



Rev. Robert Jackson Mikulastik

November 3, 2023

The Rev. Robert Jackson Mikulastik (aka Pastor Bob) died peacefully at home at the age of 80 on November 3, 2023. Bob was born on April 12, 1943 in Dallas, TX to Blanche and Robert Mikulastik. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1961 and was a graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in Accounting in 1967. Bob served in the Army during The Vietnam War from 1967-69. It was in the jungles of Vietnam that Bob was confirmed in the Lutheran Church and his life of ministry began. In 1971, Bob entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL, graduating in May of 1976 with a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Sacred Theology.

During Bob's Vicarage on Long Island, NY, he met his future wife, Mari, who was a student teacher at the time, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They were married in 1976, and just celebrated their 47th anniversary in August of this year.

Bob began his ministry at Faith Lutheran Church in Corsicana, TX in 1976. His ministry continued at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Hartford, CT in 1986, where he worked alongside his wife who was the Director of Bethany Lutheran Nursery School for many years. He retired from Bethany in 2009, and went on to be the vacancy Pastor at Prince of Peace in Coventry, CT for the following 10 years.

Bob is survived by his wife Mari (Klemer) Mikulastik, by his daughter Dawn Mikulastik Gagliardi (Peter) and his three grandchildren, Rio Louise, Florence Rose (Dolly) and Simon Jackson. He is also survived by his brothers Tommy Mikulastik (Sharon), Ricky Mikulastik (Tonie), Brother-in-law Tom Klemer (Mary Lou) and Sister-in-law Kathryn Davies. Bob is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends.

A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1655 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT. All are invited to attend a luncheon at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Bob's name to Bethany Lutheran Nursery School, 1655 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT.

Peace out, Daddy-O.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

Bethany Lutheran Church
1655 Blvd.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences to Mari, Dawn and family. Bob was a wonderful example of a humble man. Looking forward to the day we will see Bob again, Rev 20:11-12. Jeff & Lorine Rosenthal*

Jeff Rosenthal - November 12, 2023 at 09:19 AM

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