

Obituary for Elizabeth Wolff Mohr

Elizabeth Wolff Mohr passed through death into eternal life on Sunday, October 2, 2016 in Fredericksburg, Texas at the age of 98. Lib was born to Dr. August L. Wolff and Elizabeth Koch Wolff on November 23, 1917 in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated in 1935 from Brackenridge High School in San Antonio. She graduated from Texas Lutheran College and from the University of San Antonio, where she received her B.A. She taught school in Pflugerville as well as San Antonio. She met her husband, The Reverend Doctor Vernon Mohr, when he came to St. John's Lutheran Church to serve as an intern alongside Lib's father. Lib and Vern were married at St. John's in 1945. Vern later was called to become a pastor at St. John's, and they remained in San Antonio for nine years.

In 1956 Vern was elected to the office of President, and later Bishop, of the Southern District of the American Lutheran Church. The family moved to Seguin, Texas for one year, and then to Austin, Texas. One of the highlights of the Mohrs' years together was when they traveled to Africa in 1973 to represent their national church body at the inauguration of the first Black African Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Nigeria, Africa. Lib and Vern also lived and served in Denmark where Vern was called to serve a three-year term at the International Lutheran Church of Copenhagen. Upon retirement the Mohrs fulfilled a long-time dream by moving to Fredericksburg, Texas where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Lib was a very active volunteer, serving on church councils at St. Martin's Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Church, and serving on stewardship and worship committees and on the altar guild, as well as singing in the choir and serving as choir librarian. In the communities where she lived she also volunteered at hospitals, in the PTA, and as a Head Start assistant. She and Vern mentored at Fredericksburg elementary school, delivered Meals on Wheels, prepared and delivered home-cooked holiday meals to shut-ins, and served on Fredericksburg's 150th anniversary committee to secure volunteers and act as docents.

Lib loved all of her families: her relatives, her church family, and her wonderful caregivers at Heritage Place in Fredericksburg. She always had a kind word for everyone and a giving nature. She and Vern were true soul mates, and even though Lib was not an ordained minister theirs was definitely a team ministry. She was a magnificent entertainer and loved to feed new pastors and their wives or other groups at big dinner parties at the parsonage.

Preceding Lib in death are her spouse, Dr. Vernon Mohr; brother August L. Wolff and his wife, Lucille; niece Dianne Wolff Zoch; and nephew August L. Wolff, Jr. Survivors include daughter Lisa Verstuyft and spouse Ron of Kingsland, Texas; daughter Martha Rinn and spouse Ray of Seguin, Texas; grandson Adam Rinn and spouse Dawn and great-granddaughter Danielle Elizabeth of Austin, Texas; and nieces and nephews Nyla Williams, Don and Mary Beeck, Melvin Zoch, Judy Wolff, Dr. Ray and Sharon Mohr, Millie and Jerry Harris, and Dr. Ted and Sue Mohr.

Lib's family would like to thank the loving, caring staff at Heritage Place Assisted Living in Fredericksburg, Texas for the beautiful home and wonderful care they provided for both Lib and Vern since 2004.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, the Wolff-Mohr Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Seminary Program in Austin, or the charity of your choice.

A memorial celebration of Lib's life will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on October 14 at 1:00 PM.