



Robert M Welter

June 16, 1929 - April 26, 2015

Robert M. Welter (1929-2015)

CEDAR FALLS – Bob Welter, 86 of Cedar Falls died at Sartori Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 pm following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Bob was born in Raymond, Iowa on June 16, 1929 son of Christian and Magdalene Welter. Bob served in the United States Marine Corps and is a Veteran of WW II and Korea. As a 17 year old who grew up in Waterloo, Iowa, Bob enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946, the youngest of 9 children who were raised by their mother having lost their dad to tuberculosis years earlier.

Sgt. Welter was attached to 4.5th Marine Rocket Unit that supported the First Marine Division that landed at Inchon, recapturing Seoul from the North Koreans and later fought in the battle at the Chosin Reservoir where the First Marine Division and the U.S. Army's 7th Division consisting of 15,000 men, defeated a Communist Chinese force of 120,000 in brutal hand to hand combat in -30 below zero temperatures. A number of medals were awarded for the campaign, in fact the most for a single battle in U.S. Military history.

Medals awarded to Sgt. Robert Welter include:

2 Bronze Stars; Pistol Sharp Shooter, Combat Action, Rifle Expert, Presidential Unit, China Service, Asiatic Pacific Camp, WW II Victory, Asia Navy Occupation, National Defense, Korean Defense Service, Korean War Service, Sgt. Stripes

Sgt. Welter was discharged following the War and returned to Waterloo where

he met his wife Rita. Mr. Welter and Rita Gebel were married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in North Washington, Iowa on April 20, 1953 and celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary this past April. Mr. Welter served as Plant Manager at North American Railcar (later GE Railcar) and farmed north of Cedar Falls with his wife Rita until retiring and moving to Western Home Communities. Bob and his wife Rita especially loved attending and supporting their children and grandchildren at their many activities.

Survived by: His wife Rita, their children, Dave (Tricia) Welter of Cedar Falls, Jeff (LaDonna) Welter of Kansas City, Mo. Mike (Kathy) Welter of Cedar Falls, and Nancy (Tony) Lynch of Clinton, Illinois; as well as his sister Geneva of Chicago, Illinois; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: His parents, 5 sisters Evelyn, Esther, Gertrude, Leona and Pauline and 2 brothers, John and Melvin (Bud).

Memorial Services: Thursday, April 30th, 10:30 am at St. Patrick's Church, Cedar Falls with burial following at Greenwood Cemetery also in Cedar Falls. Military Honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard and the Marine Corps Funeral Honor Detail. Visitation will be at Richardson's Funeral Home in Cedar Falls on Wednesday, April 29 6:00-8:00 pm.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, Bob and his family would welcome Memorial donations to the Veteran's Park in Cedar Falls to help provide a space to honor all those who have served to protect our freedoms. Memorials may be directed in Bob's name at this address:

Cedar Falls Community Foundation

Veteran's Memorial Park Donation

PO Box 546, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

APR 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for asking the Cedar Falls AMVETS Honor Guard to present full military rites along with the US Marine Corp and Col. Albrecht from the US Army. We are proud to do this to honor Robert Welter's service to our country.

Cedar Falls AMVETS #49
Honor Guard

Tom Hagarty - May 01, 2015 at 08:42 AM

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“ To All of Bob Welter's Family, We send our heartfelt condolences and we will be saying a prayer for his family.. Mr Welter was a very nice man, everyday when I would drive by their farm and Mr. and Mrs. Welter would be out tending to the livestock, I would honk and they always would wave. Bob and Christie Twaites

christie twaites - April 29, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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“ Please accept our sincere condolences. May the words quoted from this song bring you a measure of comfort as it did for us.
"If a man or woman should die, can they live again?
Hear the promise God has made:
He will call; The dead will answer.
They shall live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we shall live forever,
As the work of his own hand "(Job 14:13-15)

Peggy Gienau - April 29, 2015 at 12:35 PM

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“ There is no telling how many times I sat in the Kitchen with the family, and was treated just like one of you. I have many fond memories from those years in my life and wouldn't trade them for anything. My heart goes out to all of you, Elaine (Miller) Reid

Elaine - April 28, 2015 at 03:25 PM

DB

“ Oh what I would give to see Bob & Rita and Ed & Lill sitting on the bleachers watching their boys, Dave catching and Mike pitching, again. My sympathies to your family, Diane (Thissen) Buehler and Family.

Diane and LeRoy Buehler - April 27, 2015 at 07:41 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Robert M Welter.



April 27, 2015 at 06:57 PM