

A Sad Loss For Richland County, Saying Goodbye to a True Friend of the  
Richland County Sheriff's Department  
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To the Citizens of Richland County,

Recently my staff and I at the sheriff's department were saddened to hear about the loss of a great friend to all of us, Warren Pfeil. Warren's sudden death was a shock and took us all by surprise as we hadn't heard he was gravely ill. Our loss was compounded by the fact that we not able to one last time, tell Warren personally how much we so appreciated all his wisdom, help and guidance over the many years he was with us. Warren was someone we could count on-someone who had been with us-by our side, since the Charlie Cupp days in the 1970's.

Warren was someone who always had the time for you and someone who would truly listen. He was always there for us and willing to help in any way he could. He had an easygoing style, a never ending good nature and always a good heart. It is probably fitting that his death caught us all by such surprise as Warren always took such great pleasure in surprising us with his wisdom, knowledge and on many occasions a joke to lessen our stress or break the tension in a tough situation.

My command staff and I worked closely with Warren and we all kind of grew old together-he just had a head start on us. We worked with Warren first as the ambulance coordinator and emergency government director and assistant coroner in the 70's, 80's and 90's and then as a county board member where Warren eventually become the chairperson of the county board's law enforcement and judiciary committee. Warren wore many hats over the years including the hat of a deputy sheriff. I was proud to have him as a deputy.

Warren was always a good friend first and foremost. He was the type of friend you could talk to, debate with and then disagree with who you could still call a friend when all was said and done-a rare commodity these days. He was always supportive and willing to help in any way he could. He was at heart, a fellow "public servant" to all of us. Someone we could always depend on. We honor this accomplishments, memory and friendship. May he rest in peace.

Sheriff Darrell Berglin