



Paul H. Warneke

June 16, 1936 - September 6, 2025

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Paul H. Warneke, 89, of Norfolk, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 12, 2025 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Rev. Ray Wilke and Rev. Chris Asbury will be officiating the service. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and United States Army Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Grace Lutheran Church or the Orphan Grain Train. Paul passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Paul was born on June 16, 1936 in Norfolk to Hugo and Sarah (Kollmar) Warneke. He grew up on the farm during his school years attending rural district country schools in Wayne County and Pierce County through the 8th grade. Paul attended Pierce High School graduating in 1954. He then went to Business College in Sioux City, IA for 1 year. Paul enlisted into the United States Army from 1955 until his honorable discharge in 1957.

Paul married Dorla J. Hitz on November 17, 1957 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. After marriage the family lived in Pierce until 1963 when they moved to Norfolk. He was employed for 50 years in the newspaper business at the

Pierce Leader and the Norfolk Daily News. He also co-owned Norfolk Implement. Paul was a member at Grace Lutheran Church and held several church office positions. He was also very active throughout his life serving as a volunteer at the Orphan Grain Train, Camp Luther Board of Directors, Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery Board of Directors, and mentor for Norfolk Teammates. Paul enjoyed bowling (attended Nationals 32 times), and golfing at Fairplay Golf Course, rural Norfolk.

Paul is survived by his wife Dorla Warneke of Norfolk, children Kathryn (Michael) Test of Pierce, Steven (Dora) Warneke of El Paso, TX, David (Debra) Warneke of Beatrice, Blake (Cami) Warneke of Omaha, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and brother Mervyn (Linda) Warneke of Lincoln, NE.

He is preceded in death by his parents Hugo and Sarah Warneke, brother Milton Warneke, three siblings in infancy and father-in-law and mother-in-law Arnold and Lucille Hitz.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church - Norfolk
416 Park Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul H. Warneke*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 10, 2025 at 11:19 AM

SF

“ *I'm sorry I didn't make it to funeral I just saw it in paper last night. I also. Had to work He will be missed My Dad is in Heaven Too God is taking good care of them My Dad has been gone for almost two years in November 20 He died three days before GThanksgiving. Your Dad died on my nephew's birthday & Melanie Fuhrman Frohberg birthday & funeral was on my sister Sally's birthday God will bring you peace & comfort You'll see him in Heaven that's what helped me with my pain*

Sue Froehlich - September 17, 2025 at 11:57 PM

SR

“ *Dorla, it was wonderful to see the photos of you and Paul, your family and your lives. Your marriage was an inspiration to Hank and me as was your devotion and support for us and for Camp Luther. We know our great God will give you what you need especially the complete assurance of Paul's eternal life in heaven.*
Sue Rausch

Sue Rausch - September 13, 2025 at 04:58 PM

EB

“ *Knowing God sends His comfort and care. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Eunice Brandt

Eunice Brandt - September 12, 2025 at 08:46 AM

YF

“ *Your El Paso & Ruidoso Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Paul H. Warneke.*



Your El Paso & Ruidoso Family - September 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM

YF

“ *Your El Paso & Ruidoso Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul H. Warneke.*

Your El Paso & Ruidoso Family - September 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire extended family & friends. While I never met him, his Wife is a Distant Cousin of mine and I used to visit with her at the American Red Cross Blood Drives.*



Brian J. Schlote - September 11, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.



September 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul H. Warneke.

September 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.



September 10, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ 137 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - September 10, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DF

“ *Dennis and Dan Meyer families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul H. Warneke.*



Dennis and Dan Meyer families - September 09, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DF

“ *Dennis and Dan Meyer families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul H. Warneke.*

Dennis and Dan Meyer families - September 09, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DG

“ *So sorry to see Paul's passing. We had great times playing softball together many years ago. It was always good to see Paul whenever I got back to Norfolk. May his passing be a blessing with the many good memories. My prayers and thoughts are with everyone in his family during this time as you learn to live each day without his presence.*

Darryl Gloe - September 09, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.*



September 09, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul H. Warneke.

September 09, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.



September 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul H. Warneke.

September 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Paul was always a good friend to Roger and I. Always remember Paul at coffee break at the Daily News. he always used his exacto knife to pick up his chocolate wafer bar and we would all say don't do that. He would laugh. Roger and Paul are probably bowling up a storm. Condolences to all. Karen Casselman

Karen Casselman - September 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Blake and Family, so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very difficult time. - Jackie Lohrke

Jackie Lohrke - September 08, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.*



September 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul H. Warneke.

September 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul H. Warneke.*



September 08, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ *Paul was such a wonderful mentor for TeamMates. He cared so much about the kids. Such a special person. He will truly be missed.*

Susie Buss

Susie Buss - September 07, 2025 at 08:33 PM

KW

“ *Dorla and family: I consider it one of my great privileges to have worked with Paul for so many years at the Daily News and be a fellow congregation member at Grace Lutheran until we moved this summer to the Denver area. I'll remember numerous conversations with him and how he always had a sense of humor that he wasn't hesitant to share with others. More importantly, he was a man of great faith, and that came through in his words and deeds. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as you mourn his passing but rejoice in the knowledge that he is now with his Savior in heaven. -- Kent and Susan Warneke, Aurora, CO*

Kent Warneke - September 07, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ *Paul was always a friendly smile at Grace. 🙏 for all*

jana markes - September 06, 2025 at 07:21 PM