



Lowell Keith Petzoldt

July 7, 1954 - September 2, 2025

Our beloved Lowell Keith Petzoldt met his Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Fulton Manor in Wauseon, Ohio, at the age of 71. Lowell was born on July 7, 1954, in Perryville, Missouri, the son of Tillmon and Ruth (Rohde) Petzoldt. He was reborn as a child of God in the waters of Holy Baptism on July 25, 1954, and was confirmed in the Christian faith on April 11, 1968. His confirmation verse was “and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:20b KJV.

Lowell graduated from Immanuel Lutheran School in Perryville in 1968 and Perryville High School in 1972. In 1976 he graduated from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska and later received a Master’s degree there in 1982. While at Concordia, Lowell met Renee Wagner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They married on May 28, 1976. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Blake and Courtney.

Lowell received a divine call to teach at St. John Lutheran School in Napoleon, Ohio in 1976 and taught grades three and four for 44 years. During his years of teaching, Lowell enjoyed coaching flag football, soccer, basketball and track. He also served as athletic director for the school, Northwest Ohio Lutheran League and coordinated state basketball tournaments. He served 4 years as a Lutheran Education Association/Lutheran Elementary Teachers executive. He also received a National Teachers award at the 1997 National Teacher’s Forum in Washington DC.

Lowell enjoyed hands-on projects, especially outdoor projects. He taught 24 years at outdoor education for Napoleon Area Schools. He enjoyed fishing in Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Canada. He especially enjoyed fishing in Missouri with a net—just as Jesus’ disciples did.

Lowell is survived by his son Blake (Kristin) Petzoldt of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter Courtney Petzoldt (fiancé Wes Howard) of Hilliard, Ohio, brother Shirrel (Janet) Petzoldt of Holland, Ohio, sister Diane Miller of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, brother Lyle (Michelle) Petzoldt of Sedgewicksville, Missouri, sister-in-law Robin Wagner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and dear grandchildren Quinn and Scarlett Petzoldt of Pittsburgh. Also surviving are niece Joy (Christopher) Hansell, nephew Andrew (Alyssa) Petzoldt, nephews Aaron and Wylie Miller, niece Candice Petzoldt, nephew Dustin Petzoldt and great niece and nephew Ivy Petzoldt and Jonathan Hansell. Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife of

47 years, Renee Petzoldt.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at St. John Lutheran Church starting at 11am with the Rev. Logan Scheiwe officiating. A livestream will be available at www.youtube.com/@sjlservices5068. A private burial will take place at a later date at the church cemetery. A time of visitation and support will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Friday, September 5, 2025, from 2pm until 8pm and Saturday, from 10am until 11am at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. John Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, St. John Lutheran School, St. John Church fund or choice of the donor.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers.*



Latoya Cole - September 09, 2025 at 01:14 PM

MS

“ *I remember my father, Paul D. Schuette, talking German, with Lowell, when dad made his mail stops at St. John Church & School.*

Marcus E. Schuette - September 06, 2025 at 04:03 PM

KE

“ *He was the Best Teacher ever who actually taught kids in a very memorable way , lasting friendships . Always enjoyed a stop by Hello in the summertime and all the support for my kids and grandkids. AN AMAZING ANGEL OF GOD. GODSPEED . OUR SYMPATHY TO ALL.*

KAREN ENGLER - September 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.*



September 05, 2025 at 08:45 AM

KL

“ *Kim, Colt, Jade, Jordan, Aliina, Jared Lange purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.*



Kim,Colt,Jade,Jordan,Aliina,Jared Lange - September 05, 2025 at 07:45 AM

AH

“ Dear Courtney and Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. P was truly one of the best!! Such a great teacher, neighbor, and friend. I'll always remember him calling me and my sisters "The Swick Boys" and being the only person I've ever heard say "that's the cat's meow." He made everything more fun, whether it was in the classroom, at Camp Palmer, or outside by the grill. And can't forget, his homemade corn nuts. He is sadly missed. Thinking of you all and sending love and prayers.

*Love,
The middle "Swick Boy"*

Andrea (Swick) Hunter - September 04, 2025 at 10:01 PM

DM

“ Our condolences to Lowell's family from John and Debbie Meier. John grew up in Farrar, MO and went to school with Lowell at Perryville High. Debbie is a 1974 graduate of Concordia Nebraska.

Debbie Meier - September 04, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RP

“ Lowell was the first one to get me at the Thursday morning Bible breakfast. He called me pastor instead of my first name, Bob. He bought me coffee in a ceramic mug instead of me getting it in Styrofoam cup. He was very kind person. The more I knew him I grew to respect him. I miss him very much.

Robert Nemoyer (retired pastor) - September 04, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JH

“ John H.Petzoldt purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.



John H.Petzoldt - September 04, 2025 at 10:57 AM

NB

“ Nate, Sadie & Speiser Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.

Nate, Sadie & Speiser Boys - September 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM

NB

“ Nate, Sadie & Speiser Boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.



Nate, Sadie & Speiser Boys - September 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JR

“ My condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss.

Jason Ruscitto - September 04, 2025 at 06:52 AM

RS

“ Lowell was an incredible person. Always enjoyed officiating games with and for him at St. John. It was also great seeing him at the Freedom Township Men's Banquet for many years. He was true servant and will be missed. May his memory be a blessing.

Rick Small - September 03, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.



September 03, 2025 at 07:13 PM

CD

“ Cathy D. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lowell Keith Petzoldt.



Cathy D. - September 03, 2025 at 01:32 PM