



Robert "Bob" Scott Robinson

May 27, 1940 - October 5, 2014

Robert (Bob) Scott Robinson passed away at the age of 74 in his Monitor home in the company of family. He is survived by his wife, Florence of Monitor, sons: Andy (Mary) of Cashmere, Bob (Teresa) of Federal Way, and Gene (Andrea) of Monitor as well as three grandchildren: Nathan, Matthew and Anna as well as four nephews and nieces: Dawn Burns, Bill Bullard Jr., Diana Bartlett, and Harlan Bullard. Bob had 55 days after being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma Cancer on August 12. The family owes much gratitude to the great kindness of the staff of Confluence Health.

Bob was born in Chicago in 1940. He married his high school sweetheart, Florence, in 1958. Shortly thereafter, he joined the US Army and served in the Weather Bureau. Bob first retired in 1997 after 34 years in the National Weather Service, during which he and his family traveled across the country multiple times, finding a permanent residence in the Wenatchee Valley. He contributed pioneering research for the field of Fruit Frost and Fire Weather forecasting.

Following retirement, Bob co-founded Clearwest, Inc. with Jim Holcomb and Bud Graves to provide specialized forecasts for local orchardists. In addition to previous graduate work, he completed a Masters of Science in Geo-Sciences in 2006. He dedicated himself to promoting public education, including volunteering at Bryce Canyon Interpretive Center and for the Ice Age

Floods Institute. He gave generous and steadfast support to his wife's community organizing, building a strong family legacy of service.

Also in his retirement years he enjoyed traveling, woodworking, socializing at Coffee Mecca and Starbucks, and tinkering with Volkswagens. He also joined Florence in the local Questers' Millersburg Seekers.

Bob will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, uncle, grandfather, colleague, neighbor and friend.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ I worked with Bob only a short time in the Ocean Services Unit in Seattle. I enjoyed our association very much because I place him at about the top of the list for being friendly, logical and reasonable ... a really good man.

Bob Anderson

Robert Anderson - October 28, 2014 at 11:21 PM

PJ

“ My condolences to the Robinson Family. Bob and I were colleagues in the NWS Marine & Applied Services Branch at NWS HQ in Silver Spring, MD in the late 1980s. In addition to his professional duties, he was sort of the Branch's computer guru as PCs were starting to catch on in NWS. I particularly remember Bob for his excellent speaking voice and clarity of thought in simplifying complex subjects. A highly competent and gracious person and a great credit to NWS and Federal service.

Paul Jacobs - October 27, 2014 at 08:05 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You all will be in my prayers.

I had the opportunity to work with Bob both in Omaha and in Seattle. He was a man of integrity. A wonderful mentor, friend and coworker.

Jay Albrecht - October 25, 2014 at 06:04 PM

JS

“ *Bob was a true gentleman. Always willing to share his sights on ag weather and how to best forecast it.*

*Joe Schaefer
Norman OK*

Joe Schaefer - October 25, 2014 at 03:46 PM

 Kirsten Elson

“ *Bob was such a gentleman. I enjoyed working with him and learning from him in the Seattle NWS Office. I was also fortunate enough to see him within the last year, and he was as warm and gracious as ever. Condolences and best wishes to his family -*

Kirsten Elson

Kirsten Elson - October 25, 2014 at 03:08 PM

DH

“ *Dear Florence and Family:
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Fondly,
Debbie Strutzel Henderson*

Debbie Henderson - October 11, 2014 at 05:36 PM

GH

“ Michele and I are deeply saddened by Bob's sudden passing. We send our thoughts and prayers to Florence and the rest of Bob's family at this difficult time. Bob has been a terrific long-time friend dating back to when he was my boss at the Wenatchee National Weather Service Office in the early 1980s. Best boss I ever had...may he rest in peace.
Greg Harmon

Greg Harmon - October 10, 2014 at 06:10 PM

FC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Robinson family.
- Frontier Communications

Frontier Communications - October 09, 2014 at 11:01 AM

CL

“ I'm so sorry. He was a lovely man.

Consuelo Larrabee
Seattle
(Ice Age Floods Board)

Consuelo Larrabee - October 08, 2014 at 02:15 PM

RS

“ Condolences to the Robinson family. Bob and Florence have always been staples in the valley for those of us who grew up with their children. Bob selflessly shared his knowledge and experience in weather forecasting and meteorology to many schools and service organizations. He made science interesting and exciting, leading some of us to pursue careers in science.

With his first retirement came a great asset to the fruit industry when he and his partners developed Clearwest, inc. a fruit frost forecasting service. They saw a need and were happy to provide a solution. Many of us fieldmen and growers were guided by Bobs expert forecasts, saving the industry millions of dollars.

Bob, may you be in the home of cloudless skies.

Ray Schmitten

Ray Schmitten - October 07, 2014 at 10:34 PM

JB

“ I had the good fortune of meeting Mr. Robinson at a Cashmere Chamber Banquet a few years ago. Then, again to my good fortune, Mr. Robinson was a frequent, as it turned out, was a Saturday 'walker' at the Wenatchee Valley Mall..so we would have the opportunity to visit every now and again over java at Coffee Mecca. Saturday coffee will have a little less warmth without his quiet warm smiling presence. So sorry for your loss. Judy Bradford

Judy Bradford - October 07, 2014 at 06:45 PM

GS

“ Bob was a true friend of many years. An honorable man who spoke kindly of everyone. We will cherish his memory. Love, Bill and Gloria Scott and family

Gloria Scott - October 07, 2014 at 04:40 PM