



Robert Mueller

March 8, 1926 - June 27, 2024

NORWAY –Robert (Bob) Mueller, 98, of Norway, MI entered into the glory of God on Thursday, June 27, 2024, on his 71st wedding anniversary! at the Oscar G. Johnson V. A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI.

Bob was born on March 8, 1926 in Irving, IL, the youngest child of the late Andrew and Laura (Duffner) Mueller, joining his siblings Russell and Leilah June. He was raised on a small farm, attending a one-room country school.

In 8th grade he lived in town with his Uncle Robert and Aunt Frances where he was catechized, memorizing perfectly hundreds of Bible verses, and confirmed. He was given John 17:3 as his life verse: “And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.”

Later, as a rebellious seventeen-year-old youth, while in a fit of rage, beating on the poor horse at the end of a cornrow, (in his own words), “GOD exploded into my life! I fell on my face in the dirt and said, ‘Oh, GOD! How foolish I have been!’” From that moment on, his life was not the same. Verses he had memorized years before, GOD brought back to him as he began to grow in his new walk with the LORD. He now wanted to know GOD, serve Him, and point others to Him.

After high school, he spent two years in the United States Navy during World War II, graduated from Elmhurst College, attended Wheaton Graduate School and graduated from Eden Theological Seminary.

While at Wheaton College, he married Alice Jarf on June 27, 1953 in Chicago, IL and then started a family.

From 1956-1972 he pastored churches in southern Illinois, Milwaukee, WI, and Carney Michigan. After an interlude selling for Farm Bureau Insurance, he became a chaplain at the VA hospital in Iron Mountain, MI where he served for 38 years until retirement in 2014. It was his joy to serve GOD in all these ways.

Bob was a man faithful to pray and passionate about sharing the love of Jesus and our sure hope of eternal life through faith in Christ's death. He understood we need to love GOD and people and use things, and not the other way around. He loved GOD and His Word, his family, friends, and colleagues, and his country.

He was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway, the Crystal Lake Community Center and Northern Lights YMCA.

He is survived by two sons, Rodney (Linnea) Mueller of Champaign, IL and Ronald (Ruthie) Mueller of Carney, MI; daughter Judi (Butch) Hayes of Norway; daughter-in-law Connie Mueller of Norway; 15 grandchildren, Jonathan (Friedy), Johanna (Micah), Daniel (Amy), Peter (Kelly), Rebecca (Keir), Steven (Bethany), Angela (Chad), Andrew, Isaac, Hannah, Joshua, Yesenia (Brent), Chelsea, Meaghan (Bryce), and Randy (Emily); 17 great-grandchildren, Alice and Robby, John and Lucas, Mia, Andrew and Ruby, Elise and Sara, Noah and Axel, Nate and Mikey, Mav and Eloise, Lucy and Owen; two brothers-in-law Alfred (Char) Jarf and John (Ella) Jarf of Oceanside, CA; and seven nieces and their families.

Besides his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, and his son, Gary in 2003; and great-grandsons Elias Pope, Caedon Swanson, and at least 9 babies who miscarried early and are safely HOME in the arms of Jesus.

Monetary donations may be designated, if desired, towards Gideons International, Walk of Life Pregnancy Services, Iron Mountain or Creation Research Institute.

The family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all his kind caregivers and friends over the past several years.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church with Rev. James Danielson officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Revered Mueller was a kind man and funny at times when he worked at the VA. I had the pleasure of knowing him as a person who loved his fellow Veterans. He will be missed. My sincere sympathy to all of his family.*

Priscilla Larson, Voluntary Service

Priscilla Larson - July 05, 2024 at 02:03 PM

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“ *Am so sorry to hear about Chaplain Bob. He was a kind, gentle man who was a great comfort to our veterans. He is now up with the angels and reunited with his beloved, Alice. My sincere sympathy to you all.*

Cynthia Gordon - July 03, 2024 at 10:25 AM

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“ *OH BOB!!! I'm so happy for you! I know you've been longing to see Alice and Gary for years and years. I'm so grateful to have known you since 2006, when I started working with you at the VA. I'm sending my sympathies to your family....I guess that Christmas letter won't be coming this year. I wish I could make it to your service to hug your family, but this will have to do. *happy tears for you, sad tears for me*-Love, Erin Recla: Imaging*

Erin Recla - July 02, 2024 at 11:14 AM