



John "Paul" Welter

January 7, 1937 - December 25, 2016

KNOX-John "Paul" Welter, 79, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016 at his home.

Paul was born January 7, 1937 in Knox, IN to Joseph L. and Lou Ellen (Atchison) Welter and lived in the area all of his life. He was a retired employee of McCord in Plymouth. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church of Knox, a founding member of the Starke County Sheriff's Department Posse and a U.S. Army Reserve veteran.

In 1968 in Knox, IN, he was married to the former Marie Morris, who preceded him in death in 1986. In 1999, in Knox, IN, he was married to the former Mary Newcomb, who preceded him in death in 2005. He was also preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Aaron, sisters, Frances Avila and Jeanette Welter; and niece, Cheryl Lynn Welter.

Survivors include one daughter, Bernadette (Geary) Manuel of Knox; two grandchildren, Jordan Beem of Knox and Brandon Manuel of Knox; three brothers, Joseph Welter Jr. and Harold Welter, both of Knox and James Welter of Indianapolis; two sisters, Dorothy Holmes of Florida and Marcella Griffin of Broken Arrow, OK; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. (CT) at St.

Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Knox. Friends may visit Friday at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Starke County Sheriff's Posse or the Washington Township Fire Department.

Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences to all of you. You and Geary were great children to him. You both did so much for him and he appreciated it. Jordon and Brandon were such great grandchildren to him. He loved them so dearly. You all took such great care of him and loved him so much. As well as he loved all of you so much. It is so wonderful to know that your family treats their family so well. You all did a great job. May he rest in peace.*”

Kim Hillis - April 29, 2018 at 06:34 PM

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“*We share our sorrow with Harold, Becky, Jim and all of the family.*”

Dawn and Ron Green - April 29, 2018 at 06:34 PM