



## Robert "Bob" Lee Bland

December 26, 1927 - August 8, 2019

Robert Lee (Bob) Bland entered his eternal reward in the presence of our Lord and Savior on August 8, 2019, as a result of congestive heart failure. He was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, on December 26, 1927, to Frank and Mabel (Healy) Bland. Bob was a devoted member and for twenty-seven years served as an elder of the Meadowlark Church of Christ.

At the age of one, Bob's father died, and at the age of three became an orphan as a result of his mother's passing. He along with his older siblings, Lowell Bland and Zoralee (Bland) Belew both of whom predeceased him, were raised by their aunt, Acenith Healy. After graduating from Fort Collins High School in 1945, Bob attended Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas.

Bob married the love of his life, Helen Shipp, on August 27, 1950, at the Bellvue Church of Christ. Together they built their paradise on ten acres in Pleasant Valley that they readily shared with family, friends, neighbors, children, and the disabled. Hospitality was their gift to all who came. Their kitchen was warm and welcoming.

Although blinded by detached retinas in 1959, Bob engineered an ingenious network of wires suspended overhead that, with his cane, he used to navigate around his farm. He was skilled at using a table saw as well as hand-held tools to build a barn, several sheds, and corrals for a variety of livestock, each

of which he affectionately named.

His sixty-four-year marriage to Helen ended with her death in December 2014. Together they devoted their life to family, friends, and church, all in service to the Lord of their life, Jesus Christ. After selling his farm, he moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was cared for until his passing by his son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Nancy Bland.

In addition to Dave and Nancy, he is survived by two other children -- Bob (Jr.) and Jane Bland of Denton, Texas, and Dawn and Greg Ivans of Fort Collins -- eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 1  
Corinthians 15:55

A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 31 at 4:00pm at Meadowlark Church of Christ, 2810 Meadowlark Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80526. In lieu of flowers you may make donations to the Mountain States Children’s Home in care of Bohlander Funeral Home, 121 West Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80524.

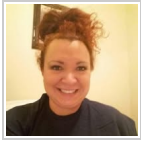
# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 31. 4:00 PM (MT)

Meadowlark Church of Christ  
2810 Meadowlark Ave  
Fort Collins, 80526

# Tribute Wall



“ Bob will hold a very special place in my heart. It was an honor to have him as a client, and a Mentor. His poetry, scripture reciting, and his joyous kindness and his beautiful house in Ft. Collins that held so many sweet memories he shared with me about Helen and he adding on to that Homestead is what I remember the most. Bob is in glory and I know he heard “well done good and faithful servant enter into the joy of the Lord!”

Corrina Castillo - March 10, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ I cannot think of Meadowlark Church of Christ without thinking of Bob & Helen Bland. I'm thankful for both of them. They have been a blessing in the life of my family and in the life of the Meadowlark congregation.

chris adair - August 30, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Lee Bland.



August 29, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Uncle Bob was such a powerful inspiration to all who knew him! We loved him and Aunt Helen so very much. Condolences to Robbie, Dave, Dawn, and all of their families. With Love and prayers, Claude and Bev McEldowney

Bev McEldowney - August 28, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will miss him dearly. Bob and Helen’s house was always open to any one. I enjoy swinging off the rope into the water. God bless you all. Love ya, Lynda Lynch*

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**Lynda Lynch** - August 28, 2019 at 01:05 PM