

***Dr. William H. Pohnert***



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Eccl. 3:1

**A Celebration of the Life & Faith of  
Dr. William H. Pohnert  
“Dr. Bill”**

**Born December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1940  
Went home to God July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

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August 5<sup>th</sup>

11 a.m.

Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church  
Tucson, Arizona

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Prelude

Welcome & Words of Grace

Rev. Fred C. Baum

Masonic Rite

Epes Randolph Lodge

Military Honors

\*Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 140

Old Testament Scripture (Unison) Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters;  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
For thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn

“In the Garden”

No. 314

Gospel Scripture

John 14:1-4, 23, 27

Steven Pohnert

Eulogy by Family

Sebastian Montzka

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 348

Gospel Reading Genesis 1:1-5 Rev. Fred C. Baum

Dr. Bills Last Sermon "We Are God's Light to the World" Rev. Fred C. Baum

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Congregational Response (unison)

**Eternal God, you have shared with us the life of Dr. Bill. Before he was ours, he was yours. For all that he has given us to make us what we are, and for that part of him which lives and grows in each of us we give our thanks. We now offer him back into your loving arms, comfort us, strengthen us, and give us courage to face the future unafraid. Give us the grace to know the peace and joy which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Here I am Lord" No. 593

#### Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: Christ went before us in death, as has our loved one, showing us the way into eternal life.

**People: We celebrate the good life we have shared with Dr. Bill.**

Leader: God has given. God has received he who was loaned to us for a little while.

**People: We are thankful for the good days we shared together.**

Leader: May God, our Father, and Jesus, our Christ, strengthen us in every good deed and word.

**People: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

Leader: Amen

**People: Amen**

#### Postlude

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Vista Church Music Department and the Stephen Ministry program.

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## William H. Pohnert, M.D.

William (Dr. Bill) Pohnert, age 81, of Tucson, Arizona, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022. He was born on December 23, 1940 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Madaline (Rebbe) and Harvey H. Pohnert. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Tami Pohnert, Steven Pohnert (Annie), and Todd Pohnert; sister, Ann Denoyer (Cletus); and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Bill was a retired Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon. He earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, with internship at Western Michigan University and residency at Fort Wayne Medical. He practiced in Kokomo, Indiana for 35 years, served as a physician in the Navy, and made multiple trips to Haiti as a volunteer physician.

He was a dedicated member of Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church, where he was a Certified Lay Pastor, a Stephen Minister and a member of the choir. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason, and an active member of Rotary International.

One of the greatest joys of Dr. Bill and Patricia's life together was hosting five exchange students – four from Germany and one from Switzerland. The friendships formed remain close to this day. Dr. Bill loved music and toured Europe with the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club and Youth for Understanding.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vista de la Montaña UMC, 3001 E. Miravista Ln., Tucson, AZ 85739, designated for Stephen Ministry or the Music Program.