



## Jerome E. Spaude

September 1, 1928 - April 19, 2020

Jerome Spaude Called to His Savior's Side.

The Memorial Service for Jerome E. Spaude, age 91, of Fond du Lac, WI, is tentatively set for 1:00 pm on August 1, 2020, at Faith Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. Committal will be at Estabrooks Cemetery in Fond du Lac on April 25. Jerome passed away on Sunday morning, April 19, 2020 in Fond du Lac. The Kurki Funeral Chapel in Fond du Lac is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials are preferred to Michigan Lutheran Seminary or to any WELS ministry fund.

Jerome Eugene Spaude was born on September 1, 1928, in Lake Benton, MN. He was the son of Rev. Dr. Paul and Helen (Bade) Spaude. Jerome was baptized on September 9, 1928. He graduated from Dr. Martin Luther High School in New Ulm, MN in 1946. Jerome attained his undergraduate degree from Northwestern College in Watertown, WI, in 1950, and later graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, in 1954, with a Master of Divinity.

On July 18, 1954, Jerome was united in marriage to Lily Ryser at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI. Their union was blessed with five children, Catherine (Brian) Mowers, Pastor Philip (Susan) Spaude, Karen (Pastor Joel Thomford), Sharon (Pastor Philip Pitt), and Rebecca (James) Wilsmann. The Lord also blessed the union with six grandsons, five granddaughters, and 5

great grandchildren.

The family resided in various locations where Jerome served in WELS congregations beginning at Circle, MT, in 1954. In 1958 he accepted the pastorate at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Flint, MI. In 1970 he accepted a call to be languages professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, MI. He earned an MA degree from Michigan State University and taught Latin, German and Spanish courses at MLS.

Professor Spaude retired from teaching in 1993 but continued working in the Lord's Kingdom in various capacities. He (with his wife) served as supply or vacancy pastor in parishes from Alberta, Canada, to Tallahassee, FL. In his later years he enjoyed serving his congregation making home visits. With his wife and family of five children he also enjoyed traveling in the many states of the USA and later abroad, often with students on language tours.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and brother-in-law Lillian and Merle Werner, a brother and sister-in-law Prof. Cyril and Adela Spaude, a brother-in-law John Sazy, a brother and sister-in-law Prof. Luther and Ruth Spaude, and a brother-in-law Richard Neumann.

He is survived by his wife Lily, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law Prof. Milton and Nila Spaude, sisters and brothers-in-law Virginia and Prof. Bruce Backer, Victoria and Marvin Ulrich, a sister Marie Sazy, a sister-in-law Phyllis Neumann, and many nieces and nephews.

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)

# Cemetery Details

## **Estabrooks Cemetery**

Esterbrook Road  
Fond du Lac, WI

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Lily, Our sincere condolences to you and your family. We have fond memories of our time in Calgary when our paths crossed there. It was so wonderful to get to know you and Romie. We rejoice that Romie is now in Heaven with our Risen Savior and we send love to you and your family. God's blessings. Gail and Mike Esmay

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**Gail Esmay** - April 24, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ St Paul says that to "be with Christ is far better." Romie now knows personally how true that is. He and I were classmates and good friends at prep school in New Ulm, at Northwestern College and school mates at Seminary. Condolences to Lily and the family. Joel Gerlach

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**Joel Gerlach** - April 22, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Sympathy to you. Have good memories of Michigan Lutheran Seminary days with you. Marcus went dipping smelt with Romie and had a lot of fish. God's blessings. Marcus and Arlys Buch

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**Arlys Buch** - April 22, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ My Mother brought over my group confirmation picture two days ago. My wife Maryellen (Scharrer) and I have fond memories of growing up and his guidance. Thinking of you all.

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**Jon Clevenger** - April 21, 2020 at 06:26 PM

SD

“ Dear Spaude family- Prof Spaude was a pastor and teacher to three generations of Scharrer's and will always be in our hearts and memories. While we celebrate his eternal victory we also pray Jesus holds you close and provides you comfort.

Love

Dave Scharrer MLS 91

(Son of Dave and Chris and grandson of Clarence)

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Scharrer Jr Dave - April 21, 2020 at 05:51 PM

BM

“ Dear Lily and family: We rejoice that Prof. Spaude is home in heaven with our risen and ascended Lord, and know that all of you are turning to our loving God and his Word for comfort in this earthly loss.

"Romie" was one of my most favorite professors at MLS. I had him as a teacher for German II my senior year. He made the language come alive for us through German songs and writing and acting out skits (all in German) while he chuckled at us from the back of the classroom. And it was a tremendous blessing to get to know both of you better when Marc became his colleague at our dear school.

The two most frequent adjectives I have seen used to describe Prof. Spaude are "kind" and "gentle". Both are so apt! He had a true servant's heart towards his congregants, his students, and all he met.

One of the things I loved the most about him was his sense of humor and that ever-present twinkle in his eyes. I am quite certain he had to use both each day dealing with all of our high school antics! I can still hear his voice reminding us, "Class. The bell HAS rung!"

Thank you for sharing him with all of us! Much love to you from Saginaw.

Gott aber sei Dank, der uns den Sieg gegeben hat durch unsern HERRN Jesus Christus! 1 Corinthians 15:57

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Barbara Manthey - April 21, 2020 at 04:07 PM

LV

“ I always admired Professor Spaude for his fun and caring personality and his Christian example in life. You let me share your home on many weekends at MLS. There are so many wonderful memories from then. Cathy never got to be my roommate in the dorm but that kind of made up for it. :-) Such a loving family and I now rejoice with you that he is in heaven with our Savior and singing with the angels.

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**Laurie Voss** - April 21, 2020 at 03:50 PM

 Kevin Keller

“ My sincere condolences to the Spaude family over the earthly loss of my dear Professor Jerome Spaude. May Jesus continue to be your comfort and your strength. He is with the Lord now. We will look forward to seeing him again at our true home in heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

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**Kevin Keller** - April 21, 2020 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ My love and sympathy to the Spaude family. I have fond memories of my childhood pastor, growing in faith under his instruction at Emanuel, Flint. Pastor Spaude confirmed me, and then later on was my professor at MLS. I am grateful that I enjoyed so many good times with Cathy in the Spaude home. We rejoice in Pastor Spaude's faith and are thankful for his service to his Savior.

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**Cindy Gutgesell Milbrath** - April 21, 2020 at 01:36 PM