs for St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital, retiring in 2003. While living in Escanaba, Paul was instrumental in implementing the first hospice program in Michigan. After retirement, he was trained as a lay minister and was a Synodically Authorized Minister serving many Lutheran congregations. He was a faithful and active member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church for many years and was a dedicated volunteer at the Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry.

He was an avid reader and loved reading many books. Paul always had a passion to learn new things and strived to better his education. But, what he really loved most was being a Papa to his only grandchild and spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; children, Nathan Werner and Amanda (Craig Johnson) Werner; a grandson, Silas; his brother, David; and extended family.

FUNERAL SERVICE: A Funeral Service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 2525 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw, Michigan, 48603. Rev. Robert G. Schmidt will officiate. In keeping with Paul's wishes, cremation has taken place.

VISITATION: Family and friends will gather at the church on Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to

8:00 p.m. A prayer service will be held at the church at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan P-981, or to the organization of your choice. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the church or through www.deislerfuneralhome.com.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church
2525 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, MI, US

NOV **Time of Reflection** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

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NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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NOV **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church
2525 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, MI, US

Comments



“ I had the privilege of working with Paul for several years when he accepted the chairmanship position of our department (now known as Family Medicine and Public Health sciences) at the school of Medicine, Wayne state University. At that time, the department was struggling with several difficult administrative and program deficiencies. During his tenure, Paul and the faculty under his leadership, successfully solved those deficiencies. He secured the department’s accreditation in its residency program and re-established its reputation as an education leader in the school’s educational programs. Paul was an exceptional teacher and clinician. Remarkably, he was the first chairperson of the department who took responsibility for the career advancement of his faculty. Many faculty and staff persons have profited both during his term as chair and to this day from programs he put into place. Faculty missed his presence as chair when he left the department and he will be missed.

Richard E. Gallagher, PhD. FAACE
Professor Emeritus
Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences
Wayne State University School of Medicine

Richard E.Gallagher - November 26, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ Paul had multiple callings in his life, all of which he answered with great success. We knew him as one of the leaders in the church, specifically the Bay Area Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, North/West Lower Michigan Synod. His calming presence, thoughtful analysis of situations, and faith-inspired guidance were always a blessing. "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your Master!" May God comfort you, Jane and family, with happy memories and the blessed assurance of the Resurrection.

Michael & Karen Hahn - November 26, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ Dr. Paul Werner was the quintessential family doctor and an outstanding leader. His commitment to improving the health of his patients and community was exemplary. I learned so much from him. He supported all of his faculty at Wayne State. I feel truly blessed to have worked by his side. Please know that Paul lives on in the hearts and minds of his many colleagues. Rest In Peace.

Maryjean Schenk MD - November 25, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ I too am an old family doc. I took over a training program in Pontiac that Paul had put on its feet and his legacy was invaluable to me as a new program director. When he became family medicine chair at Wayne State, I joined the faculty to work for and learn from him. His brilliance, compassion, and incredible accomplishments while there have left his mark on so many. I salute you, Paul, and pray for the family.

Bruce Deschere, MD

Bruce Deschere - November 25, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Jane and family, my sincerest prayers are with you. Paul was a joy in my ministry. He will be missed. Pastor Julie Bailey

Julie Bailey - November 24, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ So many years ago I moved to Clarkston and the Werner family was so welcoming. I treasure your friendship. My first memory, kidney stones preserved in a jar on the coffee table!

Miracle - November 23, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ I am saddened to learn of Paul's passing. Our paths first crossed many years ago, in a meeting in connection with Saginaw Metro Ministries. I came to know him more as a friend and colleague in the years following, when I began attending Our Saviour Lutheran Church. And even more, when Paul and I participated in the first Spiritual Direction Practicum offered by Sr Nancy Brousseau. We would ride together to the class meetings, and we had many wide-ranging and delightful discussions. He was such a gracious, faithful, and deep thinking fellow. Jane, my deepest condolences to you and your family. May God's peace and love encompass you all.

Kim Winchell, Deacon

Kim Winchell - November 22, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ Dear Jane, Nathan and Mandy,
I was deeply saddened to hear of Paul's death. He was kind to and supportive of me during my time at Our Saviour. Shortly after I arrived there he very kindly shared with me the home communion liturgy he had creative. I shall be ever grateful that our paths crossed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
The Rev. Ann Grady

Ann Grady - November 22, 2019 at 05:59 PM