



## Ernest Herman Hagenmueller Jr.

April 14, 1929 - February 24, 2020

On Monday, February 24, 2020, Ernest Herman Hagenmueller, Jr, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather, teacher, principal, and coach, died peacefully in his sleep at age 90.

Ernie was born in Moline, IL, on April 14, 1929, to Ernest and Emilie (Ramm) Hagenmueller, and spent his early childhood days in St. Louis until the family moved to Orlando, FL. After two years at Washington University, St. Louis, Ernie transferred to Concordia Teachers College River Forest, where he earned his BA in 1952 and his MA in 1964. Ernie married Elaine Brutlag on June 21, 1953. He spent his teaching career at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Des Peres, MO, serving first as teacher (1952-1956), then as principal from 1956 until his retirement in 1994.

Ernie and Elaine were blessed with two daughters, Janet Beyer (Phil) and Sharon Dunker (Mike), both teachers just as their parents. Ernie is survived by Elaine, Janet, and Sharon, his seven grandchildren: Matt Dunker (Sarah); Lisa Jongebloed (Dan); Nathan Beyer (Stephanie); Joanna Rogers (Tim); Iesha Dunker; Maurice Dunker; Louis Dunker; and his seven great-grandchildren, Kara, Jackson, Kailey, Cayson, Emerson, Jacob, and Arya.

In addition to serving at St. Paul's Lutheran School as teacher and principal, for most years, Ernie also coached boys' and girls' sports, including

basketball, volleyball, softball, and track. He was a leader at St. Paul's as well as a leader at the LCMS District level, serving on many committees, boards, commissions, and conferences, often as chairman or president. Upon his retirement, Ernie and Elaine moved to Marengo, IL, where he served at Zion Lutheran School, for a time as interim principal and then teaching English and spelling for many years. Ernie Hagenmueller lived a life of loving and faithful service to his family, to his church and school, and to His Lord.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 29, at 11 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 412 Jackson St, Marengo, IL. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. before the service. Burial will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Des Peres, MO.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Ernie Hagenmueller may be made to Zion Lutheran School, 408 Jackson St., Marengo, IL, 60152 or to St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1300 N. Ballas Rd., Des Peres, MO, 63131.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
412 Jackson Street  
Marengo, IL 60152

## Memorial Service

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I send my prayers and sympathy to Elaine, Sharon, Janet and family. Ernie had a profound impact on my life in so many ways. I had tremendous respect for him as my principal for 8 years, was challenged educationally in 7th and 8th grade as he push us to be our best, and was shaped and molded as an athlete where he expected 100% and taught us the commitment necessary to be a successful player. Winning the St. Louis Seminary Basketball Tournament my eight grade year is still a wonderful highlight in my life and a memory I have shared with my children and grandchildren. Ernie was a remarkable person and an incredible Christian witness and mentor. I never thought I would go into Christian education but his influence on my life changed that for me. I aspired to be the "Ernie Hagenmueller" to the schools I served. His life is truly to be celebrated and his eternal victory well deserved. I am grateful and blessed to have been blessed by Ernie.

Randy Ash

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Randy Ash - March 05, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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You were special to him too. He loved coaching & teaching your class & told us numerous stories of all your successes. Thank you for your kind words. Sharon

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Sharon Hagenmueller Dunker - March 09, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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“ *Debbie, Brad, Tara, David, Ann, John & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Herman Hagenmueller Jr..*



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**Debbie, Brad, Tara, David, Ann, John & family** - February 26,  
2020 at 09:50 AM