



## Robert "Bob" K. Hall

May 22, 1937 - February 19, 2024

Robert Kurtz Hall, age 86, went into the loving arms of his “best friend”, Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ on February 19, 2024. Robert (Bob) was born on May 22, 1937, in Maywood, Illinois to parents, the late Bruce & Gladys Hall. He was predeceased by a brother Harold and two sisters Normalee and Kathryn.

Bob was a graduate of Luther North High School, Chicago Illinois. He graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts from Valparaiso University. He later went on to receive a Bachelor of Divinity (1970) and a Master of Divinity (1985) from Concordia Theological Seminary.

In High School, Bob sat on the Student Council all four years, culminating into being voted as Student Council President his Senior Year. He was named “Mr. Popular” in his Yearbooks and his classmates referred to him as “Bobby”, “Big Blue Eyes”, and “Everybody’s Pal”. Bob was also an athlete, playing basketball & tennis. As awesome as all these accolades might sound, his greatest day of High School came when he met a lovely young lady by the name of Patricia Thiel. From their junior year on, the two of them were inseparable and eventually graduated and went off to Valparaiso University together. How fitting, while at Valpo, Bob was a brother of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity; their motto was “Better Men for a Better World”.

Bob married his High School sweetheart, Patricia Thiel, on August 22, 1958 (Junior year of college).

Bob and Pat went on to have five wonderful children, Cherie (1960), Wendy (1963), Patty (1964), Craig (1965) and Debbie (1972).

He worked at Sears, Roebuck & Company in North Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois in the Audio Visual and Marketing Department from 1959- 1966.

Hearing God's call to service, Bob served as a Lutheran, Missouri Synod, Minister for 35 years from 1967-2002. During these years, his preference was to lead mission churches & evangelism was always his #1 focus.

- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Edwardsville, Indiana
- Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
- Faith Lutheran Church, Madison, Indiana
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tell City, Indiana

After his retirement from full-time Ministry, Bob continued to serve the Lord. He served as a temporary Pastor at several churches; providing stability & leadership to congregations until permanent Pastors were assigned. His final pastoral position was serving, for an extended period, at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Post-retirement, Bob also felt the need to invest in our youth. He provided spiritual guidance to disadvantaged youth at the Lutherwood Children's Home, Indianapolis, Indiana. He always remained a passionate voice of love, hope, and empathy to young people.

Bob had quite a zest for life.

- Avid Reader (Hemingway, Michener, Ambrose, etc).

- Love for Cinema; he and Pat had an extensive movie collection.
- Sports Fan: Joe Louis, Colts (Manning), Celtics (Bird), Pacers, UK, Tennis (Borg), etc.
- Love for Music (Jazz, Classical, Four Freshman, Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra, etc.)
- Loved to Sing; sang praises to the Lord in numerous church choirs
- Pat & Bob often attended the Symphony in Indianapolis.
- Art Enthusiast (Rembrandt, Georgia O'Keefe, Van Gogh, etc.)

Bob lived out his faith and rested on the promise of Isaiah 40:31, "But they that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they shall soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, and they will not faint."

He is survived by his wife, Pat (Thiel) Hall, after a loving and wonderful marriage of over 65 years; four daughters, Cheryl Hall of Lubbock, Texas, Wendy Hall of Maplewood, New Jersey, Patty Benson of Lantana, Florida, Debbie Gish of Carmel, Indiana; a son Craig Hall of Rancho Palos Verdes, California; 11 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

The Hall family will receive friends Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Shirley Brothers Funeral Home, 9900 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, Indiana. A worship service honoring Bob's life will be held shortly thereafter at 5 p.m. Pastor David McClean will preside. Interment will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024- 2:30 p.m. at Mount Emblem Cemetery, 520 E Grand Ave, Elmhurst, Illinois.

In Bob's memory, donations can be provided to the Lutheran Child & Family Services.

Go to [www.lutheranfamily.org](http://www.lutheranfamily.org) to discover how you can help.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
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## Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Mount Emblem Cemetery  
520 East Grand Avenue  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for your faithful stewardship. A donation was made to Lutheran Child & Family Services in Pastor Hall's honor.

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church*

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**Shepherd of the Hills** - February 26, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - February 23, 2024 at 01:35 PM

DD

“ Dr D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" K. Hall.

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**Dr D.** - February 23, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LD

“ Praying for you, Aunt Pat and family, during this time of heartache and loss. Uncle Bob and his prayerful spirit will be greatly missed. He truly was called to witness the love of our Lord by following his heart with his unwavering faith. The heavens have gained a genuinely humble servant who understood the earthly journey as a mere stepping stone to the gift of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Rest in Peace, Uncle Bob ~ you are loved dearly. Linda and Ron DeNicolo & family



Linda DeNicolo - February 22, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" K. Hall.



February 21, 2024 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ Pat, we send our love and condolences and, also, the assurance of Bob's eternal rest. May God give you His peace and understanding through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Denny and Linda McCombs - February 20, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MK

“ Max & Sharon Willingham White and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" K. Hall.

Max & Sharon Willingham White and kids - February 20, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" K. Hall.*



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February 20, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *I often would go to Cheryl's house when we were in college. I became just another kid in the Hall Clan, and he often gave me guidance. Even as an adult, he sat me down one time and talked to me about some heavy life experiences I was having at the time. I will cherish the last time we spoke at the Art Museum talking of Van Gogh, Monet and our love of books. RIP. You are missed here on Earth, and will be rejoiced in Heaven.*

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**Jonna Asher** - February 20, 2024 at 06:43 PM

CH

*Thank you Jonna. Your words bring me joy. You are part of our family. My dad thought the world of you.*

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**cheryl hall** - February 21, 2024 at 10:12 AM

DE

*Dear Pat and family,  
1971 was an exciting time for Shepherd of the Hills - starting a new church, being blessed with a young pastor and family and building a church. Pastor Bob Hall was dear to us as a congregation and to Paul and I and family as our much loved pastor, our friend and neighbor. We wish we could be with you to help celebrate his life, but circumstances (Paul is homebound with advanced Parkinson) keep us away. We would love to see all of you. We are all saddened for you, but know he is safe in our Savior's arms. Love to all of you, Donna, Paul and Kim,  
Eric & Todd Eisert*

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**Donna Eisert** - February 22, 2024 at 12:11 AM

KP

“ *Our sincere condolences -  
Donation was made to Lutheran Child & Family Services in memory  
of Robert "Bob" K Hall  
from your Global family*

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**Kami Patel** - February 20, 2024 at 03:09 PM

RT

“ Russ, Walter, Hilda, Sandie and teams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert K. Hall.

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Russ, Walter, Hilda, Sandie and teams - February 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" K. Hall.



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February 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM