



Rev Walter M. Schoedel

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Walter M. Schoedel, a church and community leader, died November 9, 2023, at the age of 97. Rev. Schoedel was a pastor, teacher, administrator, consultant, writer, and counselor during his 70+ years of ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and in the communities where he served.

Son of the Rev. G. Walter and Mrs. Vera Schoedel, he was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada on February 26, 1926. He was baptized and confirmed by his father at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Stratford, Ontario. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO in 1949, and earned advance degrees from the University of Richmond (Richmond, VA), and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

From 1950 to 1971 he served as an educator at Concordia High School and Junior College in Fort Wayne, IN, and then as Senior Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN. In 1971 he became Senior Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO, where he helped establish Christ Community Lutheran School and the building of Concordia House, an apartment complex for older adults, while promoting several interfaith initiatives in the community, including the creation of Kirkwood-based Kirk

Care.

In 1991 he completed his ministry as a parish pastor and repositioned with a focus on serving older adults, looking for ways to keep seniors active and involved in their communities. He continued this work for the rest of his life, becoming one of the most vocal advocates for older adults in the St. Louis region, touching the lives of many.

Walter was preceded in death by his beloved wives, Barbara Anne (nee Nolde) and Leota Henline (nee Meyer), by his sisters Marion Ravell and Margaret Domroese, and by his daughter-in-law, Heidi Moll Schoedel.

He is survived by his brother William (Grace) and his children, John (Mary Ann) Schoedel, Mark (Sue) Schoedel, Marcia (Jim) Eckrich, David (Sara) Schoedel, Peter (Carla) Schoedel, Paula (Bill) Burnett, and Michael (Alyson) Schoedel; his step-children, Carol (Mitch) Henke, Candace (Tom) Prochaska, Connie Gilman, and Colleen (Linn) Kracht; twenty-seven grandchildren; and thirty-four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 9:00 am – 10:45 am at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO; Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, MI; Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, IN; or Lutheran Senior Services, St. Louis, MO.

Cemetery Details

St Trinity Cemetery

737 Barracksview Rd
St Louis, MO 63125

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Concordia Lutheran Church
505 S. Kirkwood
Kirkwood, MO

Funeral Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

Concordia Lutheran Church
505 S. Kirkwood
Kirkwood, MO

Tribute Wall

SG

“ We send our condolences to the family for your Father and loved one.

Schoedel confirmed me in 1958 and was the pastor I vividly recall teaching us about the Holy Spirit. Later, he married my husband and I at Emmanuel over sixty-one years ago. We would on occasion run into him and be able to talk with him and he always remembered us. He was the very pastor that I know was instrumental in my faith starting as a young girl and into a very young bride. I will treasure my memories of his teachings, and of his love and acceptance in giving graciously to me.

Sincerely,

Sandy and Ed Gobrogge

Sandy Gobrogge - November 25, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.



November 23, 2023 at 02:02 AM

AN

“ Prayers for your family! Pastor Schoedel was always such a kind and energetic soul! We were blessed to know him from a young age at Camp Arcadia when he and Barb were there as chaplains and we were young elementary aged kiddos running around while our Mom was on staff. He left an impact on us from an early age and I always felt we were blessed to see him in action as a father, grandpa, pastor, husband and more. What a guy! Thank you for the mark you left on so many, Pastor Schoedel. Rest in piece and rejoice in the glory! Give my mom a big high five and a hug! Until we meet again.... Xo - Abby Barnes Nicol

Abby Barnes Nicol - November 22, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.



November 20, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.



November 20, 2023 at 01:23 PM

JM

“ Sorry to hear of Pastor Walt’s passing. He confirmed both me and my wife . He was my Pastor and also a good friend. My sympathy and prayers go out to the entire family.



Jack Massucci - November 19, 2023 at 08:10 PM

CP

“ We send our love. May God's care and comfort and promises and loving presence be with you all.

Candace Lynn Prochaska - November 18, 2023 at 09:31 AM

RO

“ I pray for God’s comfort to all of his family, but I believe you are glad that he is now with his Lord that he served so long and well. Roger Muetzelfeld

Roger - November 17, 2023 at 10:14 PM

RF

“ *Rev Schoedel was my vicarage pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran in Fort Wayne In 1965-66. He was the best mentor by showing me what a true pastor does. An outstanding administrator and exemplary leader he also was gifted in addressing issues that were on the horizon. His energy through so many years amazes me. Christ was alive in him all the time. I think of him all the time. An example of his disciplined life: My wife (Eileen) who also taught at the school always knew when the Advent-Christmas season began because Walt’s annual letter arrived in our mailbox on the first day of Advent reminding us of the warm love of God in sending His Son into this world. Walt, you too are Gods gift to us all and we thank you for your faithful life and ministry through all these years. We will never forget you or your example. Thank you for loving us!*
Rev John and Eileen Frerking
North Palm Beach, Florida

Rev John and Eileen Frerking - November 16, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.*



November 16, 2023 at 12:41 PM

LK

“ I have wonderful memories of Pastor Walt and Lee at Camp Arcadia. They were both inspiring, warm, and so much fun. Praying for God's comfort and peace for all the family. - Linda Koch

Linda Koch - November 16, 2023 at 11:10 AM

DF

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. May God grant each of you His comfort and His peace. Mike, Debbie and Katie Franklin

Debbie Franklin - November 15, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.



November 15, 2023 at 07:31 PM

MZ

“ Mike and Becky Zacharias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.

Mike and Becky Zacharias - November 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev Walter M. Schoedel.



November 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM