

Obituary
Robert Elmer Wobrock

Reverend Robert (Bob) Elmer Wobrock passed away in San Luis Obispo, California on Thursday, January 9, 2025. He was 93 years old.

Bob was born on July 2, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan, to Eleanor and Elmer Wobrock. After graduating from 8th grade in public school, he began his ministerial training at Concordia High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Following high school and several years of college, he attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, where he met his future wife, Corinne Gaver, a nursing student at Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. They were married on August 27, 1955, just before Bob embarked on his vicarage in Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Bob graduated from Concordia Seminary in 1957 and spent the next 60 years in ministry in California. Shortly before graduation, he received a "divine call" from the Southern California District Mission Board to establish a new congregation in the Anaheim area. Thus, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church was born, and so was his first of ten children, who arrived on the early morning of his very first sermon.

After eight years, Bob accepted a call to Emmaus Lutheran Church in Alhambra, where he served as senior pastor for 12 years. He then became the Administrator of California Lutheran Homes, later serving as the Resource Development Director for Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes of the West. His final ministry role was as Life Enrichment Minister at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Redwood City, where he served the seniors of the congregation and community until his retirement in 2013.

After retiring, Bob and Corinne lived in Springville, California, spent a short time in Selma, California, and eventually settled in Morro Bay, California. If you called and left a message, you would hear his familiar greeting: "It's a great day in Morro Bay! In their later years, they lived at their son Joel's care home, *Bob and Corky's*, where they received exceptional care from their family and the loving and dedicated staff.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Corinne, and their 8 children: Christine (Jim), Rachel, Phil (Carline), Joel (Tuzzan), Sarah (Tim), Hannah (Karl), Mary (Tom), and Nathan (Olivia); 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Reverend David; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Eleanor and Elmer; two children, Gretchen and Jonathan; and his sister, Carol Ann.

Bob enjoyed life! He was always optimistic, never looking for the bad in anything but instead seeing the good. When you were in Bob's presence, he made you feel so special. Bob loved his schooling, his ministries, his odd jobs, his friends, but most of all Bob loved his Lord and family! "Well done, good and faithful servant!"