

Robert E. Rodstrom, MD, FACP, crossed over to a new life peacefully among family on a beautiful morning October 13, 2025. He was 84 years old. Bob is survived by his wife, Fran (Lord) Rodstrom of Lakeside, OH, his three children, Andrew (Angelina) Rodstrom of Kennewick, WA, Mary-Alice (Michael) Ernst of Springfield, OR, and John Rodstrom of Lakeside, OH, his four grandchildren, Finn Rodstrom, Ada Rodstrom, Annabelle Ernst, and Katie Ernst, his brother Charles (Brenda) Rodstrom of Asheville, NC, his brother-in-law Claude Ranger of Norfolk, VA, and one niece and two nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Muriel Rodstrom and Betty (Rodstrom) Ranger, and his parents.

Bob was born in Manama, Bahrain to Charles Rodstrom, a stenographer, and Henrietta (Oudemool) Rodstrom, a missionary nurse. As a child, Bob lived in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and finally Larchmont, New York instilling in him a love of different cultures. As a boy he enjoyed riding his bike to Long Island Sound to catch crabs and explore with a rowboat. He found joy in his church group, glee club, managing sports teams, and earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Bob graduated from The College of Wooster with a degree in Chemistry and Wayne State University School of Medicine. Bob met Fran, a teacher, while he was a resident at the Cleveland Clinic. They were married in 1973.

Bob served our country during the Vietnam war as a Major in the US Army at Fort Lee, VA where he was chief of the hospital and clinics. In May 1975, Bob volunteered to serve at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA where he helped establish a MASH unit to receive refugees from the war. Together with Fran, they worked to acclimate the refugees to life in the United States.

In 1976, Bob and Fran moved to Mount Vernon, OH where he practiced Internal Medicine and Geriatrics for 37 years, retiring in 2012. Medicine was Bob's calling. Bob believed that developing relationships with patients, colleagues, and staff was key to healing. He had a gift for connecting with people from all walks of life. Bob worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his patients.

Bob was an active member in Gay Street United Methodist Church and his communities in Mount Vernon and Lakeside, OH, as well as Walterville, OR. Bob's interest in making the world better never wavered and he maintained his positive attitude throughout his life.

Bob loved being with his children and grandchildren, music, singing, languages, reading, learning, sailing, hiking, nature, sports, and the company of family and friends. Bob dedicated his life to his family, the study of medicine, and caring for people. Fran was the love of his life, his constant companion, and champion in all things.

Bob's legacy is one of faith, kindness, integrity, humility, perseverance, and purpose. He lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.



Dr. Robert E. Rodstrom

October 26, 1940 – October 13, 2025

Gay Street United Methodist Church

18 N. Gay Street

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Celebration of Life
Dr. Robert E. Rodstrom

Bearing Witness: Dr. Bill Elder, Colleague and friend
Others from the gathered community

PRELUDE

Organ Music Stan Osborn
American Pastorale, John S. Dixon
Slane, Healey Willan
Swing Low, Traditional Spiritual
Nimrod (from Enigma Variations), Edward Elgar

*Hymn *Precious Lord Take My Hand* UM Hymnal 474

Scripture Reading: Rev. Dr. David Baker
Luke 9:10–14

Homily Rev. Dr. David Baker

Committal

*Hymn of Parting *Here I Am Lord* UM Hymnal 593

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. David Baker

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. David Baker

*Gathering Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UM Hymnal 89

POSTLUDE Stan Osborn

Prayer Rev. Ron McCauley

For All the Saints
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Scripture Reading: Rev. Ron McCauley
Micah 6:6–8

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

Bearing Witness: Rev. Ron McCauley

Solo *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* Benjamin Locke

A note from the family:
The hymns “*Joyful, Joyful*” and “*Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether*” are from the wedding of Bob and Fran.

Scripture Reading: Rev. Ron McCauley
Romans 8:31–39

“*Here I Am Lord*” was sung to Bob’s mother and to Bob in their last hours.
Bob singing “*Swing Low*” was our children's favorite lullaby.

Solo *The Call* Benjamin Locke
Ralph Vaughan Williams