



Rev. Donald Llewellyn Roberts

March 29, 1930 - January 3, 2023

Donald Llewellyn Roberts, age 92, of New Brighton, passed away on January 3, 2023. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on March 29, 1930, son of the late Llewellyn and Mabel Roberts, Don graduated from Bassick High School in 1948. He also graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts; as well as the University of Cincinnati. Additionally, Don received his doctorate degree from Drew University, in Madison, New Jersey. Don served as a pastor in Millgrove Bible Church in Alden, New York; Madeira Baptist Church in Madeira, Ohio; Black Rock Church in Fairfield, Connecticut; First Baptist Church in Corvallis, Oregon; and Glastonbury Community Church in Glastonbury, CT. In later years, he also served as interim pastor at Grace Church, an Evangelical Free Church in Wyoming, MN and Stillwater Evangelical Free Church in Stillwater, MN. Don and his wife, June Phyllis Roberts, were married for more than 67 years. Together, they often described their ministry as one of preaching, teaching, and reconciliation.

Prior to his military service, Don worked at Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Connecticut. He then served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Japan during the Korean war. He was a frequent contributor to numerous publications and authored three books. His third book - *The Persevering Church* - published in 2017, represents a diligent work which Don wrote at age 87. Earlier writing pursuits found distinction: Don was awarded the George

Washington Honor Medal in 1969 and in 1972 for his writing in the Category: Letter to the Editor by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA. In 1976, Don won the Freedoms Foundation "Principal Award" for the Category: Letter to the Editor. This award carried their highest honor and was also accompanied by the George Washington Honor Medal. Finally, in 1977, Don was awarded the "Valley Forge Honor Certificate" in the Category: Sermons.

An avid sportsman, Don's first love was baseball - favoring his art as a knuckleball pitcher. Basketball, racquetball, and fishing were lifelong interests. A literary man and prolific reader, he was well known for his wit. Throughout his lifetime, Don cherished his many friends across the country.

Don is survived by his wife, June, and three children, Ruth (Bruce) Tharaldson, David (Laurie) Roberts, and Carol Roberts. He was a loving grandfather to Ben Tharaldson, Evan Tharaldson, Julia (Roberts) Satterlie, and Kyle Roberts, as well as a great-grandfather to Caleb and Anna Tharaldson. Don also leaves a beloved niece and nephew, Leslie "Boo" (Robinett) Nuccio, and James Robinett of Trumbull, CT.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Rev. Donald L. Roberts to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, P.O. Box 67, Valley Forge, PA 19481 or at <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/support/donations/> Alternatively, contributions may be made to Reach Global, an Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) missionary outreach. <https://reachglobal.ministries.efca.org/>

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 6th at 11:30 a.m. at Stillwater Evangelical Free Church, 7671 Manning Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082.

A private family burial will take place February 7th at Fort Snelling National

Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Stillwater Evangelical Free Church
7671 Manning Avenue North
Stillwater, MN 55082

Church Service

FEB 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Reception

FEB 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Donald Llewellyn Roberts



Washburn-McReavy - February 02, 2023 at 05:00 PM

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“ I just today discovered the notice of Don's passing. I worked with him closely over a number of years in the ministry of the North Central District of the EFCA. Don and I helped a variety of pastors and leaders in the licensing and ordination process. Don's kindness, sharp thinking, writing skills, and quick humor were a blessing. He loved Christ and the Bible and the church. I was blessed to know him and serve with him. May the resurrected Christ's victory be a comfort to the family. --Rev. Dave Linde, Circle Pines, MN

Dave Linde - March 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM

RQ

“ I am sorry for your loss. My father served in Japan with the 441st Counterintelligence Company from 1952-1954. They may have served together. Rick Qualy

Rick Qualy - January 29, 2023 at 01:19 PM

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One of my favorite memories is of the day Pastor Roberts and my husband baptized our eldest son in the pool of one our church members.

Also, the day Pastor Roberts did the funeral of my mother and offered a very clear salvation message for those attending. Our family will always cherish our memories of him.

Susan Ingersoll - March 04, 2023 at 01:27 PM