



Dr. Leland Reichelt

December 3, 1930 - May 23, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for Dr. Leland Reichelt of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Kurt Gunwall as co-celebrants. Friends may call at St. Ann's Parish Center in Wadena on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 4:00 until 8:00PM with Parish Prayers at 5:00 PM and a rosary service at 6:00 PM. Visitation will continue at the church on Thursday from 9:30AM until the time of mass. Dr. Reichelt died peacefully at the age of 84 years on May 23, 2015 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN.

"Lee" was born on a farm near Duxby in Roseau County MN, on December 3, 1930 to Frederick William Reichelt and Regina (Kaasa) Reichelt. He attended country school and then graduated from Roseau High School in June 1949, where he played hockey, football, and track. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954 and the U of M Medical School with an MD in 1956. He married Carolyn Ries at All Saints Church in Madison Lake, MN on June 12, 1954. They had two sons, Leland, Jr. (Gordie) and William (Bill).

He interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth and did a surgical residency with the Duluth Clinic. He and Carolyn moved to Wadena in 1958. Dr. Reichelt began family practice at the Davis Clinic. Deeply interested in making Wadena

a first class medical center, he worked with his partners, especially Dr. Duane Ness, and the hospital board to build a hospital across from the old Wesley hospital and moved what became the Wadena Medical Center adjacent to the hospital for efficiencies for patients and the growing medical staff. He continued family practice, but grew more and more interested in medical ophthalmology. Finally, in 1990, feeling the need to slow down as he aged, he left the clinic group and practiced only medical ophthalmology alone and then with Joseph Miller, OD for about 12 years. He retired completely in 2001.

Dr. Reichelt's professional experience also included assisting in the development of the earliest heart-lung machines while he was still in medical school. He was a Federal Aviation Agency Medical Examiner from 1962-1998. He also was a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Practice at the University of Minnesota Medical School from 1972-1975. He was Board Certified by the Academy of Family Practice. He served as a member of the St. Louis County Medical Society, on the medical staff of Tri-County Hospital, as president of the Upper Mississippi Medical Society, vice-president of the Minnesota Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Reichelt's medical public service included work with the Northlands Regional Medical Program, as Upper Mississippi Medical Society representative on the Minnesota Blue Cross/Blue Shield Board of Directors, and on the Multi-County Health Services Advisory Committee.

Dr. Reichelt was a member and officer of the Wadena Jaycees, the Wadena Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Chairman of the Community Development Survey that laid the groundwork for the Wadena Area Technical College. He was named Wadena's outstanding young man in 1964, receiving the Wadena Jaycees Distinguished Service Award.

A serious member of the Republican Party, he served as Wadena County Chairman from 1961-1968 and was ranked as one of the top county chairmen in Minnesota in 1964. He served on various committees and as state chairman of John Pillsbury's 1966 gubernatorial campaign.

His personal interests included sports cars, fishing, travel, music, and reading. He was particularly interested in all facets of sailing and designed keels for his personal boats. Sailing on Leech Lake was his idea of a perfect day.

Dr. Reichelt is survived by his devoted wife, Carolyn, and his dear son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Jamie. His older son, Leland Gordon, Jr., died in 2009. The family would especially like to thank the staff at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples for their exceptional care, compassion, and support.

Pallbearers were Jeff Harrison, Mike Ries, John Ries, Greg Lislegard, Richard Lislegard, Mike Gibson, Joe Miller, Luther Nervig and Tom Carew.

Interment took place at the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Friends of the Library in Wadena, or the Rotary Foundation in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

MAY 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 27, 2015 at 10:31 AM

DC

“ *Don And Cheryl Crabb lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Don and Cheryl Crabb - June 13, 2015 at 11:15 AM

CD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Carolyn:
We cherished our time with you both; Love
Carmen & Alfred Donald*



Carmen & Alfred Donald - June 03, 2015 at 06:14 PM

WL

“ On behalf of the Wadena City Library Board and Staff we would like to share our condolences on the loss of a wonderful man. Dr. Reichelt and his family have always been a huge support and advocate of the Library. He will be missed!



Wadena Library - June 01, 2015 at 02:24 PM

CL

“ Thoughts and prayers, to Carolyn, Bill, and Jamie. God Bless You. Love, Norman and Carol Lee

Carol Lee - May 28, 2015 at 04:36 PM

CL

“ Remembering Lee, His parents raised me, he treated me like a another sister, interested in my thoughts, school work, sports I played etc. Outside, riding my bike too fast falling on the sidewalk my chin bleeding, he cleaned me up. He drove me to Dr. Jack who stitched my chin and Lee held my four year old hand, he was seventeen kind, caring, take charge who at eight years old knew one day he would be a Doctor, he was indeed...

I was happy to share in two of the most important days for you, your wedding to the love of your life Carolyn, on a beautiful June day. Fast forward 50 years.

Your 50th Wedding Anniversary, it was so good to see you both, seeing the boys all grown up, meeting Jamie, a lovely person, yes it was another beautiful day.

Lee... A life well lived, example to all, friends of many, loved by all, You fought the good fight, the battle you won... Thanks for the memories.....
Carol Lee

Carol Lee - May 28, 2015 at 12:12 PM

SH

“ Samantha Horn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Samantha Horn - May 28, 2015 at 12:08 PM

SH

I decided to go with a green candle because Dr. Lee enjoyed the John Deere. He was a fine man and my prayers are with Carolyn.

Samantha Horn - May 28, 2015 at 12:09 PM

CP

“ Carol Lee, De Anna Lee, Matt Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Carol Lee, De Anna Lee, Matt Patterson - May 28, 2015 at 08:27 AM

CM

“ Carol Lee, Dee & Matt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Carol Lee, Dee & Matt - May 28, 2015 at 08:17 AM

DP

“ Debbie Plett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Debbie Plett - May 28, 2015 at 12:53 AM

HH

“ *Harry And Marge Harrison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Harry and Marge Harrison - May 27, 2015 at 05:32 PM

HH

A family friend who care a lot for others. May God Bless him, and bless and guide his wife and family.

Harry and Marge Harrison - May 27, 2015 at 05:33 PM

LS

“ *Leland was such a caring and loving man and was loved by many. He was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, to name a few. He was a doctor and friend. Leland was such a giving person and was always there for many. He loved to sail and enjoy their summer home. Leland was special and will be missed so very much. He is in God's hands. My prayers and thoughts go out to Carolyn, Bill and Jamie.*



Linda Schmidt - May 27, 2015 at 10:34 AM

AD

“ *Audrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



audrey davis - May 27, 2015 at 10:25 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Jim and Lorie Baron - May 27, 2015 at 08:53 AM

 Cindy Mortenson

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Cindy Mortenson - May 27, 2015 at 04:00 AM

RR

“ *Rachele Jolly Reese lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Rachele Jolly Reese - May 26, 2015 at 10:44 PM

LV

“ *LeRoy And Jackie Vandermay lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



LeRoy and Jackie Vandermay - May 26, 2015 at 09:48 PM

EE

“ *Measured, very smart and inquisitive. Lee also had a great laugh! What a family and community treasure! “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace”. Thoughts are with you, Carolyn, Bill and Jamie.*

Eric Ealy

Eric Ealy - May 26, 2015 at 04:58 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Marladene Heinen - May 26, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Leland Reichelt.*



May 26, 2015 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ *May God Bless Carolyn, Bill & Jamie. It was so nice to get to know Lee & Carolyn over the years after Bill & Jamie married. I did not know Lee in his earlier years but I sure could tell you what a nice man he was. The Glowacki family enjoyed their visits over the holidays.*

Judy McDonald

Judy McDonald - May 26, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Leland Reichelt.*



May 26, 2015 at 12:15 PM

RH

“ *Dr. Reichelt was a kind, caring man, a wonderful doctor and special friend. I will always remember his humor, smile and kindness to his patients and co-workers. I value the years that I worked with him and the times we were able to chat and laugh. He always wanted to call me Raquel instead of Rose....and then he would laugh. Great memories of a true gentleman.*

Rose Hammes - May 26, 2015 at 10:37 AM

FC

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Reichelt family during this time of sorrow. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Frances White Cole - May 26, 2015 at 08:31 AM

SY

“ I am very sorry to learn of Dr. Reichelt's passing. He took good care of me when I was younger and was a good friend to our family. My thoughts are with Bill and Carolyn.

*With sympathy,
Steve Yetter*

Steve Yetter - May 25, 2015 at 09:26 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - May 25, 2015 at 08:58 PM

RJ

“ I remember how much Dr. Reichelt loved to talk "cars" with Bob. I know he admired Bob's knowledge about cars and asked a lot of questions. They had a good relationship and we would enjoy working with him and Carolyn at the Crises Pregnancy dinners. May God grant him eternal rest and put his loving arms around Carolyn in the days to come.

Rose Johnson - May 25, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BK

“ Carolyn, I have so many fond memories.....we need to cherish all and know that he is resting with the Lord. God Bless! Betty Karger

betty karger - May 25, 2015 at 02:24 PM

RL

“ Dr. Reichelt was my "birthday buddy" for many years. He was a great man and physician. I will always remember his rye sense of humor and his quick wit. It was a privilege to work with him for many years and be counted as one of his friends. Rest in peace.

rose lorentz - May 25, 2015 at 11:40 AM

Alan Schumach

“ Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt



Alan Schumacher - May 25, 2015 at 10:42 AM

LN

“ Lee Reichelt such a outstanding doctor, such a competent sailor, such a cherished friend with such a fun sense of humor! We have countless good memories of Lee in all these areas! We pray that God will bless Carolyn, Bill and Jami with comfort, peace of mind and joyful memories of wonderful times with Lee! There were so very many!
Marilyn and Luther

Luther & Marilyn nervig - May 25, 2015 at 10:23 AM

MK

“ I enjoyed working with Dr Reichelt a short time at the Wadena Eye Clinic. He so enjoyed doing eye examinations. God be with Carolyn at this time. I am sure she is comforted by knowing he is at rest.
Sincerely, Mavis Kendall

Mavis Kendall - May 25, 2015 at 09:54 AM


Michael
Pete

“ *Our prayers are with Carolyn and her family.*



Michael Pete - May 25, 2015 at 08:51 AM

SB

“ *A kind and caring doctor and man--God bless his memory.*

Sharon Boline - May 25, 2015 at 07:35 AM

MF

“ *Our sympathy to the Reichelt family. Dr Reichelt was a wonderful doctor.~~~Marie & Mike Fraune*



Mike & Marie Fraune - May 25, 2015 at 07:17 AM

KA

“ *Krista And Brooke Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Krista and Brooke Anderson - May 24, 2015 at 09:17 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Bob and Kathy Derby - May 24, 2015 at 09:15 PM

BG

“ *My deepest condolences on Lee's passing. Wonderful man, the world today is certainly a lesser place without him.*

Bill Glowacki

bill glowacki - May 24, 2015 at 08:29 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mertens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leland Reichelt*



Sharon Mertens - May 24, 2015 at 02:08 PM