



## Daniel Robert Grotelueschen

February 16, 1942 - November 21, 2025

Daniel Robert Grotelueschen, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away November 21, 2025. He was born February 16, 1942 in Elgin, Illinois to the late Rev. Elmer Theodore and Marie Dorothy Johanna (Bornemann) Grotelueschen. Daniel was a graduate of and basketball player for Concordia River Forest College, Illinois. He married Lesley A. Ryden in 1964 and was a teacher and school principal for Immanuel Lutheran School, Staplehurst, NE, St. Peter Lutheran School, Indianapolis and finally Zion Lutheran School, New Palestine, retiring in 2006. Daniel touched the lives of many students sharing Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Daniel was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, New Palestine. He loved playing golf, fishing with family in Canada, and traveling. He was also an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Visitation will be Friday, November 28, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 6513 West 300 South, New Palestine, IN 46163.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lesley A. Grotelueschen; children, Eric Grotelueschen (Wendy), Brett Grotelueschen (KF), Kristen Marie Brutcher (Joel) and Brandon Grotelueschen (Heidi); grandchildren, Max Grotelueschen (Stephanie), Jacob Brutcher (Sarah), Jared Brutcher, Jadon Brutcher, Ivy Grotelueschen, Aubrey Hoffman, Michael Hoffman and Forrest

Hoffman; great-grandchildren, Theodore, Lucette and Henry Brutcher; brother, David Grotelueschen (Judy); sisters-in-law, Betty Volzke (Doug), Julia “Judy” Ryden, and Carol Grotelueschen; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard “Dick” Grotelueschen; and brother-in-law, Michael Ryden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church, “More Than Bricks” Campaign, 6513 West 300 South, New Palestine, IN 46163.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery

6513 West 300 South  
New Palestine, IN 46163

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
6513 West 300 South  
New Palestine, IN 46163

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ He was my principal and teacher at st. Peters Lutheran school. He was awesome in both jobs. He had a large impact on me becoming a RN. I'm getting ready to retire after nursing for 38 plus years. My sisters and I still talk about him . He was a fantastic human being and teacher. So many things he did was fair and stern. It was what we needed as kids. I wish I could come but I am two days post op and unable to come. His death will touch the hearts of many people. You are getting a fantastic guardian angel.



Tonya L Longwell - November 28, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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“ Mr. Dan Grotelueschen was my teacher, basketball coach and Principal. He was a very good Christian man and Disciple of Jesus the Messiah. I pray comfort and joy for Mrs. Leslie Grotelueschen, wife, their children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren?, family, and friends.  
Fred C Mindach II

Zeke Foonman - November 27, 2025 at 12:34 PM

Normal isn't coming back.  
Jesus is.

“ I too, had Mr. Daniel Grotelueschen as a teacher, coach, and Principal. He was a good man, Godly in nature, and you knew that he loved all of the students (us). Mr. Grotelueschen had that needed spiritual gift/talent to be a very good teacher, leader, and friend. May God richly bless Leslie, a loving wife and best friend on earth of Mr. Grotelueschen. Blessings to all.  
Fred C Mindach II, St. Peter's Lutheran School Graduate of 1970.

Zeke Foonman - November 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Mr. Grotelueschen was my teacher and principal at St. Peter's. Out of respect for him, I can't refer to him as Dan. He was a good teacher and a great basketball coach. I have many wonderful memories. Because of his influence, I became a Lutheran teacher and principal. I am assured of some day spending eternity with him praising our Lord Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for letting me be a part of his life.*

*Rex Mindach*

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**Rex Mindach** - November 23, 2025 at 09:58 PM

Normal isn't coming back.  
Jesus is.

*Hi, Rex, my brother in life and brother in Christ Jesus!!!*

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**Zeke Foonman** - November 26, 2025 at 04:04 PM

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*To Whom It May Concern: Zeke Foonman is my play/fun name. My real name is Fred C Mindach II.*

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**Zeke Foonman** - November 26, 2025 at 04:07 PM