



## Frank R. Wagner

March 13, 1927 - February 2, 2019

Frank R. Wagner

Age 91, of Park Falls, was peacefully called to be with the Lord at his home on Saturday February 2, 2019, with the love of his life by his side, his children, and his faithful companion “Tilly”. He was born on March 13, 1927 in the Town of Lake, the son of Joseph and Anna (Pichler) Wagner. Frank was raised in Butternut, growing up on the family farm in the town of Chippewa. Frank was a fixture in the Park Falls community throughout his life. He served as president of the St. Anthony’s School Board, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a City of Park Falls Councilman, a member of the Park Falls American Legion and VFW Posts with his mural proudly depicted on the wall of the American Legion Hall. All who met him will remember his kind presence and smile, especially with his dedication to Valley Laundry where he enjoyed interacting with locals and tourists from around the area.

Frank served in the United States Army during the Korean War and married his love Betty Fleming after his return on November 29, 1952. They shared 66 years together. Frank loved his family deeply and our extended Weiberg family. In 2013 he participated in the Never Forgotten Honor Flight to Washington DC.

He is survived by:

His wife Betty,

(6)children:

David (Ruth Burhans)

Cathy (Alf) Melby

Dan (Cindy) Wagner

Mark (Laurie) Wagner

Greg (Diane) Wagner

Mary (Greg) Wirsing, all of Park Falls

(22)grandchildren, (33)great-grandchildren

(2)brothers:

Edward (Sheila) Wagner of Woodruff

Louis Wagner of Park Falls

and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, (4)brothers: Joseph, John, William, and Leonard Wagner, (3)sisters: Mary Ann Bucheger, Theresa Zimmerman-Anderson, and Rose Differt. (3)brothers-in-law: Ray Bucheger, Eugene Zimmerman, and Donald Anderson, and (3)sisters-in-law: Marge, Mary, and Kathy Wagner.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday February 9, 2019 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Deacon Chet Ball will officiate.

Internment will take place at St. Cecelia Catholic Cemetery in Butternut with military honors under the auspices of the Park Falls American Legion and VFW Posts.

A visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30am until the hour of the service.

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

[www.novitzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.novitzkefuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 S 5th Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
(715) 762-4494

## Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 5th Ave South  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Military Honors

FEB 9. 12:15 PM (CT)

Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery  
Butternut, WI 54514

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank R. Wagner*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *As a Weiberg I am honored to be noted as extended family in Frank's obituary as we were! Frank was a father figure to me during those critical early years of youth. He extended himself to our family whenever we were in need. He was such a Godsend to my mother, Ginny. Memories of camping, first with tents then the Scamper camper, are the strongest and most loved! In my heart I believe Mom was one of the many beautiful souls who were there to embrace Frank when he left this world. A beautiful man who dedicated himself to the joy of all those who crossed his path.*

**Jeanne Weiberg** - February 08, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank R. Wagner.*



February 07, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Sending the family our sympathy.  
Mike and Gail Boushon*

**Gail Boushon** - February 07, 2019 at 05:29 PM

WT

“ With sympathy, Huron HR team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frank R. Wagner.



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**With sympathy, Huron HR team** - February 07, 2019 at 12:10 PM

JE

“ I will always remember Frank's wonderful smile. A gentle man, with a very loving family.  
My thoughts and prayers to my ex-neighbors from long ago. May you all find peace in knowing there is an angel watching over you!

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**Jan Ebben** - February 06, 2019 at 07:29 PM

KP

“ Earth Weeps, Heaven Rejoices!  
Frank was a gentle soul, I will miss seeing him drive by daily! The wave and the smile!  
The angels are singing in delight! 🎵🎵🎵

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**Kristin pritzl** - February 06, 2019 at 04:40 PM

RF

“ Randall,Alicia,Jenna Fleming purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank R. Wagner.



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**Randall,Alicia,Jenna Fleming** - February 05, 2019 at 01:38 PM

AP

“ Thinking of Frank’s gentle smile, grand stature and kindness makes my heart happy.  
He was a wonderful man.  
We grew up in the best neighborhood in the best of times. Thank you Frank, for all the wonderful memories!!  
Love and comfort to all.

amy peterson - February 04, 2019 at 10:23 PM

CM

How about your Mom running red lights to keep up with us. Or the first time we ever saw an escalator. I think we terrorized the store employees with our screams of delight riding the steps that fold

Cathy Melby - February 13, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank R. Wagner.



February 04, 2019 at 10:55 AM

DF

“ Doug Flouro lit a candle in memory of Frank R. Wagner



Doug Flouro - February 04, 2019 at 08:11 AM

BW

“ *My most perfect grandpa—my twin soul...I will miss you for the rest of my days on this earth. No tribute could encompass your love, wisdom, warmth, work ethic, and gentle nature. No job was too small for your attention and no person was too unfamiliar for your warm smile. So much of you lies within me, and so much of who I am is because of you. So blessed we all were to have an angel like you in our lives for so long. I love you forever. Always in my heart.*



**Bethany Wagner** - February 04, 2019 at 01:57 AM

JW

*Well said, beautiful comments Bethany*

**Jeff Wagner** - February 04, 2019 at 11:15 AM

CM

*I miss you so much Dad 😭*

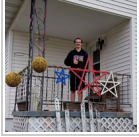
**Cathy Melby** - May 11, 2019 at 02:01 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank R. Wagner.*



February 03, 2019 at 09:22 PM

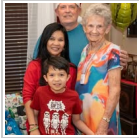


“ *Annie Buechner lit a candle in memory of Frank R. Wagner*



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**Annie Buechner** - February 03, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Sandy Pond lit a candle in memory of Frank R. Wagner*



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**Sandy Pond** - February 03, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Birch Street Funeral Service** - February 03, 2019 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ *I don't know if there is a way to say how special Uncle Frank was. He has passed along great memories, taught others how to be a kind and loving person by role modeling this for all of us. I will miss his presence and sweet smile. My love, thoughts and prayers to all.*

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**Barbara Hogue** - February 03, 2019 at 05:57 PM