

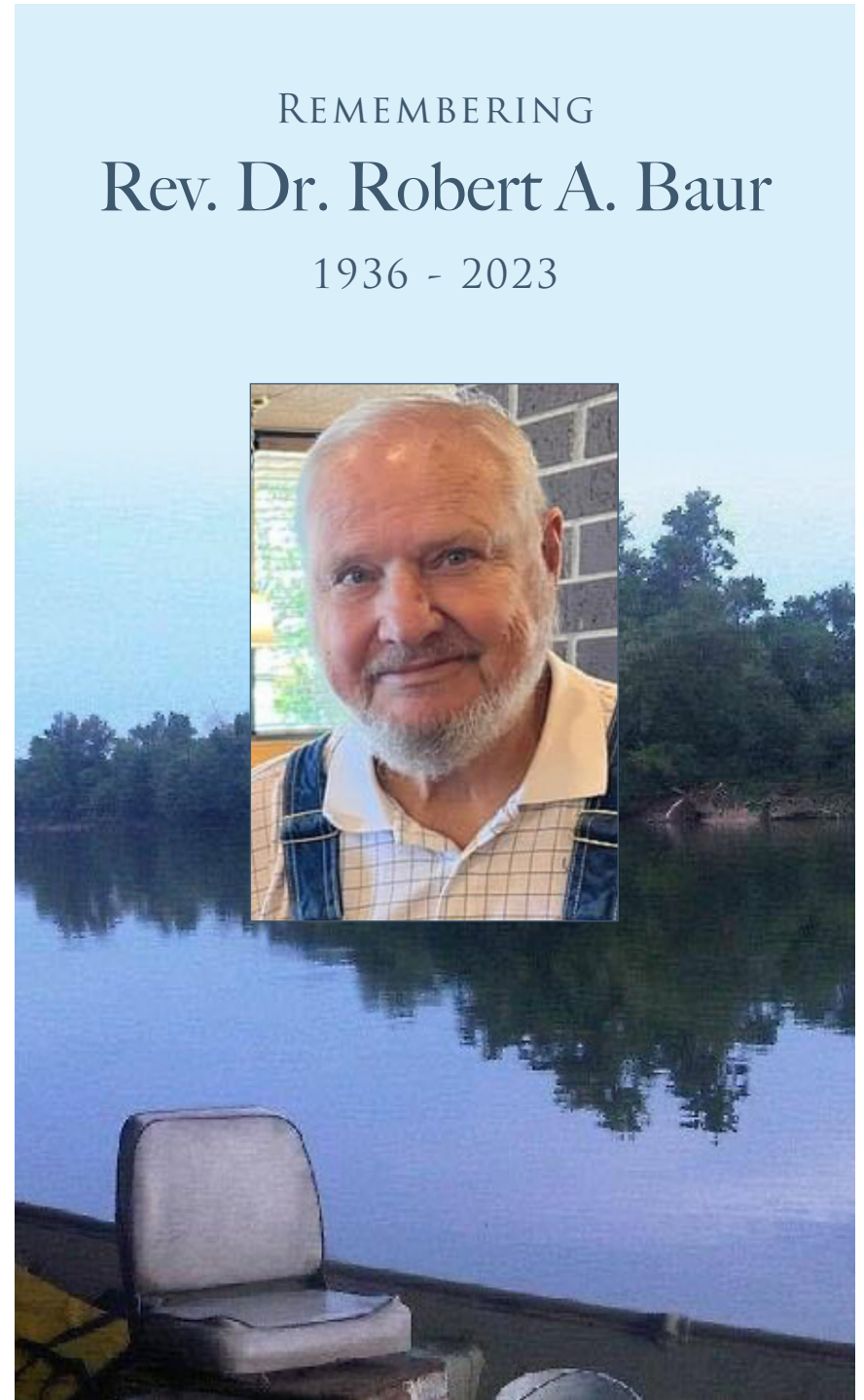
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved
for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all who
have longed for his appearing.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8



IN APPRECIATION

Bob's family wish to express their sincere appreciation
for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended
to each of them during this time.



REMEMBERING Bob

The Reverend Dr. Robert A. Baur, age 86, of Jefferson City, Mo. passed away Monday, February 6, 2023, at Primrose Living Community surrounded by family.

Bob was born on September 2, 1936, in Waco, Tx. a son of Herbert Paul and Dorothy (Axthelm) Baur. His family moved to High Ridge, Mo. when Bob was young and then to New Bremen, Ohio when he was in high school. He became a 1954 graduate of New Bremen High School.

It was during his time in high school that he met the love of his life, Evelyn Ruth Bassler. They were married in 1958 in New Bremen, Ohio and blessed with 64 years of marriage.

Bob would continue his education by receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Heidelberg College in 1958. After graduating he decided to follow his father's path and pursued his calling as a minister. He graduated from Eden Seminary in 1961 with his doctorate in theology.

He was an ordained minister for over 50 years serving churches throughout Missouri. He served as the Senior Pastor at Central United Church of Christ in Jefferson City, Mo. for eight years until he took the role as Executive Director with the Evangelical Children's Home (now known as "Every Child's Hope") in St. Louis, Mo. He was passionate about his role working with children and was there for 20 years, retiring in 1999. Even during his retirement, Bob continued to serve others and preached Sunday services at numerous United Church of Christ locations.

He volunteered as a past president of the Missouri Childcare Association to advocate for children at the Missouri Capitol and as a past president of the Council of Health and Human Services Ministries (CHHSM). This organization helped serve all the United Church of Christ organizations. He was currently a member of Oasis United Church of Christ in Jefferson City.

Bob loved being in nature and one of his favorite places was being with family at their home on the Gasconade River. He cherished memories with his children and grandchildren on the river, especially fishing and tending to his vegetable garden with them. He faithfully cheered for the St. Louis Cardinals with a ballgame always on at the house.

Survivors include: his loving wife, Evelyn Baur; three children, Beth Baur (Gary) of West Orange, NJ, Amy Baur Hofer (Dana) of Des Plaines, IL, and Paul R. Baur (Alisha) of Osage Beach, MO; one brother, Ron Baur (Janet) of Fort Myers, FL; and four grandchildren, Eli Hofer, Tyler Lynch, Rob Baur, and Alex Baur.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Order of Service

***Call to Worship (Responsive in bold)**

We gather here in the protective shelter of God's healing love. We are free to pour out our grief and face our emptiness and know that God cares.

We gather here as God's people, conscious of the frailty of our existence on earth.

We come to comfort and support one another in our common loss.

We gather to hear God's word of hope and to celebrate and give thanks for the life and witness of Bob Baur. We gather to offer God our praise as we celebrate the Good News of Christ's resurrection.

For whether we live or whether we die we belong to God.

A Musical Offering Tyler Lynch

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned, what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Scripture Readings..... Psalm 23, 1 Timothy 6:11 - 12

A Musical Offering Paul Baur

Words of Appreciation, Remembrance & Faith..... Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray,
Family and Friends

Silence for Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession Rev. Gary Schulte

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Commendation**

***Song of Simeon** (in unison)

Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

***Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***Benediction**

*(*Please stand as you are able)*