



Gerald R. Welter

December 16, 1946 - October 6, 2009

Gerald R. (Jerry) Welter passed away peacefully on October 6, 2009, at his home in Monclova Township, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was born in Toledo, Dec. 16, 1946 to Merlyn and Eleanor Welter, graduated from St. Francis de Sales High School and earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Education Specialist degrees from the University of Toledo. He was a teacher and tennis coach at Whitmer High School, retiring in 1998. Jerry was also a Realtor, retiring from Danberry Realty due to health problems. He was active in community affairs, serving in various leadership positions for the Teachers Association of Washington Local Schools, the School Advisory Board for St. Joseph School (Sylvania), as well as, the Beach House Family Shelter Board.

Jerry enjoyed playing tennis and golf, riding his bike and traveling. He played Bridge and was recently awarded Life Master. He was known for his sense of humor and ability to insert that humor into any speech he was asked to give. If asked, he would tell you that his greatest accomplishment was building a strong family. This was evident by his determination to continue a tradition of having a family vacation at the beach this past August with all his children, their spouses and grandchildren.

He is survived by his dearest friend and loving wife of 37 years, Karen; daughters, Alison (Scott) Russell, Powell, OH, Sara (Nate) Hagerty, Charlottesville, VA; son, Christopher (Suzy), Newark, OH and 5 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou (Fred) Bollin; sister-in-law, JoAnn

Welter; mother-in-law, Phyllis Lacure and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Welter.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Northwest Ohio, especially Katie and Laura for the excellent care and support they gave us.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 or the Sylvania Franciscan Sisters Retirement Fund, 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania, OH 43560.

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“ Karen and family,

Our prayers are with you and yours. Jerry was a wonderful person and he will be missed.

Doug, Pam, Ben, Kim and Sarah Haynam##imported-begin##Pam Haynam pjhaynam@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Karen, Jerry was so blessed to have you as his wife all these years. You were the perfect soul mate for my little brother. God bless you and I love you so much. Mary Lou##imported-begin##Mary Lou Bollin##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. May your memories of Jerry and the love of a very special family bring you comfort in the days to come.##imported-begin##Mike & Kim Detzel##imported-end##

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“ *Such sad news. Everyone at Danberry who had the good fortune to work with Jerry loved and respected the man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.##imported-begin##Dick Baker##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Mrs. Welter, Alison, Sara, and Chris...my deepest sympathies for your loss. I remember Mr. Welter during my youth at St Joes: always a friendly word or a pat on the back whenever I encountered him. As I read in the obituary his greatest pride was in his strong family: may you find comfort in eachother during this difficult time...Rick Faist##imported-begin##Rick Faist rivana@msn.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Jerry was a great guy and a super teacher. He never let anything discourage him from helping his students. I worked with him at Whitmer where he improved the vocational program and turned around the lives of many students. I considered him a good friend as well as a colleague, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Karen and family.##imported-begin##John Kirkbride jekirkbride@gmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts are with the Welter family. Enjoyed knowing Jerry though the years at WLS. His fine work and dedication helped both the students and his fellow teachers become better people.##imported-begin##Thomas Biblewski##imported-end##*

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“ Jerry was a friend in HS and College. We lost touch when I moved away but saw each other at St. Francis reunions. I remember him as a fun loving guy who liked sports and was good at them. I pray for the repose of his soul.##imported-begin##michael salwitz msalwitz@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Sara and family-I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was such a wonderful person! You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Carrie (Moore) Pigott##imported-end##

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“ We were so sorry to read of Gerry's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##The McKisson Family##imported-end##

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“ Karen and your family---Marylou and your family. I'm so glad I had the chance to know Jerry a little bit--he always had such a wonderful smile and something interesting to say. It is so terribly hard to loose your Husband, Father, Uncle and best friend. My sincere condolences are with you all at this time.

Thinking of you

Karen Merrels##imported-begin##karen Merrels##imported-end##

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“ Dear Welters,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He truly did build one heck of a family! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Brooke Padgett (Baumgartner)##imported-begin##Brooke Baumgartner##imported-end##

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“ Dear Aunt Karen, Alison, Sara, Chris and families, My heart aches for the loss of a wonderful Uncle. I will always remember Uncle Jerry's sense of humor and loving nature. We shared some wonderful times together and I know that he and my mom, Mary Lou, had a rare and wonderful bond. They spoke often and always supported each other. Aunt Karen, you are such a sweet and loving person that we are all so lucky to have in our lives. Blessings to you all. With love and sympathy, Kris & family##imported-begin##Kristi##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Jerry when we were students at UT. He was such a kind person and I, too, enjoyed his great sense of humor and quick wit. May your many wonderful memories sustain you and your family in the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Janet Spitler Foster janet@further.com##imported-end##

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“ We send our sincerest sympathies for your loss. We know he will be deeply missed.

Bob & Diana Gabel and Family##imported-begin##The Gabel Family gabelfamily@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ I have fond memories of Jerry that span decades. His sense of humor and good spirits made any encounter an enjoyable one. I will never forget how he taught me to be positive about rain - after all, it's only water bugs. You have posted a great and truly accurate photo!##imported-begin##Barb Bertke Holdcroft barbholdcroft@be x.net##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about Jerry's passing and the struggle to get through this horrible illness. Jerry touched many lives for the good and we send our blessings from us and Brooke and Brett too. God Bless##imported-begin##Marty and Connie Brumbaugh##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen,

I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Marie Kraus##imported-begin##Marie Kraus##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen and Family,
I was very sorry to read the news of your loss. I hope that you will be able to remember the happy times and this will help you heal. Jerry was a kind and caring person, he truly will be missed.###imported-begin##Patricia E. Carmean mpcarmean@sbcglocal.net###imported-end##

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“ Dear Welter Family,
My sincere condolences for your loss. I was on Coach Welter's Tennis team for 4 years at Whitmer and truly enjoyed every minute of it! He put up with all of us teenage girls complaining about "running around the nets", being late to the school vans for matches, not wanting to practice, etc, etc! For this reason, and truly so many more, we know he has a special place in heaven. He was a great teacher, a wonderful coach, and an inspiring person!###imported-begin##Laura Schaeffer###imported-end##

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“ I am so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful tennis coach and person. I have such good memories of him from high school. I am thankful for having him in my life at that time.###imported-begin##Robyn Taplinger Pearson pearsonr34@gmail.com###imported-end##

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“ *Mr. Welter was my tennis coach at Whitmer. We won the first title for whitmer in 20yrs. I truly enjoyed him as a coach and we had many many laughs and achievements together! Thanks for all the memories....##imported-begin##Dr. Jon Frankel##imported-end##*

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“ *Karen, Alison, Sara & Chris*
I am very saddened by Jerry's departure. I wish I could be there right now to help celebrate Jerry's life with all of you. This is how we would have wanted it. Jerry was always the "big" cousin who early on would pick on me when I was little and later guide me to be a better person. I have great memories of Jerry hammering me as I tried to make a layup (and laughing about it) during our adult education basketball games to the privilege I had to have him as one of my teachers at Meadowvale. He was always my favorite teacher, despite being my cousin. He introduced me to coaching when I was in college and I carried that on for over 20 years afterwards which I am forever thankful for. He is such a great guy that deeply cared for all of his family and the love he showed for all of you was evident. He always lit up when he talked about his family and always was fun to be around with that great sense of humor and that unforgettable laugh of his. I feel blessed that he was part of my life and will miss him deeply.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Jim & Lynette Simpson simpsons5@comcast.net##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sara and family,
I am deeply sorry for your loss.
I have many wonderful memories of Mr. Welter.
As a coach, he was always encouraging and wanted you to do your best. But equally important, he wanted you to have fun and was quick to make you smile.
He did indeed create a wonderful, strong family!
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Laura Faist Hoyt##imported-end##

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“ Karen, We are so sorry to hear about Jerry's death. He was such a friendly, caring, and happy guy. You couldn't help but love him for who he was, and that great electric smile. Know that all of you are in our prayers. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Dave and Marg Heckert##imported-end##

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“ Karen:

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Please find solace in the incredible legacy Jerry left with so many students and colleagues. He will be missed by many. May God grant you and yours his blessing of peace.

Sincerely,

David Ibarra##imported-begin##David Ibarra##imported-end##

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“ so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you i had Jerry in 7th grade at meadowvale what a wonderful guy he was##imported-begin##paul graham jr pgraham57@live.com##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Karen and your family at this time. I have many fond memories from our teaching careers.##imported-begin##Bill and Kay Miller##imported-end##

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“ Karen,
My thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Jerry and I were in the same grade at St. James School, so many years ago! I also have many fond memories of you being my GA when I entered the community. May God give you peace in the days ahead. Pax et bonum! Nancy(aka - Jeffrey)##imported-begin##Sister Nancy Ferguson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen and kids,
What a wonderful DAD, HUSBAND and Cousin.
So sorry that we could not be there to share this time with you. We would have loved to be there, but distance has kept us from so many family gatherings. Just know that you are in our prayers and thoughts throughout this struggle. It must be comforting to know that you have someone in heaven watching over the family at all time.

May God help you all find comfort in these very trying times.##imported-begin##Sue and John O'Neill##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen,
I am sorry for your loss! And I am sorry Jerry suffered so. A priest told us recently that this kind of earthly suffering may be God's way of glorifying people or, as I like to look at it, getting someone like Jerry ready to be with him. You and your family have the prayers of all of the Hunter family that grew up with you in that beautiful place (the Old West End) and time. With love, Annette##imported-begin##Annette (Hunter) Lee##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen,
Please accept my sympathy. Jerry sounds like such wonderful man. Treasure the memories and stories with your children and grandchildren.
I wish you peace and good grieving. God bless you and your family.
Love,
Chris##imported-begin##Chris Konczal Galvin cgalvin@roadrunner.com##imported-end##

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“ To the Welter family,
As a good friend of Chris and a "consultant pharmacist" in Gerry's therapy, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I do know though that the good Lord has gained a friend in heaven, and for that we all should be thankful!
He now gets the chance to live the eternal life.
May Gerry rest in peace and inherit the prize the Lord as awarded him.##imported-begin##Tony M. Abramczyk
aabramcz@su.edu##imported-end##

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“ Your entire family has been in our thoughts and prayers! We were sad that we were not able to be with you for Mr. Welters' service. Our entire family has wonderful memories of him and his great sense of humor. We feel very blessed that he was a part of our lives as a coach, neighbor and friend. May you all find comfort in your memories.
Love, The Stauffer & Nussbaum Families##imported-begin##Barb (Nussbaum) Stauffer##imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to recently learn of Jerry's passing. I knew Jerry from our time together on the Beach House board. Jerry was a cheerful worker and always wanted to help. He helped a good many people and it was a gift to get to know him and to work along side him. My father died of brain cancer and I know how hard it is on the family. You are in my prayers!##imported-begin##Bonnie Berry bonnie@folkberry.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Karen, Alison, Sara, and Chris,

I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Mr. Welter and I hope that you are able to find peace and comfort in his wonderful legacy and memories.

Blessings,

Betsy (Beans) Bouffard##imported-begin##Betsy Bouffard ejbouffard@gmail.com##imported-end##

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