



Paul J. Hofrichter

November 17, 1955 - August 18, 2023

Paul J. Hofrichter, 67, of Central City, passed away on August 18, 2023 at CHI- Health Good Samaritan Kearney. A Celebration of Hope service will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 9 a.m. at Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City. Pastor Paul Canady will officiate. The service will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@HeartlandEFC>.

Paul was born on November 17, 1955 in Wood River to Roy and Wanda Hofrichter. He was raised and received his education in Wood River, graduating from Kings Garden High School in 1974. He went on to attend college at Seattle Pacific University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Music Theory and Composition. Later he earned a Master of Arts in Theology/Theological Studies through Trinity College of the Bible and Trinity Theological Seminary and was also ordained by the Evangelical Free Church of America.

On October 28, 1978, Paul was united in marriage to Diana Woolbright. Four children were blessed into this union. The couple spent 17 years as missionaries with the Janz team in Germany before returning to Grand Island, and ultimately making their home in Central City.

Paul was the Pastor at Mamre Evangelical Free Church in Marquette, NE. He had a great love of music and it was included in every aspect of his life. Sharing the Hope we have in Jesus Christ through music was his passion. Paul was a skilled musician playing a wide variety of instruments including the saw and pan flute. Starting at a young age, Paul performed numerous

concerts in countless locations across the globe. He was the producer of the Grand Island Singing Christmas Tree for many years. In his spare time, Paul loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Jared Hofrichter, Lorissa Hofrichter, Corina (Craig) Garrison, Andric (Tori) Hofrichter; seven grandchildren, Zaiden, Devahni, Rylan, Pyrha, Cerys, Logan, Tova; sisters, DeEtta (Bob) Janz, Wanda (Bob Dixon) Bardwell, Precious (Jim) Reed, Dawn (Del) Huff, Ruth Cook, Robin (John) Stitt, Carol (Jerry) Caspell; brothers, Roy (Nancy) Hofrichter, Joel (Kathy) Hofrichter; brother-in-law, Max Conroy.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Diana; parents, Roy and Wanda; and sisters, Jewel (Eddy) Kleeb, Estelle (Lewis) Wimberly, and Mary Conroy.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation; or, in lieu of a memorial, Paul would be even happier if everyone would make sure they attend a church that genuinely teaches the Bible and also become actively involved in that church.

Online condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com. Flowers for the August 26 memorial service can be sent directly to Heartland Evangelical Free Church, 3208 17th Ave, Central City, NE, 68826.

Previous Events

Celebration of Hope Service

AUG **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church
3208 17th Ave
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Paul J. Hofrichter*



All Faiths Funeral Home - August 23, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Paul J. Hofrichter*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Paul was such a special person and friend to me growing up. We had a lot of laughs and good times together. I will miss Paul and Diana very much. Love the family as well. DL Musil.*

D Musil - August 26, 2023 at 01:42 PM



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

August 24, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul J. Hofrichter.



August 24, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Ryan O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul J. Hofrichter.

Ryan O. - August 24, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ We enjoyed getting to know Paul over the years at Efree Singing in the Singing Christmas Tree So many good memories 💜. He will be missed 🙏 prayers for all the family 🙏💜

Myers Teresa - August 24, 2023 at 07:41 AM



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

August 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Hofrichter.



August 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Paul J. Hofrichter.*



August 23, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *We were truly blessed when Paul used his God given musical talents to play his Pan Flute and other instruments. We are thankful that our paths crossed during this life. May God grant peace that surpasses all our understanding along with fond memories now and in the days to come until our Lord comes and gets all of us that have been left behind.*



Cyndy and Myrl Wieland - August 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM

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“ We met Paul and Diana in Grand Island while they were on furlough from being missionaries in Germany. We had similar aged children and and went to E-Free church. We would see them whenever they came back to Nebraska through the years. Then they moved here and became part of the E Free staff. We enjoyed many years of their leadership in worship and with the Singing Christmas tree. Their dedication to the Lord and their wonderful musical talents were a blessing to all! We went to Africa on a mission trip with them to the Zambia Bible college there. They were so humble and dedicated! Paul taught courses , and Diana cooked recipes she brought along, sewed curtains, and help do work outside wherever- even cleaning chickens! We led a Bible study for the girls. I remember Paul eating all his meals with the college students in their humble area and with limited protein. They never like attention to be on them, but rather on our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They served Him all their lives. Well done, good and faithful servants! The joy of glory be yours!
Rich and Sandy Van Zyl

sandy vanzyl - August 23, 2023 at 10:16 AM

MF

“ I attended Seattle Pacific University and sang in Concert Choir with Paul and Diana. I have many fond memories of choir tours with them both! Paul was a kind, steady and godly influence on us all. I was also blessed and enjoyed visiting them during their time in Germany - so many fun adventures traveling to Paris and through Bavaria. He will be missed by many college and choir friends.

Marcie Fosse - August 22, 2023 at 07:12 PM

CT

“ I remember going to Woodriver high school with Paul , my uncle who was one year older than me. We got a kick out of passing in the hallway greeting each other with “hello UNK “ and “hello niece “ !

And he gave the best hopeful tribute over my sisters funeral 2 yrs ago .



Crystal Overman Tyler - August 22, 2023 at 02:43 PM