

## THE REVEREND DR. ROBERT W. HARRIS

October 10, 1950 - October 16, 2020

Robert Warren Harris, a resident at Grandview Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Danville, PA since July 2020, died on Friday, October 16, 2020, after a long illness. He was born on October 10, 1950 to Ezra W. and Gladys (Betty) Harris of Bloomsburg, PA.

Bob graduated from Central Columbia High School in 1968, where he enjoyed basketball and baseball. He was a successful “leftie” pitcher throughout his younger years, including time spent with the Baltimore Orioles farm club.

Bob furthered his education at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA (1972), followed by seminary at the Luther School of Theology, Chicago, IL (1976). He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology from the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL (1993).

Pastor Harris, ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on August 17, 1986, served the following sites as pastor and professor during his ministry:

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC	1985 - 1986
Ebenezer, Columbia, SC	1986 - 1989
Thiel College, Greenville, PA	1989 - 1991
St. Mark's, Waterford, PA	1993 - 1999
St. Peter's, North East, PA	1999 - 2005
Mercyhurst University, North East, PA	2002 - 2017

Bob's vocation was preaching and teaching, but his passion was fly-fishing. He was an instructor in Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers, an avid artificial fly-tyer, and amassed an extensive fly-fishing library.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Janeen (Jan) in April 2020. He is survived by two sisters, two stepchildren, his mother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

A private interment service was held in Punxsutawney where Robert was buried next to his wife. Memorial services were held at Hidlay Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg, PA and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, PA on November 14, 2020 with the Rev. Michael L. Lozano, Bishop, presiding and the Rev. Brenda Martin, preaching.