



## Robert Stuehlmeier

March 21, 1929 - April 9, 2020

Robert “Bob” Lee Stuehlmeier

Bob was born at home in Centralia, IL, on March 2, 1929. His parents were Leo H. and Lucille (Francois) Stuehlmeier (deceased). He weighed about 2 & ½ pounds, and the Dr. said he wouldn’t live, and didn’t issue a birth certificate. He slept in a tiny sewing machine drawer on a hot water bottle and was fed with an eye dropper. He wasn’t supposed to survive, but God had a plan for his life.

Bob had a brother, Lawrence (Bud) Stuehlmeier (Deceased), and a sister, Arlene (Stuehlmeier) Mosby (Deceased) & Bill.

Bob married Mary Louise (Sherman) Stuehlmeier (Deceased) on August 30th, 1947. They bought a one room house, with no water, in Hubbards Woods. Bob would stop by his parent’s house and pick up water every night after work. Bob and Mary celebrated 70 years of marriage on August 30th, 2017. They had 4 children, Connie Lee (Stuehlmeier) Simmons (Deceased), Penny Kay (Stuehlmeier) Robb and Sterling, Robert Brent Stuehlmeier and Debbie, and Larry Wayne Stuehlmeier and Lisa. Bob and Mary had 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bob started working for the IL Central Railroad when he was 15 years old, he held many positions but enjoyed working in the wood mill as a carman. He helped build the caboose that is in Fairview Park. He worked for 45 years and retired at age 60. He enjoyed 31 years of retirement.

Bob loved Cardinal Baseball and Orphans Basketball. Bob and Mary loved to

travel, they went to Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Rome, Paris, London, Venice, Austria, Netherlands, two trips to Germany, Mexico, Canada, and most of the US, including two trips to Alaska, and two trips to Hawaii. They visited 14 countries together.

Bob's passion and heart have been in serving the Lord and his church faithfully. He was a charter member of Eternity Baptist Church, where he has held many positions over the years. He helped build several of the church buildings, he served as Deacon and was the church song leader for many of the early years. He was the Training Union Director and Associational Training Union Director. But his most cherished positions were that of Church Historian of 63 years and being a Sunday School teacher for 65 years. He was actively still teaching the adult men's class until his death. He wrote and had published, ETERNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, A Pictorial History, about the history of the church.

Bob was born during the Great Depression and died during a pandemic.

Bob passed away peacefully at his home from natural causes, surrounded by family, on Thursday, April 9, 2020. He was 91 years old.

Bob's memory will be treasured, and he will always be loved and missed dearly, but Bob and Mary are together again, rejoicing in Heaven.

Due to the pandemic, a private funeral service for Robert "Bob" Stuehlmeier will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and the service will be broadcasted and uploaded to the Funeral Home website after 1:00 PM. Entombment will be held at Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum in Centralia. Memorials may be made to the Eternity Baptist Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Stuehlmeier Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfunerlahome.com](http://www.sutherlandfunerlahome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

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Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 16, 2020 at 05:39 PM



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Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 16, 2020 at 05:22 PM

DW

*Allen & I watched & heard this. Good words. Thinking of the family in thoughts & prayers.  
Allen & Donna Wooters*

Donna Wooters - April 16, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MR

*Nice service and praise the Lord, Bob now lives with our Savior.  
Prayers for the family.*

Marti Routh - April 17, 2020 at 12:32 AM

DW

“ Thinking of you all in thoughts & prayers.  
Sorry for your loss. With sincere sympathy,  
Allen & Donna Wooters



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**Donna Wooters** - April 15, 2020 at 08:32 AM

WR

“ We are sorry for your families loss. Praying all  
the cherished memories will overcome a lot of  
the heartaches. May the Lord bring you  
comfort knowing your dad did his last days  
still teaching the word. We will be praying and  
thinking of all of you during the service of a different time in all of our  
lives. God knew and wrote of these days. He also knew when he  
would call your dad to come home. Bless you all. Love and hugs  
from Wes and Marti



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**Wes and Marti Routh** - April 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM

LE

“ I am so sorry for the passing of Robert. He was such a good man.  
Prayers for his family. May God richly bless all of you

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**Laura Ervin** - April 14, 2020 at 09:25 AM

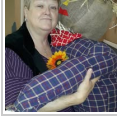
CD

“ Prayers & sympathy for family & friends.

*Bob always had kind word and big smile for Kelly and I whenever  
we saw him. Much love, Connie Jo Donahoo*

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**connie Jo Havens Donahoo** - April 10, 2020 at 06:09 PM



*this is from family of Larry Robbins. so sorry for your loss us kids Debbie, Nancy and Christina have known yor parents all of our lives. Our dad Larry knew your dad and mom really well. Dad has been gone for 3 years, but before hia death he would still go to see them when he was in town. Our familes where close during the early years of Eternity Baptist Church. I know you dad was very influential in helping my dad become a pastor in the early days and them when dad came back to the Lord your dad he talked with your dad often. Your dad was a great man. Also he was good friends with my aunt and uncle Verna and Ken Trieglaff both of them have passed away. What a homecoming I know they are having right now in the presence of the Lord!!!! My God be with your entire family during this time. You know for sure he is in God's presence. Sending prayers for your family. from Debbie Robbins Mighell, Nancy and Phil Potter, Christina and Robbie Hegwood, June (Robbins) and John Douglas and our entire family.*

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**Debbie Mighell** - April 13, 2020 at 06:28 PM

KC

*Bob was a treasured servant of the Lord our God, and He will be missed, not only in heart, but in his ministries in the Church. It is such a blessing to know that so many of his family follow in his footsteps, what a legacy he has left. many are in service to the Lord in part because of Bob. I pray God blesses your family with great peace and comfort during this time. I was very blessed to know him and many of you*

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**kevin cox** - April 14, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RL

*Bob and Mary were such godly people. I loved and respected them both. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Eternity Baptist Church family. He is with his precious Savior and his precious Mary.*

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**Roger & Glenda Lipe** - April 15, 2020 at 12:34 PM