**Robbin Luke Marvin** was born March 10, 1921 to Luke and Bertelle Marvin in Duluth, MN. Rob came to know Christ at an early age through the personal witness, Christian home, and exemplary lifestyle of his parents. His first public profession of faith was made in a Vacation Bible School program. In high school, he committed to teach a class of boys on Sunday afternoons in a mission Sunday School. This brought a conflict for him as a member of the Duluth Ski Club, whose tournaments were held on Sunday afternoons. He decided that his priorities would be service to Christ before personal pleasure and acclaim, although he did win the city championship one year when the competition got postponed.

After graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry from Wheaton College in 1943, Rob spent three years in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator flying B52s. Missing action during World War II, Rob did graduate studies in Chemistry at the University of Minnesota in 1946, but wanted more background in the Word and transferred to Northwestern Bible College. In 1947, while assisting a lumberjack missionary in the woods of Northern Minnesota, Rob made a decision to serve the Lord overseas.

On August 23, 1947, Rob married Elizabeth Marcellus and set off to Whitworth College for a B.Ed. While there, Rob taught an undergraduate chemistry class. Then Rob and Betty departed for Thailand to become missionary teachers at Prince Royals College. When he was not teaching, Rob would visit and help many with leprosy who were considered outcasts. Three sons (Daniel, Robbin, and Richard) were born in Thailand.

After five years in Thailand, Rob spent two years at Princeton Theological Seminary and then returned to Duluth to pastor Second Presbyterian Church. After three years of missing the ministry with internationals, Rob and Betty took their family of five boys to Boston to join the ministry of ISI (International Students, Inc.). Rob served 10 years in the Boston area and then moved to Washington, DC as the field director of the U.S. Ministries. In 1985, Rob and Betty went to Calgary, Alberta Canada to develop the ISI ministry in Canada.

Rob and Betty moved to Marion, Indiana to be near seven of their grandchildren. Soon they moved to Muncie where they attended Westminster Presbyterian Church and started an international student Sunday School class, which has since grown so large that an independent Chinese church has been formed from it. After Betty’s death in 1996, Rob returned to Canada to continue to grow the ISI ministry in Vancouver. In 2004, Rob and his second wife, Grace, settled in Kalispell and continued to minister to students by teaching a Sunday School class at Central Bible Church and playing in the orchestra.

Rob loved flying and taking students for rides to enjoy the splendor and joy of being thousands of feet in the sky. He used flying, golf, sporting events, and everyday activities to share his love of Jesus Christ with others. He was a lifetime missionary who is now rejoicing with his Savior.

Most recently, Rob had been living with family in Texas. He was surrounded by all his children, and many grandchildren, during his last few days on earth. He was preceded in death by his first wife (Betty) in 1996, his second wife (Grace) in 2011, and his third son (Richard Arthur Marvin) who died of colon cancer in 2014. He is survived by his sister, June Lindberg, four sons (Daniel, Robbin, James, and Stephen), daughter Joy, 20 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

To continue dad’s life work of ministry to international students, the family requests memorial gifts be made to International Students, Inc.’s (ISI) national ministry fund for their ongoing outreach to students (PO Box C, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, 800-474-8628. Please designate your gift “Rob Marvin Memorial/NMF”).