



Robert "Bob" Dyekman

February 28, 1927 - December 24, 2017

Where do you begin, as you try to sum up the life of Bob Dyekman? One accomplishment or act of service will lead to another memory, another story, another reason that he was loved, respected, and will be lovingly missed.

Robert (Bob) Dyekman, 90, passed away Sunday December 24, 2017 at Columbine Commons in Windsor, Colorado.

Born and raised in Fort Collins, Colorado, the son of Florence and Elmer (Skinny) Dyekman, Bob was a lifelong resident and active community member. Known by many as "Big Bob Darling" or "Big Bad Bob," he was loved by all and touched many lives with his commitment to service and wonderful sense of humor.

In his early days, Bob worked for Ricker Brothers delivering candy. He then worked for the Fort Collins Power Plant. For the majority of his career, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service, starting out as a mail carrier, working up to a supervisor position where he had a successful career and retired in 1985.

Bob was an active leader in Boy Scouts, serving as Scout Master for Troop 96, and earning multiple awards including the high honor of a Silver Beaver. He influenced thousands of youths through his mentorship and coaching. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in World War II, and spent the end of the war in

Guam. As Bob would always say, they surrendered when they heard Big Bob was coming. Bob was a member of the Pioneers, serving as president and earning the Pioneer of the Year award.

In his younger days, Bob was very active, playing basketball and badminton and swimming every morning at the Fort Collins club. He earned many gold and silver medals for basketball, badminton, and swimming in the Senior Olympics.

Bob spent much of his free time building furniture and other amazing wood projects. He only actually sliced his fingers a couple times, frequently coming in with fake wounds made from wax to scare the family. His playfulness will be missed by so many.

Robert married Shirley Owens on December 19, 1948. They were a fun-loving couple, traveling in their motorhome all over the country and collecting bells in every state. They loved to ballroom dance and play bridge and cribbage together, but most of all cherished time camping, fishing, and traveling with their children and grandchildren. The couple had three children, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Robert is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley and his brother Elmer. He is survived by his son Jim and daughter-in-law Linda, his son Gary, his daughter Sally Wright and son-in-law Bill Wright, his grandson Chris Wright and granddaughter-in-law Grace Wright, his granddaughter Dani Schwinn and grandson-in-law John Adam Schwinn, and great grandchildren Joey and Emily Schwinn.

His legacy will live on with all of the lessons shared and memories created with his scout members and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests favorite stories and memories of Bob to celebrate his amazing life. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

FB

“ I was looking at old E-Mails and saw Bob's passing last Dec. We had many good memories with the Dyekman's camping and at postoffice conventions. Bob & Shirley were very special people. My thoughts are with all you kids. Sorry for being so slow to see the Obituary.

Frank Bailey

Frank Bailey - February 28, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JG

“ I worked as a caregiver at Columbine Commons from August 2014 through November 2015. During that time, I got to know the wonderful man Bob was...along with his amazing family. I shall always remember Bob's kindness, his gentleman nature & his great sense of humor. I am saddened to learn of his passing. May God give the Dyekman family strength during this most difficult time.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Jean Gilson

Jean Gilson - January 15, 2018 at 11:01 PM

SD

“ I was a volunteer at Columbine Commons along with my newfoundland Tilly. Tilly loved Bob and how gentle he would scratch her head with his big hands. He was such an interesting man, and would tell me stories of where he grew up in north Fort Collins and the interesting adventures he had along the river. When Tilly and I would get close to Bob's door, she would pull to go in, and there he would be- resting in his big bed. He loved to see her and she loved all the attention he gave while he talked to us. Bob was such a nice man and always made me smile.

Sharon Dellenbach

Sharon Dellenbach - January 11, 2018 at 02:59 PM

RA

“ So So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Knew him thru Gary, Met him a couple times. Heard of his many achievements thru family and friends. I know he will be remembered for his love and kindness. God bless the Dyekman family and keep the good memories forever in your hearts.

raytdean@yahoo.com - December 30, 2017 at 09:05 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss..my sincerest condolences to all of the family at these sad times. Bob and Shirley were always helping and checking on my mother Faye, and those acts of kindness were certainly appreciated! One January Rex and I had a wonderful visit with them in Arizona and Bob especially liked the golfing weather. He will be missed by many.

Cindi Souther - December 30, 2017 at 04:15 PM

SH

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Bob was a kind man. I remember him as always having a smile. It was so special having your family in our neighborhood.

Sandra Cross Haddorff - December 30, 2017 at 03:21 PM

JP

“ Bob grew up on a ranch right on the Poudre River just off of College Ave. my grandmother owned it and we called it River Place. I remember the family well. Wonderful family.

judi payton - December 29, 2017 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ Kimn and I send our deepest sympathy and will always treasure the memories of family gatherings and the sparkle in Bob's eye. Words really seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Bob's passing. With sincere sympathy, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Rob & Kimn

Robert Scrivner - December 29, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KT

“ I grew up with Sally. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bob Dyekman.

Kacy Thompson
kacytjobb@gmail.com

Kacy Thompson - December 28, 2017 at 11:51 PM

BC

“ *Sally and Bill,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. All our memories of Big Bob make us smile; it was so obvious he was a wonderful man who lived for his family. We loved the BBQ's in the back yard. Take care of each other and recall all those wonderful times and years.

Brian and Cindy Coakley - December 28, 2017 at 06:02 PM

PD

“ *Thinking of you on the loss of Big Bob.*

We will all miss him so much. I have so many wonderful memories. He was always the life of the party. I could tell hundreds of stories about my brother-in-law, but will just say we love you and will never forget Bob.

Patsy

Patsy Dyekman - December 28, 2017 at 04:53 PM

HW

“ *Hugs and prayers go out to you. Enjoy the time with family and friends as you remember the life of your father. The memories will help in the healing. Heather Wolhart (Hoffman)*

Heather Wolhart - December 28, 2017 at 02:41 PM