

Bob's Life Story

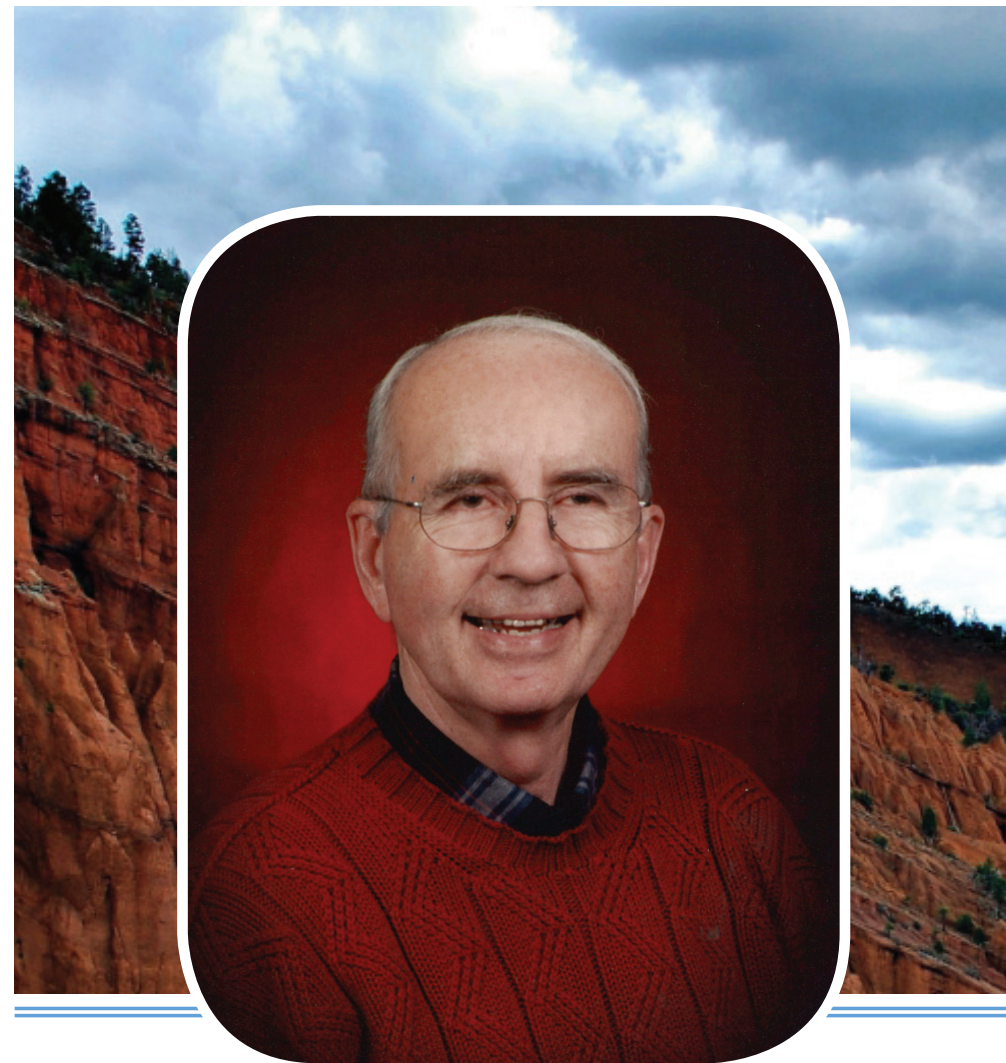
Robert "Bob" Charles Stewart was born on Nov. 24, 1936 to Frank and Ella (Johnson) Stewart in Milaca (MN) and passed away peacefully on May 16, 2023 at age 86. Bob loved playing football, basketball, baseball, and competing in track. He graduated from Milaca High School in 1954. Football and track were also highlights of his time at St. Cloud State College where he graduated with degrees in history and physical education. He did graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

Bob married Joanne Sahlstrom of Milaca on Aug. 16, 1958. They spent the summer of 1963 on a European camping trip, picking up a red Volkswagen bug in Hamburg and driving it on a grand but humble tour of the continent. They shipped the Volkswagen home from the port of Rotterdam, and for 16 years, its distinctive rumble accompanied Bob's commute to work.

Bob taught and coached at Mounds View High School from 1958 - 2004. While there, he coached 32 years of football, 12 years of cross country, 42 years of track, and was active in developing and promoting the weight training program. As head track coach from 1963 - 1985, Bob's dedication to athletes and teams helped establish a tradition that continues to thrive. Mounds View's *Stewart Track and Field* was named in recognition of him. While at Mounds View, his calm and even-tempered demeanor earned him the nickname "Mellow Bob." A man of deep faith, Bob shared it by leading a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) huddle, meeting weekly at his home for many years. The consistent way he lived his life was his most effective testimony.

Bob enjoyed travel his whole life. On summer breaks when his sons were young, the family would head west for camping trips. Memorable stops included Reptile Gardens and Yellowstone, Glacier, and Dinosaur Parks. In later years, the pace was more leisurely, and accommodations less spartan with family trips to the North Shore and Gull Lake. His grandchildren kept him busy hiking, fishing, disc golfing, and rollerblading. After retiring, Bob returned to the track as an athlete, throwing the discus and hammer in the Minnesota Senior Games and other regional competitions. As soon as the snow melted each spring, he was eager to resume throwing.

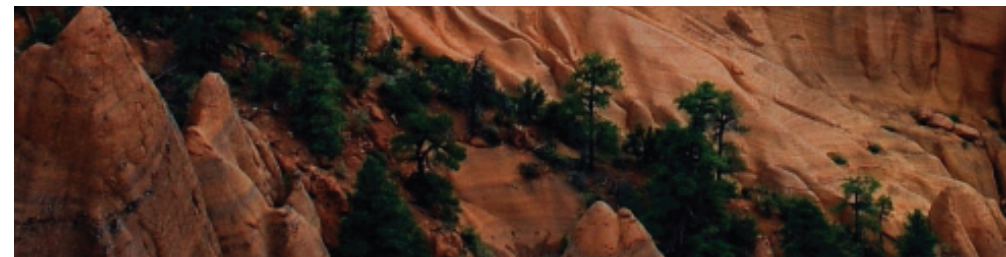
Bob met Jesus on May 16, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ella Stewart; sister Lucille McAlister; brother Dick Stewart; brother-in-law Pat McAlister; nephew Jim McAlister; and grandfather Nels Johnson. Bob is survived by wife of 64 years, Joanne; sons Paul (Leigh) Stewart and Mark (Doreen) Stewart; granddaughter Hannah (Luke) Brogan; grandson Caleb Stewart; great-granddaughters Kealani and Indie Brogan; sister Diane (Herb) Hedin; sister-in-law Judy Stewart; and many nephews and nieces.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Coach Bob Stewart

NOV. 24, 1936 – MAY 16, 2023



Celebration of Life

Jun. 5, 2023 | First Evangelical Free Church | Maplewood, MN

Welcome & Prayer

Worship – "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 41:10,13 and Psalm 46:1-3,10-11 • Caleb Stewart (Grandson)
John 14:1-4 • Hannah Brogan (Granddaughter)

Memories

Mark Stewart (Son)

Worship – "Blessed Assurance"

Memories

Dick Riter (Coach & Track Official)
Derrick Grow (National Leadership & Expansion Coach – Cru)
Ross Fleming (Teacher & Coach – Mounds View High School)

Message

Prayer & Benediction

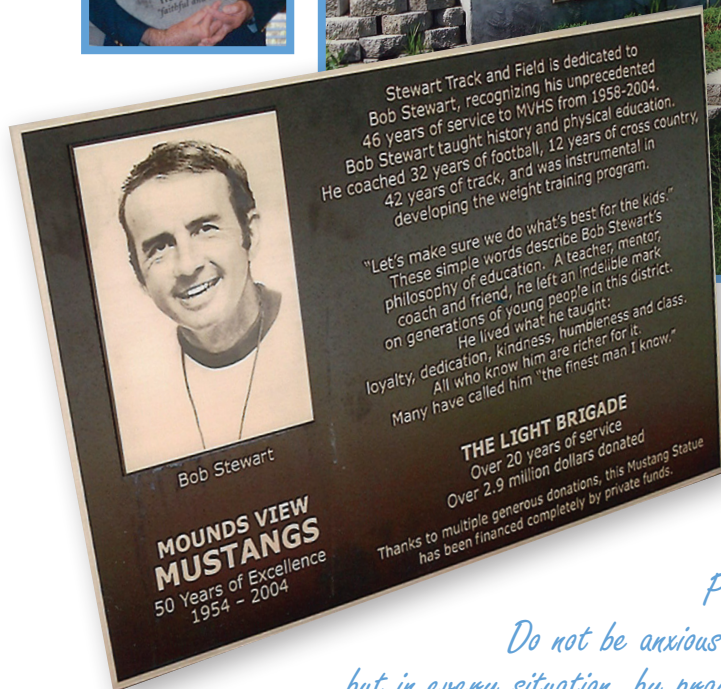
Lunch – Please join our family for a meal in the Gym.

Service Leaders

Officiant – Pastor Todd Olson
Pianist – Kirsten King
Worship Leader – Kari Berglund

Memorial Gifts

When giving in honor of Bob's faith and legacy, please consider
The Alzheimer's Association or another organization you love.



Philippians 4:6-7

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*