



Robert P. Bixler, Sr.

March 19, 1921 - December 28, 2010

Robert "Bob" Preston Bixler, Sr. passed away on December 28, 2010. He lived a long and wonderful life of 89 years. Bob was born in Oklahoma City on March 19, 1921. After growing up in Nichols Hills, Oklahoma, he attended the University of Oklahoma earning a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Upon graduation, he served in the US Army during World War II. As an artillery Captain with the Fifth Army, he led his men through North Africa and into the invasion of Italy. Bob was a gentleman of the old school and a true defender of freedom. Following his military service, Bob spent his petroleum engineering career with the J. M. Huber Corporation. As superintendent of drilling and production, Bob lived in Kansas, Wyoming, the Texas panhandle, Houston and Denver. After retirement in 1977, he continued to do consulting work. Bob is survived by two sons, Robert P. Bixler, Jr. and wife, Colleen Shannon of St. Francis, KS; James R. Bixler and wife, Martha C. Bixler of Austin, TX; grandchildren, William R. Bixler of Denver, CO and Natalie J. Bixler of Boulder, CO. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Harkrader Bixler and their daughter, Rebecca Becky Bixler. His present wife, M. June Bixler, still resides in Fort Collins.

His love of the mountains brought him to Colorado. As an avid outdoorsman his interests included fishing, hunting, camping, and golf. Bob spent most of the summers at his cabin in Pagosa Springs, CO where he deemed that area of the state as "God's Country". On most days, Bob loved to pack a lunch and head to the mountains. There he would admire the beauty of the peaks before

him and if he wasn't fishing he would take an occasional nap in the sun. As his love of the land, his love of animals was always present. For most of his life, he owned at least one horse and there was always a dog by his side. A committed follower of Jesus Christ, a loving family man, and a hardworking businessman, Bob Bixler lived out his faith day-by-day in quiet determination to finish the race well. Never did he question his faith. He loved helping others and always put the needs of others before himself. Bob was a man deeply committed to life and bettering the world. The world will never have enough people as openhearted and faithful as he was. A memorial service and reception will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College Avenue in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Interment with a short service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Memorial Garden at Wellshire Presbyterian Church, 2999 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, you may honor his memory by making a donation to the Larimer County Humane Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *It was an honor to get to know and care for Bob. God bless you and your family.*

Lisa Miller - Pathways Hospice - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Along with my brother Fell now in Tampa, FL and Mom Betty I want to express to old friends Bob and Jim and their families my deepest sympathy for their loss of this great guy. Bob was a good friend and oil patch colleague of my Dad Bill. They were both proud WWII combat vets and old school in their ethics and handshake trust by all that knew them. Not only did we all have great times as youngsters often at the Bixler "ranch" but later with our dads, pheasant hunting with wonderfully enthusiastic but frequently incompetent dogs. Bob and Helen were a warm part of my best memories among our circle of friends. God bless you old fella and thanks for your service to our country.*

Randall Stubbs - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with his beloved family. Robert Sr. was blessed with a special grace, and that grace is reflected by the many lives his tender heart has touched.*

Tara Shannon - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad but he sounds like a wonderful man. Your family is in our heart and prayers. God bless you!*

Connie Skaggs - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Bob & Colleen, Keeping you in thought and prayers. Wishing for you hearts to be lightened knowing your dad is now without pain and in God's hands. Sincerely, Deb

Deb Harper - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about this. We will be thinking of you all.

J Michael & Mary Patton - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I didn't know Mr. Bixler, but I read his obituary and wanted to send my condolences to his family because he is very much like my own father, who I lost 6 years ago. I know I will be with my dad again. This is what gets me through living without him now, and I hope this belief helps you, his family, also.

Lynette Dumont - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ My thoughts are with you all. I have very fond memories of hanging out at the Bixler house growing up.

Tom Patton - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ We thank God for giving us a great friend like Bob Bixler. He was the kind of friend everyone wishes for, faithful, kind, generous and humorous. Our love and sincere sympathy to sons Bob, Jim and families. Daisy and Theran.

Theran and Daisy Ebner - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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KN

“ After always having him in my life, Bob's passing is truly a great loss for me. We send our love and deepest sympathy to Bob, Jr., Colleen, Jim, Martha, and children. May he rest in peace...

Kathy & Paul Nickens - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Thank you for serving our Country in so many ways.....and for being our neighbor! We've been blessed by your presence in our lives. Be at peace....we'll see you again.

Pat and Bob George - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Bob was a perfectly kind and considerate man. His loss is temporary; there many openings for him in Heaven where he truly belongs. Great friend.

Elwood Russell - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ IT HAS BEEN A LONGF TIME BUT BOB was ALWAYS NICE.i VIXITED HIM WHENHE FIRST MOVED TO COLORADO. GOOD LUCK OLD FRIEND

JAMES HASTINGS - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We miss you Dad but know you are soaring high above the mountain peaks with the angels, watching over us. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Martha and Jim

Jim and Martha - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We loved Bob! We are going to miss him very much, but we are so glad he is out of pain. He was a wonderful friend as well as a relative. We know you are going to miss him. Lots of Love, Susan and Duane

Susan and Duane Drake - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM