



## Robert E. Martinson "Bob"

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Robert Elmer Martinson "Bob" of Edina passed away peacefully January 11th, 2024. Bob grew up in Edina and graduated in 1953. Bob had the nickname "Golden toe" as he was the kicker for the Hornet football team. After High School, he attended Gustavus in 1953 where he met Marilyn J Anderson, the love of his life. Robert enlisted in the Army on December 27th, 1954 becoming a paratrooper in the 11th and 101st Airborne Divisions, stationed in Munich, Germany. Upon his return to Minneapolis, he attended the U of M, graduating with a B.A. in Architecture and started working as an architect in Minneapolis. Bob and Marilyn were married June 1st 1958 and had 2 children Karin and Brian. The family then moved to Boston where Bob earned his Masters of Architecture from Harvard University in 1968. The family returned to Minneapolis and he continued his architecture career with Stagaberg, and later Ellerbe, primarily working in commercial design and building. Later, he branched off on his own designing and building single-family custom homes, until joining Hennepin County as a Project Manager. His leadership in completing the Hennepin County jail was instrumental in seeing this complex project to completion, and the crown jewel of his career!

Bob always made family a priority. He was a longtime coach of youth athletics in Edina. He and Marilyn never missed a game, an opportunity to play catch

or go skating with Brian, attend a band concert, or dance routine for Karin. They always made it a priority to support the many piano recitals, plays and sporting events for their grandchildren, in Wisconsin and Colorado. Bob enjoyed the many Canadian fishing trips with family and good friends. He loved offering advice to his family which was always well received. He was faithful, thoughtful, creative, artistic and a supportive man that had unwavering integrity. He led by example, putting his faith first in all aspects of life.

Bob and Marilyn were married for 62 years. He is survived by his two children Karin (Vance) Martinson/Nelson (New Brighton, MN) and Brian (Denise) Martinson (Superior, CO) and granddaughters Madilynn, Lea, and Grace Martinson, his sister Marian Moser (Burnsville, MN), and brother-in law Larry (Sonja) Anderson (Frost, MN) along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, parents Elmer and Freda Martinson (Edina, MN), mother and father-in-law Senator Ernest and Olive Anderson (Frost, MN), a brothers-in-law John Schultz (Apple Valley, MN), Jim (Monk) Moser (Burnsville, MN) and James Anderson (Frost, MN).

Some of Bob's positive encouragement: "After a disappointment, there will always be an opportunity". "Make a list, evaluate and always follow your gut".

His thoughtful compassion, strong faith, creativity, love, and heartfelt advice will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all who knew him.

The Family would like to thank Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington for their unwavering care and compassion this past year. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington or Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis MN.

Services will be Friday, January 26th, 11am with visitation one hour prior at

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)  
5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Church Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Church Service for Robert Elmer Martinson in memory of Robert E. Martinson "Bob" ”



Washburn-McReavy - January 24, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Bob was a member of Minnesota Real Estate Investors (MNREIA) for years. Always positive and looking for opportunities to network. You'll be missed. ”

Les Jepsen - June 06, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert E. Martinson "Bob". ”



January 24, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ Warren DeHaan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Martinson "Bob". ”

Warren DeHaan - January 24, 2024 at 11:26 AM