



## Edgar N. Roth

October 13, 1928 - January 7, 2022

Edgar N. Roth, 93, of Perryville, passed away on January 7, 2022.

Edgar was born on October 13, 1928, to Leo and Linna (Mueller) Roth at Wittenberg, MO. He was baptized on October 20, 1928 by Rev. R.J. Deye and confirmed on March 29, 1942. He married Betty Verseman on July 26, 1952, in Farrar, MO. They were married for 68 years. Betty preceded him in death in May of 2020. Edgar is survived by his children Lynette (Robert) Biesendorfer of Marthasville, MO, Jane Roth of St. Louis, Royal Roth of Mobile, AL, and Randall Roth of St. Louis; two grandchildren, Julee and Tim Biesendorfer; and one great-grandchild, Ethan Biesendorfer of Seattle, WA.

Edgar attended St. Paul's Lutheran School in Wittenberg, MO where he loved to play baseball. He later attended and graduated from Concordia High School in River Forest, IL. He then received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest. During college he ran track, specializing in the hurdles and high jump. Edgar earned his Master of Arts Degree from Concordia in 1963. For forty years Edgar served as principal, teacher, music director, and coach in Lutheran Schools. He also played organ for many church services during this time. He served three churches during his teaching career: St. Peter's Lutheran in Holyrood, KS, St. Paul's Lutheran in Woodworth, IL, and St. Mark's Lutheran in Steeleville, IL.

After retiring to Perryville, MO, in 1992, Edgar and Betty enjoyed traveling all over the United States. Edgar substitute taught in area schools for many years as well as served as a substitute organist in various Lutheran churches. But his main hobby was his garden. Edgar was an avid gardener and known for his beautiful flowers. He also loved to play pinochle.

Edgar is preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his daughter, Roxane, his parents, and his four brothers, Gilbert, Arnold, Willard, and Vernon Roth.

Visitation will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 12, from 9:00 - 11:00 with the funeral service at 11:00, with Rev. Matthew Marks officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to Immanuel Lutheran School in Perryville, MO, St. Mark's Lutheran School in Steeleville, IL, or to St. Paul's Lutheran School in Woodworth, IL.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford and Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

600 Washington Lane  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville  
Perryville, MO

## Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville  
Perryville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edgar N. Roth*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Edgar N. Roth*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Edgar's family. He was such a sweet, wonderful, caring man! I know my dad Nelson loved visiting with his cousin! Take comfort in knowing that he and Betty are together again and you will see them both again one day. My God grant you His comfort and peace.*

*Marlene Roth*

Marlene Roth - January 16, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Uncle Edgar was a good man and a great example of how to reflect Christ's love for us back to the world and the people we encounter. I miss walking through his garden in the summer. I also miss his 4th of July cookouts, even though he like to slightly char the hot dogs. We miss you Ed and we will see you again one day in heaven.*

*Tyson Krauss*

Tyson Krauss - January 12, 2022 at 10:07 AM

KG

“ *Mr Roth was my first principal. He was a wonderful teacher for his faculty and staff, besides the students in his classroom. He was truly a servant of the Lord. I enjoyed getting to know him and appreciate all he did for me and for Saint Marks Lutheran School. He was very dedicated to serving the Lord as teacher, principal, organist, and choir director. He and Betty were very helpful to a first year teacher 600 miles from home! Betty told me where everyone lived so I could do my home visits with my second grade students. And they allowed me to stay in their home for a week before my apartment was available. My sympathy to the family, especially Jane and Randall. Now your dad gets to rest in heaven with Jesus!*  
*Karen Gramenz*

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**Karen Gramenz** - January 11, 2022 at 10:57 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Edgar N. Roth.*



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January 11, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edgar N. Roth.*



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January 11, 2022 at 08:41 AM

MB

“ I got to know Mr. Roth quite well by working as the school secretary at St. Mark's. I worked with him for 8 of the 9 years that I was there. After he retired it just wasn't the same without him, and I also moved on to a different job. He did wear many hats, as someone else said in their post. To be principal, 8th grade teacher and church organist really amazed me. And apparently in his younger years also was a coach and choir director. He was a very dedicated man who gave his all to his church and school. I know I am a better person for having worked with him and getting to know his wife, Betty, also. I will never forget him and the years I worked at St. Mark's, and I had, and always will have, a great deal of respect and admiration for him. My condolences to the family and may he and Betty now rest in peace.

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**Mila Biermann** - January 11, 2022 at 02:21 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edgar N. Roth.



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January 10, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Edgar N. Roth.



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January 10, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edgar N. Roth.*



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January 10, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *To Mr. Roth's Family,  
Mr. Roth did an excellent job when he substituted in my class. Mr. Roth had a calmness, patience, and a smile that my students responded to in a positive manner.  
May your faith comfort you.  
God's peace,  
Rita and Brad Weber*

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**Rita Weber** - January 09, 2022 at 10:19 PM

AM

“ To the family of Mr Roth----So sad to hear about the death of your father. While having him as a teacher and principal here in Woodworth Illinois in 1965-68, I learned and remember that he was not only a great teacher and sports coach, but more importantly a truly great person. After he and your family left Woodworth to take a different teaching position, I always wanted to call him and tell him what a terrific role model he was, but never got around to it. I'll never forget being in his classroom on Nov 22, 1963 (the day President Kennedy was assassinated). In those days, everyone ate lunch at their desk, including Mr. Roth. Mr. Roth had a radio setting behind his desk and would always turn on the noon news. Shortly after the broadcast began, the news was interrupted with the news of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas. Mr Roth teared up when he was listening to this terrible news, which showed what a truly compassionate person he was. Everyone who knew Mr. Roth became a better person because part of him rubbed off. May God bless you all

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**Ardell Munsterman** - January 09, 2022 at 09:54 PM

CP

Mr. Roth was a great role model. Ardell gave a wonderful tribute. I couldn't agree more. Do any of you remember when he wanted to have an all school track meet? I remember him digging the broad jump pit and filling it with sand. What an undertaking! Loved his setups for science projects. His music appreciation lessons made an memorable impact on my life. Let's remember Betty too who picked up the slack with their family enabling him to do all that he accomplished. A very special team that blessed us all.

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**carol Pfingsten-Lutes** - January 09, 2022 at 10:58 PM

WM

“ *With Love, Your Friends at Messiah purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Edgar N. Roth.*



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**With Love, Your Friends at Messiah** - January 09, 2022 at 04:14 PM

BD

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

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**Bob and Kathy Dillahay** - January 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM

KB

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was my teacher & neighbor lot of good memories He always stop at Mom's house when he came around . My prayers are with his family*

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**Kathy Burdick** - January 09, 2022 at 12:08 PM

JG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Edgar Roth family. St. Paul's at Woodworth was blessed to have Mr. Roth and his family for a number of years. I especially remember being in his choir and our children attended the school.*

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**Janice Garrelts** - January 09, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JJ

“ *The entire family were good neighbors for many years. We had many good visits. I also did some babysitting. Lynette tried to teach me to play piano. I was hopeless. Many fond memories. Mom kept in touch with them over the years. They can visit across the clothesline again.*

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**Joanne (Brutlag) Jackson** - January 09, 2022 at 10:50 AM

PL

“ *Mr. Roth was also my teacher my final three years at St Paul's Lutheran at Woodworth and you always wanted to do your best for him. A God-fearing man, he loved his family, had a great sense of humor and just a great man. My love and sympathies to his family. May God comfort you.*

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**Peggy Lah** - January 08, 2022 at 06:51 PM

HL

*The Woodworth congregation was very fortunate to have Mr. Roth. He was multi-talented and “wore many hats”—school principal, teacher, coach, choir director, church organist, plus other contributions. I was one of his students and Lynette's classmate. I send my condolences to the family.*

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**Heidi Lomasney** - January 08, 2022 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ *Edgar Roth was my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher/principal. He was a beloved servant of God equipped with many gifts. I remember him well. Mary Bohlmann Schmidt*

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**Mary Schmidt** - January 08, 2022 at 06:21 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. He was such a sweet man. May you find comfort and peace that he is in Heaven. God Bless you all!

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**Larry and Karolyn Marr** - January 08, 2022 at 12:28 PM