



Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace

April 3, 1932 - January 28, 2026

Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace, 93, of Naples, Florida, passed away on January 28, 2026, after a short illness.

Born on April 3, 1932, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Elbert N. Wallace and Clara Ola (née Salmon) Wallace. Dr. Wallace had been a resident of Naples for the past 44 years, having moved from Louisville, Kentucky.

After he received his bachelor's degree and his master's degree, he joined the U.S. Navy serving for 20 years as a chaplain. When called to active duty, he served in the Mediterranean and during the Cuban Missile Crisis, providing spiritual guidance and support to service members.

After returning home, he answered a call to pastoral ministry and became the Pastor of Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 1967, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he served as Pastor of Highland Baptist Church. From 1970 to 1982, he served with the Episcopal National Convention.

In 1983, Dr. Wallace moved to Naples, Florida, where he devoted himself to ministry within the community, serving as Chaplain to numerous nursing homes throughout the Naples area as well as serving on the Collier County Economic Development Council. It was during this time he completed his

studies and received his doctorate degree. In 2006, he became the Pastor of Everglades Community Church, a role he faithfully continued until the time of his passing.

A true Navy man at heart, Bob loved the ocean and enjoyed boating and anything that allowed him to be on the water. He cherished living in Naples and especially enjoyed visiting the Florida Keys whenever he could. An avid reader, he had a deep interest in genealogy and spent many hours researching family histories. Bob also loved to sing and was known for his beautiful voice.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mildred J. Wallace of Naples, FL; his son, Michael N. Wallace (Xochitl) of Tijuana, Mexico; his daughters, Carol L. Hodge (John) of Louisville, KY Linda Suzanne Minor of Round Lake, IL, and Ruth A. Wilder (Gary) of Borden, IN; his stepchildren, Elizabeth J. Lyons (Joe) of Oxford, MS, and David T. Shirley (Linda) of Franklin, TN as well as 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at the Everglades Community Church following the 100th year anniversary celebration of the church and the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Wallace serving as pastor to the church. All are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Everglades Community Church 101 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City, FL 34139 or to Avow Hospice 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family

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Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

Everglades Community Church
101 S. Copeland Ave.
Everglades City, FL 34139

Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Bob N. Wallace, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, Bob N. Wallace, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 15 at 06:51 AM