



## Donald W. Hankel

September 5, 1932 - August 31, 2017

Donald Wayne Hankel, 84, of Indianapolis, passed away August 31, 2017. He was born September 5, 1932 in Allen County, IN, to the late Carl and Esther Fetter Hankel. Don attended Bethlehem Lutheran School and graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School, Ft. Wayne. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL. Don began his career in education at Immanuel Lutheran School in Bremen, KS. He then spent 32 years teaching 4th grade at Trinity Lutheran School, Indianapolis. Don was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church; a member of the John Purdue Club and avid supporter of Purdue University.

Visitation will be Friday, September 8, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8540 E. 16th St., Indianapolis. Graveside services will be held Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Ft. Wayne, IN.

Don is survived by his nephews, Bryan (LeAnne), Steven (Barbara Mann) and Michael Hankel; and niece, Lisa Locascio (Tom). Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
8540 East 16th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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8540 East 16th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Graveside Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Concordia Cemetery Gardens  
5300 Lake Avenue  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46813

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mr. Hankel was my 8th grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. I had to have sinus surgery done that year and he came in from end of June all the way up until the second week of August. He helped me get caught up so I wouldn't be behind and I was all caught up until October. I went back to school two weeks earlier than I was supposed to. But I was bored. We had story time in the afternoon and he would read some and I would read some. We talked a lot about life. He was a wonderful person and a true teacher of God's word.*

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**Karen Wasson-Geis** - September 06, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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“*I always looked forward to an annual trip to West Lafayette for a Purdue football game with Don, including the breakfast we always stopped for at the Sunrise Diner. What I learned from Don was no matter what happened, greet it with a smile and laugh (even when we went to a fish fry that wasn't there). Your legacy of service and faith will be cherished at Trinity forever. Purdue lost a great fan, but the world lost a better person. Well done good and faithful servant!*

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**Joel Rolf** - September 04, 2017 at 11:32 AM