



Virgil R. Wenger

February 19, 1935 - April 19, 2019

Virgil R. Wenger, 84, of Beloit, WI, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 19, 2019. He was born February 19, 1935 in Monroe, WI, to Virgil and Clarenda (Olson) Wenger Sr. Virgil graduated in 1952 from Monroe High School and in 1954 from Green County Normal to begin his teaching career at the age of nineteen in the one room rural school Sanders in Green County. Virgil taught at Hiawatha State Grade School from 1955-1960. Beginning in 1961, he taught Science and Math at Albany Public School as well as coached basketball. During this time, he served active duty with the 32nd Division in Fort Lewis, Washington and Fort Ord, California where he obtained a rank of E5.

In 1965, the family moved to Beloit, WI, where he taught one year of sixth grade at Waterman Elementary School. From 1966-1973, he taught Science at Roosevelt Junior High becoming the Assistant Principal in 1973 and served in that capacity until the school closed in 1980. He was Assistant Principal at Lincoln Junior High School for one year, becoming Principal in 1981 until 1985 when Lincoln closed. He was named Principal at the newly opened McNeel Middle School from which he retired in 1994, having been in education for 40 years.

Mr. Wenger obtained his bachelor of Science degree from UW-Platteville, his Masters of Science in Teaching degree from UW-River Falls, and a Specialist degree in Administration followed from UW-Platteville. Virgil was a member of the Beloit Noon Lions and several educational organizations: NEA, WEA and AARP.

Virgil is survived by his wife Glenda of 62 years and their three children, Derek (Bonnie) Wenger of Milwaukee, Karen Stokes, Michelle (Phillip) Shope and Nancy Wenger all of Beloit; seven grandchildren and two great grandsons; sister, Clareda Neuenschwander of Monroe; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Paul Wenger; brother-in-law, Virgil Neuenschwander; nephew, David Neuenschwander; and a grandson, Scott Suhm.

Visitation of remembrance will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI. There will also be a visitation of remembrance on Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Private family burial will be held in Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe, WI.

A memorial for an educational scholarship will be established in Virgil's name at a later date.

Cemetery

Events

**Greenwood
Cemetery**

Monroe, WI,

APR Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and
Crematorium

2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, US, 53511

APR Prayer Service 08:00PM

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APR Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Roger Tuller lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Roger Tuller - May 29 at 10:33 PM



“ Mr. WengerPrincipal was one of the most caring, compassionate and competent educators I ever worked for and with. He was dedicated and devoted to staff and students. Mr WengerPrincipal knew the principles of education and the concept of good leadership and he always used a humanistic approach. I always felt supported and always felt like I could talk with him. He had to evaluate your classroom but did so with the intent of helping you improve. Have been and will always appreciate the encouragement he gave to me. His example of how to be part of a leadership team was quite an example for me. At first he was vice principal and then our principal and in both situations he exhibited How to share and partner and how to lead and follow. Rest in peace.
Dorothy J.

Dorothy - May 03 at 10:57 AM



“ Mr.Wenger was an exceptionally great man. He was always kind to me and others whenever we were in his building I will treasure the memories of him always. RIP - Pearl A. Forbes

Gionna - April 30 at 12:29 PM



“ Glenda, I was very sorry to hear of Virgil's passing. I have warm memories of you both and send my very sincere condolences.
Jo Ann Zwuygart Schwitz

Jo Ann Schwitz - April 30 at 10:27 AM



“ Karen and family... Sorry for the loss of your father.. Dena and Kurt Mikkelsen



Dena Mikkelsen - April 26 at 10:29 PM



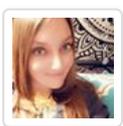
“ Mr. Wenger was my teacher at Hiawatha School. He played football with students at recess. I was one of the few boys he could not catch!
My sympathy to the family.
Hermie Huber
Monroe

Herman Huber - April 25 at 01:45 PM



“ One of the wisest, most positive influences of my entire life, Mr. Wenger was absolutely one of my favorite people. He was my middle school principal at McNeel. My relationship didn't end when I moved on to High School. When I joined the Army he gave me solid advice and ironically I studied Russian near Ft Ord, CA. I remember a long conversation as an adult about how he stopped biting his nails, which he shared to show me a method I could employ. I haven't yet but I'm going to try in his honor . I last saw Glenda and Virgil at my daughter's graduation and as I prepare for my sons this June I was thinking how nice it'd be to see him again. It also crossed my mind that I didn't take the invitation to come see him in the last 5 years. Time goes by fast. I'm glad that Mr Wenger has remained one of the most influential people in my life. I regret letting that relationship take a back seat to life but he has absolutely maintained real estate in my heart and in my mind since the seventh grade. I will always remember how great his hugs - and yes, occasionally kisses, felt to a child that didn't have an affectionate father. You will he missed sir, but your impact will never die.

sara greene ahrens - April 24 at 11:39 PM



“ I'll always remember Mr. Wenger from Benedetti's Supper Club. He gave the greatest hugs! My condolences to his loving family!

Stephanie Lent - April 24 at 10:50 PM



“ Jamie Valdez lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Jamie Valdez - April 24 at 10:31 PM



“ I want to say thank you Mr Wenger for spending the time in you gave me in your office to reflect on my choices, and telling me that you can make it only if you try, again I thank you for working with me at Mc Neel 1989.

Matt Conradson - April 24 at 07:34 AM



“ Mr. Wenger was also my awesome Principal at McNeel. In addition, he was our neighbor on Burton Street. How he and his family put up with us kids and our friends is a complete mystery to me, but I never heard a word. I remember him being very funny & getting a smirk on his face when dishing out his humor. He was very well liked.
Please accept my condolences for your family's loss.

Dave Blakley

Dave Blakley - April 24 at 12:26 AM



“ So sorry to read of Virgil's passing. I haven't seen Virgil since moving east 37 years ago but memories last forever. In my nine years at Roosevelt and Lincoln Virgil was a mentor and guided me in my early years but most of all he was a wonderful friend. Condolences to Glenda and family.

Jack Merlet

Jack Merlet - April 23 at 09:14 PM



“ Peggy Abbott lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Peggy Abbott - April 23 at 08:16 PM



“ Sherry Beeman lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Sherry Beeman - April 23 at 03:43 PM



“ Kerri Grawe lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Kerri Grawe - April 22 at 11:20 PM



“ It was always a pleasure to meet “Virg” in the hallway or his office at Roosevelt, then Lincoln and then McNeel. We shared our concern for students, our colleagues, and our school district. His humor and wit coupled with his compassionate and sincere way of interacting with everyone made him a beloved Principal and friend....he will be missed but the legacy will be with us.

David Luebke - April 22 at 11:16 PM



“ Dear Glenda and Family,
We are sad to hear of Virgil's passing. Virgil was one of the nicest men I've ever met. I loved playing golf with Virgil and my dad Joel and their friends. We had many fun moments in the teacher's foursomes and in our trips to Christmas Mountain in Wisconsin Dells and Fairfield Glade in Tennessee. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Dave Pipitone



Dave Pipitone - April 22 at 10:37 PM



“ Sarah Larson Barmore lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Sarah Larson Barmore - April 22 at 10:26 PM



“ RoJean Draper Wilke lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



RoJean Draper Wilke - April 22 at 09:41 PM



“ Carol L Jacobson lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Carol L Jacobson - April 22 at 08:13 PM



“ Virgil was a great man. He was my principal all through junior high. He frequented Benedettis Supper Club where my daughters had worked. They often spoke of how kind he was to them as well. He was a great roll model and will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family.

Tracy, Kevin Hein and family - April 22 at 06:58 PM



“ My Sympathies to All



Lisa Ann Newsom - April 22 at 02:41 PM



“ Ralph And Betsy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Ralph and Betsy Jacobs - April 22 at 10:38 AM



“ Glenda and family, you have our sympathy. We will always remember our "Cousin luncheons". Virgil was a great man an had so many people who loved him. Prayers and hugs to all of you
Ralph and Betsy Jacobs and family.

Ralph and Betsy Jacobs - April 22 at 10:37 AM



“ Michelle and Family...

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."--Unknown. I'm so sorry for your loss. May your happy memories overpower your sorrow. Find comfort and strength in God and in each other during this difficult time.

Teresa Henderson

Teresa Henderson - April 22 at 10:10 AM



“ Michelle,
There are no words to express my sadness at the passing of your Dad. I pray that God will be close to you and your family in the days and months ahead to bring you comfort and peace during this most difficult time.

Virgil was a good husband, father and grandfather (and great-grandpa) to you and your family and this will certainly leave a tremendous void, let God fill the void and may His richest blessings be given to you all.

I Love you!
Pam Losey

Pam Losey - April 22 at 09:42 AM



“ A man who touched and inspired so many-From students to the staff. Enjoyed all the memories. He always was very involved and dedicated to his work,family and friends.So glad I got to visit him about a month ago and he remembered me :-). Guess I made a impressionNo my friend YOU will be missed but not forgotten. Prayers for strength for the rest of the family. Love ya all.

Lynn Reynolds



“ My deepest condolences to the family of Virgil R. Wenger. I will always remember the stories Michelle shared and the smile she would get when she talked about her dad. He was loved tremendously by those that knew him. Prayers for peace and comfort in this difficult time.

Jo Ann Armstrong

Jo Ann Armstrong - April 22 at 08:19 AM



“ My condolences to the Wenger family. Virgil was the principal at McNeel when I began teaching Junior ROTC in Beloit in 1989. He was an inspirational leader who always gave me the support and guidance I needed. His friendly manner and his obvious love for his students made a lasting impression on me. He will be dearly missed, but the positive impact he had on Beloit will be a lasting legacy.

John Gangloff

John Gangloff - April 22 at 05:38 AM



“ I had Mr. Wenger in 8th grade at Roosevelt Jr. High for Science--he was a good teacher and role model. We need more teachers of his character in our schools today. I am sure he has touched many, many lives! My deepest sympathy in his passing.

Susan (Armstrong) Wanninger

Susan E Wanninger - April 22 at 03:37 AM



“ Michelle,

My heart goes out to you at this sad time. Wish I lived closer, so am sending you a virtual hug. Prayers to you and your family.

Mari Reynolds - April 22 at 01:00 AM



“ Karen and Family,
What a small world! All the years I have known you, I never knew Mr Wenger was your Father. He was my principal the final year at a Good ol' Lincoln Jr High. And to think just a few short weeks ago You, your Mom and I shared some pretty deep conversations about your Dad. It's been a battle and he fought a good fight. May you find comfort knowing he is at peace and watching over you!
Sending our love, thoughts, and prayers,
Tamie, Brian, Brenin & Brynlyn

Tamie Everson - April 21 at 09:38 PM



“ Michelle and family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers as you gather together to say goodbye to a wonderful and special man. May God be with you as you share laughter, tears, and wonderful memories.

Carol Baer - April 21 at 09:38 PM



“ Mr. Wagner was a wonderful principal! I remember going to to the office just to talk to him and Mr. McNeal. Such a wonderful man!!

Elisha Mises - April 21 at 09:04 PM



“ R.I.P. Mr. Wenger



Jennifer Shaw - April 21 at 05:10 PM



“ I will never forget when I had to stand in front of Mr. Wenger when I got caught playing in the bathroom at lunch time at Roosevelt. I have so much respect for him. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Lora Cawkins - April 21 at 03:38 PM



“ Virgil was the best of the best. Dedicated to his family, staff and friends. He was a great mentor and friend to me. He will be missed but his legacy will live on as long as any of us are around. My thoughts and prayers are with Glenda, Michelle and the entire family.

Steve McNeal - April 21 at 03:20 PM



“ Lisa Varner Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Lisa Varner Rasmussen - April 21 at 12:54 PM



“ Pamela Ruegger lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Pamela Ruegger - April 21 at 12:50 PM



“ Kirsten Morris-Berg lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Kirsten Morris-Berg - April 21 at 12:33 PM



“ Jackie Oldfield lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Jackie Oldfield - April 21 at 07:56 AM



“ Mr. Wenger had a heart of gold...my thoughts and love are with you all.

Jackie Oldfield - April 21 at 07:58 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Virgil was always a friend and one of my biggest supporters. He will be missed.

Loraine Reed - April 21 at 06:33 AM



“ Muriel Carroll-Newton lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Muriel Carroll-Newton - April 21 at 01:28 AM



“ Thomas Fallin lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Thomas Fallin - April 21 at 12:50 AM



“ Ray Fields lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



ray fields - April 21 at 12:01 AM



“ MY thoughts and prayers are with the Wenger Family during this difficult time. He was a true asset to the SDB and the Beloit Community. RIP MR. Wenger

ray fields - April 21 at 12:00 AM



“ Michele Abbott lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Michele abbott - April 20 at 11:05 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Wenger and his family. Hugs and love to the family.
Jen Drews

Jen Drews - April 20 at 10:38 PM



“ Thanks jen
D.J. - April 20 at 10:55 PM



“ From my first five years teaching at Roosevelt, and again at Lincoln and McNeel, Virgil was a mentor and friend, and always had a word of encouragement and a bit of humor to share. May God bless and care for you, Glenda and family.

Cheryl Licary

Cheryl Licary - April 20 at 10:19 PM



“ You have my most sincere condolences on Mr. Wenger's death. He was my first principal at McNeel Junior High School, and I learned a lot from him. I remember that he first observed me on the day before we got out for Christmas break during last hour. Needless to say, my eighth graders were bouncing off the ceiling, and I had all I could do just to keep the lid on. At the conclusion of class, I asked Mr. Wenger how he thought I had done. He sat for a moment, closed his notebook, got up, and, on the way out, said, "It's going to be a long year." Fortunately, I improved drastically under his tutelage. I will miss him.

Greg Wilson - April 20 at 10:12 PM



“ Tom Johnson lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Tom Johnson - April 20 at 09:43 PM



“ What a huge legend in the history of education in Beloit. May beautiful memories of a wonderful man stay close to your hearts. I always enjoyed the stories of years gone by, and I could see the twinkle in Michelle's eyes when she talked about her dad. I hope there is comfort in knowing he is at peace and he leaves behind quite a legacy — my deepest sympathy to the Shope and Wegner families.

Dr. Tom Johnson - April 20 at 09:42 PM



“ Michelle and family we are so sorry for your loss.

Brian and Bobbi Jo Thiering

Bobbi Jo Thiering - April 20 at 08:16 PM



“ Karen and family,

So sorry for your loss. Prayers.

Brenda Parr



Brenda Parr - April 20 at 08:08 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Michelle.



MaryAnne Northrop-Bennett - April 20 at 07:43 PM



“ Jinger DeRossett lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Jinger DeRossett - April 20 at 07:41 PM



“ Tim & Kim Mecca lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Tim & Kim Mecca - April 20 at 07:25 PM



“ Evie Eggen lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Evie Eggen - April 20 at 07:05 PM



“ I became very fond of Virg while working at SDB. He was a good man, always concerned, loving and kind. I'm sorry for your loss, and for the community of Beloit's loss too. Rest In Peace my friend I will never forget what you gave to your loyal co-workers, your friends, and especially your family.

Cheryl Myhrvold - April 20 at 06:36 PM



“ Carol Greenwell lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Carol Greenwell - April 20 at 06:36 PM



“ AMY MESEVICH BRINDA lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



AMY MESEVICH BRINDA - April 20 at 06:32 PM



“ May god bless all of you and know he is in a better place.

AMY MESEVICH BRINDA - April 20 at 06:33 PM



“ Jill And Tim Bruschi lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



jill and tim bruschi - April 20 at 06:25 PM



“ Michelle and family - so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ann Gauvin - April 20 at 06:19 PM



“ Alex lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Alex - April 20 at 05:36 PM



“ Jean & Larry Flood sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Jean & Larry Flood - April 20 at 05:14 PM



“ Mr.Wenger was my favorite teacher at Roosevelt. He was a great teacher. My sincere condolences to his family.

Rhonda Abbott Wiese - April 20 at 05:08 PM



“ Virgil was so instrumental in helping me my rookie year teaching. He began as my vice principal and became my friend. I will always be so grateful for his guidance and friendship.

Kathy Sandee Schmidt - April 20 at 05:00 PM



“ Carol Shipler lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Carol Shipler - April 20 at 04:53 PM



“ Geri Rygh lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Gerri Rygh - April 20 at 04:45 PM



“ Brenda Witt lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Brenda witt - April 20 at 03:52 PM



“ Jean VanLandingham lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Wenger



Jean VanLandingham - April 20 at 03:16 PM



“ Glenda and family so sorry to to hear of Virgil's passing. Our sympathy to you and your family.

Barbara hodgson - April 22 at 04:11 PM



“ Glenda and family,
We are very sad over Virgil's passing. We spent a lot of time together over the years, made many memories to remember, laugh, and enjoy. We will miss him, too. He was a very kind and caring man. Love you all and HUGS!!
Dick and Sue Bloedorn

Susan Bloedorn - April 22 at 09:00 PM



“ Glenda, Karen and family.

So sad to hear of Virgil's passing. Lots of fun memories of being a part of "the group" with my dad. I am sure Virgil, my dad and Joel have already played 18 holes by now! May the love and memories you all share be a comfort to you now. My prayers are with you all at this time.

Carol MacKechnie

Carol MacKechnie - April 24 at 03:20 PM