



## Gerald Lee Wittmaier

December 6, 1944 - August 30, 2020

Rev. Gerald Lee Wittmaier of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Sunday, August 30, at Rolla Health and Rehabilitation at the age of 75. Gerald was born in St. Ann, Missouri on December 6, 1944 to the late Roman and Olga (Meyr) Wittmaier.

Gerald was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary Ann Pahlmeyer on August 3, 1968 in Litchfield, Illinois; this union was blessed with six children and fifteen grandchildren.

Gerald graduated with an Associate of Arts from St. Paul's Junior College in Concordia, Missouri in 1965, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Harris-Stowe College in St. Louis, Missouri in 1967 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois in 1971. His vicarage was in Antigo, Wisconsin. He served as pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lexington, Kentucky, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Nokomis, Illinois, Zion Lutheran church in Wayside, Wisconsin, Zion Lutheran Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rolla, Missouri; he also served as interim pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cuba, Missouri. He was actively involved in Lutherans for Life, Rolla Lion's Club and Boy Scouts of America. He was an avid hunter, birdwatcher and fisherman. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife of fifty-two years, Mary Wittmaier of Rolla, Missouri; children, Jennifer Wittmaier of Jackson, Missouri, Matt (Aimee)

Wittmaier of Kansas City, Missouri, Jonathan (Christy) Wittmaier of Springfield, Missouri, Nathan (Vicki) Wittmaier of Warrensburg, Missouri, Sarah (Calvin) Shanks of Paducah, Kentucky and Suzanne Cowan of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; grandchildren, Jordan Gilliland, Austin Gilliland, Kelsie Hudson, Ryan Hudson, Benjamin Wittmaier, Alexzander Wittmaier, Jackson Wittmaier, Michael Hayes, Mason Wittmaier, Jordan Wittmaier, Dylan Wittmaier, Evan Wittmaier, Jesse Shanks, Seth McClure and Sean McClure; brothers, David Wittmaier of Highlandville, Missouri and Edward Wittmaier of St. Charles, Missouri; sister, Barbara Bundstein of St. Ann, Missouri; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Due to Covid-19, a private graveside service will be held at 1:00PM on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Litchfield, Illinois with Rev. Swyres officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the Concordia Seminary Scholarship Fund and/or Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Elm Lawn Memorial Park  
Litchfield, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Lee Wittmaier*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Gerald Lee Wittmaier*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Pastor was very special. I found it comforting when he served as Zion Poplar Bluff's preacher. The church was blessed to have him and your family. We must remember that he is now resting with Jesus.*

*Sandy Meyr*

**Sandy Meyr** - October 04, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *I know Uncle Jerry preached one heck of a sermon on his first Sunday in heaven. We love and miss you, but now your with our savior.*



**David Wittmaier** - September 27, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Mary. Just heard of Pastor's passing into heaven the other day. It is time of shared feelings. Our loss and his gain. May God give you peace and comfort. Delores Wordell*

**Delores Wordell** - September 18, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *So many memories-care to all the family*

**Kaye Sparkman** - September 06, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ *Laura And Neal Bodenstein lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Wittmaier*



**Laura and Neal Bodenstein** - September 04, 2020 at 10:04 PM



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**Laura and Neal Bodenstein** - September 04, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *Barbara Bundstein lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Wittmaier*



**Barbara Bundstein** - September 04, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ *David C Wittmaier lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Wittmaier*



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**David C Wittmaier** - September 03, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Wittmaier.*



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September 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM