



Robert Eliot Amidon

December 18, 1929 - July 17, 2010

Robert Bob died peacefully on July 17, 2010 at Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, surrounded by his beloved family. Bob was born December 18, 1929 to Russell Wendle and Helen Banning Amidon of Los Angeles, Calif. Bob's family moved to Worcester, Mass., when he was 4yrs old. He graduated from North High School, Worcester, Mass., in 1947. He earned his Associate's Degree at Boston University before joining the Naval Air Force. January 27, 1951, Bob married his best friend, Norma Ek in Worcester, Mass., and had three children, Debra, James, and Scott. Bob had a great work ethic, a wonderful sense of humor and loved his family. He had a long successful sales career and earned his MBA at Denver University in 1987. In 1973, Bob and Norma moved to Colorado and lived in Estes Park for 6 yrs before moving to Fort Collins living there for 32 years. Diagnosed later in life with Parkinson's, Bob became very active in the Parkinson's Support Group of Larimer County and was instrumental in coordinating a Music Therapy program specifically for Parkinson's patients. Bob was preceded by his grandson, Travis Goodman. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Norma; and three children, Debra Thomas, James Neda, and Scott Paula; his four grandchildren, Forrest, Heather Dean, Tawny Geoff, and Jeff; his five great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kenna, Liam, Samatha and Patrick, and one great-great-grandson, Sean. He is also survived by his sister, Carolyn Roger and his nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Parkinson's Support Group of Larimer County in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121

Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ My heart, prayers and love go out to the entire Amidon family, especially Bob's beautiful wife, Norma. I love the picture you selected because that's exactly how I think of Bob. My thoughts are with each of you.

Diane Brown - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I first met Bob in fall of '73. He came to visit his son Jim my friend & hockey teammate. Bob introduced himself with a warm smile, welcoming handshake and an invitation to join them for dinner at the Charcoal Broiler. After months of dorm food, that "he-man steak" actually a small roast beef & heinekens was a memorable feast. I remember well it fed me the next day too. From that great start, I enjoyed many great times with Bob over the years – hockey games, golf, food & beverages in Ft Collins, Estes Pk, Denver and even to Bellevue, WA. Bob was the only father of a friend who visited me - without the friend! The constant in all was Bob's enjoyment of those around him. I loved his great sense of humor and never saw him without a smile on his face, a wry or witty comment or a ready joke. These memories will live with me.

Beak Rogers - July 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ How well do I remember the twice annual Colorado Shootout golf matches in Ft. Collins and at the Air Force Academy. Bob and Jim or Scott usually whacked my Scott and me on a regular basis. He did though keep me well supplied in Elco golf balls. A really class guy who was fun to be with. A really good friend.

Bill McPeek - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ On behalf of the Amidon family, I would like to personally thank all of my father's friends and extended families for their kind words, thoughts and prayers. It means a lot to all of us and thank you. We are planning a Celebration of Bob's Life and hope to have details soon. They will be announced at this site and in the newspaper. Thank you again from all of us!

Debra Amidon Fishpaw - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I was so sorry to hear about Bob, we had so much fun as neighbors on Ticonderoga Drive, we had a lot of laughs together. Dave was with Bob when he had his hole-in-one on Collindale that was a fun day. I miss Bob's nice little laugh, he was a great person and Dave and I have a lot of fond memories. Our thoughts are with you all as a very close family always, think of the wonderful memories in Bob's life.

Dave and Rita Lund - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I was in high school when we were neighbors and I do remember a lot of fun memories we had with the amidons. Bob had a great laugh that I will always remember. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Lora Lund - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I was your letter carrier on Ticonderoga some years back. Bob would come to the mailbox and provide lively discourse on a variety of subjects as I sorted the mail. My deepest sympathy to the Family.

Wendell Frey - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM