



ALBERT ROBERT COCKE, JR.

26 November 1929 – 08 November 2018

Albert Cocke was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Reba Ann Brown and Albert Robert Cocke, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Charles Bryant Cocke, and his wife of 65.5 years, Dorothy. He is survived by sons Michael Cocke and family (Mims, FL), Richard Cocke and family (Lees Summit, MO), Kevin Cocke and family (Paullina, IA), and daughter Kimberly Cocke Bennett and family, and his beloved Labrador Retrievers: Molly, Jake, and Oscar (Longwood, FL).

Albert grew up in Des Moines and at age 17 decided to forgo his senior year in high school, join the United States Navy, and see the world. At age 18, he met a 17 years old cheerleader in a Norfolk bowling alley. Within the year, they were married. They spent the next 18 years at numerous US Navy installations while he sailed the seven seas, aboard ice breakers in both the Arctic and most often Antarctic as well as in the Combat Information Center in destroyers in the waters of Southeast Asia.

In 1968, the Lord called Bob and Dorothy to His Ministry. Following seminary in Kansas City, they delivered The Message in missions, music, and churches in Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa. In 1998, they “semi-retired” and re-located to Florida to become the chaplain team for a senior living community as well as substitute and interim minister of churches in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. In 2010, Dorothy and Bob again were on the move; this time to central Florida to be near family.

Infirmity, failing mental acuity, and the loss of his best friend, Mother Dorothy, did not stop him – he continued to motivate and shepherd his family in Christ. Albert was the epitome of a patriot – a military professional and father. And he easily evolved into his role as one half of the ministerial team spreading His Word right up to his final days before the Lord and Dorothy called him home. We shall forever and ever remember Pastor Bob, his melodious tenor voice, his gentle yet firm guidance, and his every present smile.

The family will hold private family memorials in Florida, Iowa and Missouri. Cards and prayers only; in lieu of flowers or donations, friends and loved ones are asked to give to your own House of Worship or to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and reflect on the fortune of having known him. Dad and Mom together will be committed to the sea by the US Navy from a warship under sail.

“Together again...and forever in God’s embrace”

