



## Dr. Herbert C. Moldenhauer

May 19, 1924 - November 28, 2023

Dr. Herbert Carl Moldenhauer, born May 19, 1924, entered heaven, November 28, 2023, receiving the goal of his faith. His family rejoices and gives thanks for God's gift of faith expressed daily in his long life lived for Christ.

Dr. Moldenhauer married Elsie Tripke and began his lifelong Lutheran teaching career in 1945 at Trinity Lutheran School in Arenzville, Illinois as principal and teacher of grades 5-8. In 1948, he was called to Lutheran High Central in St. Louis Missouri as religion and history teacher. In 1951, he became Principal. He returned to Eastpointe in 1961 as Principal of Lutheran High School East. In 1975, he was appointed to Superintendent of the Detroit Lutheran High School Association and served for 14 years. He has also served in part-time teaching positions at Concordia College, Seward, and St. Louis University.

He loves the Lord Jesus Christ, his wife, and family, and all those he served with over the years in Christian Education.

He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Elsie; daughter-in-law, Diane Moldenhauer (Lucky's wife); his brother and wife, Harold "Whitey" and Alice.

He is survived by four children: Judy (Gilbert) Meilaender; Lucky Moldenhauer; Jeri (Ron) Young; and Dawn Slade. (12) Grandchildren: Lisa (Todd) Wardlaw; Marc Moldenhauer; Peter (Eva) Meilaender; Ellen Meilaender; Hannah (Chris) Timmermans; Derek Meilaender; Brent Young; Chad (Heike) Young; Jamie Young; Tara (Jimmy) Bryant; and Patrick (Jillian) Slade and 17 Great Grandchildren.

Herb was born in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He attended Kern Elementary School and St. Peter's Lutheran Elementary School, East Detroit High School, and graduated in 1945 from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. He received a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1951 and did extensive work at St. Louis University toward a Doctorate in Secondary Administration and Supervision. In 1984, he was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree by Concordia Teachers College of Seward, Nebraska, in recognition of his outstanding work in Lutheran Secondary Education. He would say that his life's work was "keeping faith with our youth."

A Visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica, Friday, December 2 from 6-8p. Service of celebration at St. Peters Lutheran Church 23000 Gratiot Ave, Eastpointe, Saturday, December 2 at 11 am, with 10-11 visitation prior.

In lieu of flowers, gifts are encouraged to the Detroit Lutheran High School Association, St. Peters Lutheran Church, Eastpointe, and Residential Hospice of Michigan

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

23000 Gratiot Ave  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

# Previous Events

## Arrangement Conference

NOV 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Visitation

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DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Eastpointe  
23000 Gratiot Avenue  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

## Funeral Service

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DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Eastpointe  
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Eastpointe, MI 48021

# Tribute Wall

DV

“ To the Moldenhauer Family,  
Dr. Moldenhauer was my principal, boss, colleague and most of all,  
my friend. He was one of the truly great Lutheran educators. His  
innovative ideas and Christian principles certainly did, “Keep Faith  
With Our Youth.” May God Bless and Comfort his family as he now  
rests in the safe and secure arms of our Lord!  
Don Vogt

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**Don Vogt** - December 02, 2023 at 08:30 AM

CA

“ My principal, my colleague, my friend. Well done thou good and  
faithful servant.

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**Carol Arends** - December 01, 2023 at 07:49 AM

PH

“ I met Dr. Molderhauer briefly back when I was a student at  
Concordia, Ann Arbor, since his daughter, Jeri Molderhauer Young,  
was a fellow student. I didn't know him well but the Christian  
character of Jeri indicated what a great father she had! Dr. M's long  
and dedicated service to the Church and our Lord was an  
inspiration. "Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD...Yes, says  
the Spirit and their works do follow them" Rev.14:13

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**Paul Herter** - November 30, 2023 at 09:26 PM

DW

“ We sing with joy as Dr. Moldenhauer now celebrates victory in heaven with his beloved Redeemer King, Jesus Christ! Dr. Moldenhauer was principal during my high school years at LHE. A tough yet fair teacher and disciplinarian, I served with him and Mr. Storm as a student office assistant. Going to that high school changed my life and I will be forever grateful. Dianne (Horton) Weber, class of 1966.

Dianne M Weber - November 30, 2023 at 03:40 PM

RB

“ Ever grateful for Dr. Moldenhauer who gave me the opportunity to be a teacher at Lutheran High East and finding my family a home in Eastpointe. He was a master salesman.

Ron Beck - November 30, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Herbert C. Moldenhauer.



November 30, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RM

“ Richard Moldenhauer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Herbert C. Moldenhauer.

Richard Moldenhauer - November 30, 2023 at 03:07 PM

KM

“ I already miss his singing and poems, during his daily visits to my office. Here is a Herb favorite:

*“To kiss a miss is awfully simple.*

*To miss a kiss is simply awful.*

*Now kisses spread germs, or so it’s been stated,*

*But kiss me, baby, cuz I’m vaccinated!”*

*Thanks for sharing your voice, laughs, and love with me* ❤️

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**Kathy McDonagh** - November 30, 2023 at 09:03 AM

KS

“ Dr. Moldenhauer mentored me as I studied to become a teacher. He even volunteered to be my supervisor for student teaching so I could do it here in Michigan. He worked with my dad for years as my dad served as president of the boosters at LHE. You are all in my prayers but am happy for him as he is Home!

*Kathy(Fritz) Schurig*

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**Kathy (Fritz) Schurig** - November 29, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Herbert C. Moldenhauer.



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November 29, 2023 at 09:32 PM

RL

“ 3 files added to the album Herb's Pics



rly - November 29, 2023 at 09:03 PM

KH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your father, grandpa and great grandpa, Herb Moldenhauer. I remember fondly, and with a chuckle, the first time i met him. My sister Diane was engaged to his son Lucky, and when I was introduced Herb replied, “I’m Lucky’s Daddy!” We all laughed then and in years to come when we got together.

I remember him being friendly and smiley, with sweet Elsie by his side. Praying for your comfort and peace.

Love,

Karen and Jeff Hodge

Karen Hodge - November 29, 2023 at 07:48 PM

RL

Thanks so much for your story. That's Herb! Peace and blessings...

rly - November 29, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JB

I remember on the last day of school of my Freshman year at LHE I was joining in the celebration by scattering all my notebook papers up and down the hallway near the office. Much to my distress, Principal Herb caught me. And he was definitely not happy. I spent several hours assisting the janitor in cleaning up all the hallways. Herb was a good man, strong Christian, outstanding Principal. Well done good and faithful servant. I rejoice for you. We'll all see you again someday.

John Brooks class of '75

John Brooks - December 01, 2023 at 10:19 AM

RM

*Dear Jeri and family,*

*I am very grateful to having been a student at LHE when your dad was principal. Some Scripture comes to mind - Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever who lives and believes in Me shall never die"...Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them...be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life. Your dad's slogan at LHE was always "Let's keep faith with our youth!"  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Bob (class of '72) and Beth Meier*

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**Robert P Meier** - December 01, 2023 at 07:15 PM