



Waldemar G. Bergdolt

June 16, 1934 - March 9, 2026

Waldemar George Bergdolt, 91, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Monday, March 9, 2026 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born June 16, 1934 in Frankenmuth, MI to George and Emma (Kuhl) Bergdolt.

He was baptized on June 24, 1934 and confirmed on March 21, 1948 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, MI.

Waldemar attended school at St. Lorenz Lutheran School in Frankenmuth, MI, Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI, Northwestern College in Watertown, WI, and Concordia College in River Forest, IL.

He and Lorna Kruckenberg were married June 18, 1961 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden, IA. She preceded him in death on August 21, 2023.

Waldemar taught in Lutheran schools at Ulm, AR, Raymondville, TX, Lowden, IA, Kilmanagh, MI, Westlake, OH, Alma, MO, Linn, KS and Altenburg, MO for 30 years. He then worked at Solar Communication for 19 years.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville since 1986 where he served as Elder, sang in the Men's & Adult Choir and served many

years on the Evangelism Board.

Waldemar loved spending time with his family, children and grandchildren, volunteering at church, gardening, raising fruit trees, playing the trumpet in the Ensemble and Brass Choir at church.

Survivors include two sons, Karl (Rebecca) Bergdolt of Grand Island, NE, Kurt (Kate) Bergdolt of Lincoln, NE; two daughters, Kathryn (Keith) Kirby of Stewardson, IL, Karol (Kelly) Bailey of Ballwin, MO; brother, Harold (Esther) Bergdolt of Frankenmuth, MI; twelve grandchildren, Aaron (Kaitlyn) Kirby, Ethan Kirby, Lara Bergdolt, Carolyn Bergdolt, Elizabeth (Erik) Fuerniss, Jacob Bergdolt, Timothy Bergdolt, Natalie (Austin) Wright, Hannah Bergdolt, Lydia Bailey, Josiah Bailey, Naomi Bailey; one great-grandchild, Nolan Kirby and two on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, five brother-in-laws, Leonard Sellnau, Merlon Kruckenberg, Norbert Kruckenberg, George Kruckenberg, Robert Kruckenberg; three sister-in-laws, Roberta Kruckenberg, Leanne Sellnau, Bonnie Kruckenberg.

Visitation will be from 8:00 am to 9:50 am on Monday, March 16, 2026 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Monday, March 16, 2026 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville with Rev. Joseph Schlie officiating.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Hour or Worship Anew.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 8:00 AM - 9:50 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
453 N West St
Perryville, MO 63775-1361
(573) 547-8317

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Perryville

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Just wanting you to know that all of you have been and continue to be in my prayers. Remembering all the fun times we had together!! And remembering and thanking God for your mom and dad and how they did such a great job sharing and showing the love of God!!! Sending big hugs and lots of love your way!
Love, Deanna Scherpereel (Bergdolt)

Deanna Scherpereel - March 18 at 04:00 PM

KB

Thank you for your prayers of comfort, Deanna. I too remember the fun times we had together and look forward to being reunited with our dads in heaven. I'm sure they are laughing and enjoying each other. I can still hear their laughter when we got together during our summer visits!

Karol Bailey - March 30 at 02:03 PM

TS

“ Trinity Lutheran Teachers and Staff purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Waldemar G. Bergdolt.



Trinity Lutheran Teachers and Staff - March 13 at 10:01 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Waldemar G. Bergdolt.



March 12 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Waldemar G. Bergdolt.*



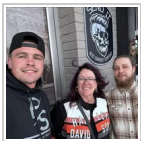
March 12 at 12:05 PM



“ *The other side of the church hill, The Wilkens Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Waldemar G. Bergdolt.*



The other side of the church hill, The Wilkens Family - March 12 at 11:50 AM



“ *Mr. Bergdolt was one of the kindest, most Christian people I had the pleasure of knowing. I first met Him when I bought a little gray Mazda pickup from Him. He showed me every aspect of that vehicle like I was His daughter. Later, in 2011 I had a house fire. Several weeks later He sent me a check in the mail for no reason at all but kindness and Living His life to teach others of God's mercy and love. I am so sorry to His family. It is a profound loss to this world. May He rest in peace and comfort in Heaven. I will never forget Him and always felt He was a personal Angel to Me.*

Tina Hoehn - March 12 at 09:34 AM

Thank you, Tina, for these kind words about my dad.

Karol Bailey - March 12 at 11:05 AM

BB

I was so sorry to hear about Wally's passing! He was a great man and will be always remembered for his kindness. I talked to him several times recently and he was always thinking about others. He was such a man of prayer and I admired that so much. I will truly miss him. Would love to be there to celebrate his life and his legacy with all of you. Please know the Bergdolt family will be with you in our hearts and will be praying and thinking of you often.

Bonnie Bergdolt - March 13 at 10:31 PM

KB

Thank you, Bonnie. Your recent conversations were so welcomed and encouraging to my dad.

Karol Bailey - March 14 at 08:55 PM

HK

Dear Karl, Kathryn, Kurt, Karol with families!

We are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Waldemar. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

We will remember Waldemar as a very friendly and committed person. I still remember well my visit to his house in Perryville in 1998. He gave me a detailed tour of the house and garden and was proud of his study in the 1st floor, with all his books. He loved this and as well his vegetable garden.

Here in Germany we enjoyed every year his long Christmas letters. He shared so much and so we could participate in your family life.

May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time.

Lots of love Hermine Klungler and Bernd Stephan

Hermine Klungler - March 15 at 12:29 PM

LR

He was such a dear man. We served on the board of Outeach together and he taught me so much about evangelism. After my husband passed he called me from the Lutheran home and we had the most wonderful conversation about reaching the lost. I'm sure he'll meet many people in heaven who are there because he reached out or witnessed to them.

Linda Ruessler - March 15 at 03:12 PM

JK

I only have fond memories of Mr. Bergdolt as my 8th grade teacher at St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Westlake, Ohio 56 years ago. Good memories of him teaching us hymns in choir. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

John Klein

John Klein - March 16 at 02:25 PM

CK

*Dear family,
our deepest sympathy. We enjoy thinking of Waldemar and of the time we shared together. We will keep him in our hearts and memories.
Love, God bless You
Christine and Maria Klungler*

Christine Klungler - March 17 at 10:04 AM

DT

*David Toney
Mr. Bergdolt, for many years was a favorite substitute teacher for us at the Perryville Career Center, whose Christian patience and loving kindness was a real blessing to our vocational mission. Our thoughts and prayers on his passing.*

David Toney - March 19 at 10:24 AM