



Robert B. Wilhelm

October 28, 1923 - October 27, 2009

Robert "Bob" Benson Wilhelm died at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colorado on Oct. 27, 2009 at the age of 85. Bob was born on October 28, 1923 in Ottawa, Illinois, the son of Roy and Pearl Benson Wilhelm. He graduated from Ottawa High School and then went on to earn an Associate's Degree at LaSalle-Peru Junior College in LaSalle, Illinois. Bob married his high school sweetheart, Gerry King, on December 18, 1944 at Malden, Missouri where he had just finished his Army Air Force pilot's training. During World War II he flew C-47s over India, Burma, and China. Upon returning from the war Bob worked for a while at his father's law firm in Ottawa, and was later elected as a police magistrate. But Bob soon decided that he did not want to pursue a career in law. He worked at several factories in Illinois before moving to the dryer climate of Fort Collins, Colorado to help his asthma. He eventually retired from the cement plant in Laporte, Colorado, but still kept very busy taking care of his numerous rental properties until finally selling these and retiring for good. Bob was a physical fitness enthusiast. He was very diligent about eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of exercise. He was also very devoted to distributing Christian literature. His home was a virtual warehouse of Christian books and tracts which he kept on hand to share with neighbors and friends. Bob is survived by his wife, Gerry Wilhelm of Fort Collins; a son, John Wilhelm and his wife Susan of Torrington, Wyoming; a daughter, Nancy Payne and her husband Kyle Rawlings of Morrison, Colorado; another son, Mark Wilhelm and his wife Colleen of Fort Collins, Colorado; a sister, Ann

Albright of Grand Rapids, Michigan; two grandsons and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his father and mother. His funeral service will at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel in Fort Collins, with Pastor John Wilhelm officiating. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Berean Bible Church, the church Bob's son pastors in Torrington, Wyoming in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Bob was a great friend, and a member of our extended family, his greatest thing was the way he helped people, without question, or excuse he was the person one could always depend on, and a very heroic person in every way. No one will ever know how many countless people he helped in his excellent life? He will be missed, but I know he has gone to the reward he always kept sight of.

Jesse/Barbara Stewart - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Dear John, Nancy, Mark and Gerry. It is comforting to know that at a time such as this, or Lord offers Himself as the great counselor and comforter. Take refuge in Him during this very challenging time. Prayerfully, Gary and Paula and Family

Gary and Paula Emery - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Mark, Colleen and Family, Our prayers are with you at this sad time. Our fathers are very special people in our lives, they love us, protect us, support us. When their gone there is a sadness that cannot be described. Our hope is in seeing them again, and with that hope comes healing to our own hearts as we begin to remember the times we had with our fathers and memories we share with each other. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, as you lay to rest your father Robert Wilhelm.

Debbie Taylor - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Dear John and Susan and family, We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad and grandpa. With love and prayers from Forrest, Kathy, and Seth Vanier

Vaniers - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I knew Bob when he worked on the seperators at the cement plant north of Laporte, Colorado. He was a great story teller. He used to tell of his experiences working in a glass factory. His descriptions I always thought were worthy of a paying audience. Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences. John Ball

John Ball - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mark, I had the opportunity to meet and talk with your Dad at Columbine a few months ago. A great conversation from a great man. I see what makes you what you are today....may God bless you and your family in the days ahead.

Mike & Valerie Jacomet - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Our prayers and condolences are with your family at this time of sadness for the family, but Joy for your loved one. We rejoice with you that your Dad, grandpa, etc. "is raised imperishable...raised in power, and raised a spiritual body". But for those left behind there is always that void that cannot be filled by anyone else. Thankfully you can all enjoy the wonderful memories and times together and be blessed a second and third, ..time. We love you and continue to hold you up in prayer. Ruth and Gene Yinger

Gene&RuthYinger - October 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM