



Robert L. "Bob" Salmon

August 9, 1925 - June 25, 2023

Robert "Bob" Lynn Salmon passed away peacefully on June 25, 2023. He was born on August 9, 1925, to Olive and Thomas Salmon in Winthrop and grew up in the Methow Valley. Later the family moved to a cattle ranch on the Twisp river where he learned the value of hard work. This became the framework of his productive life.

Bob would tell you that he learned valuable lessons of right and wrong from his father. He impressed upon him the importance of setting a good example for others and to give his best in everything he did.

Bob was responsible at an early age. His first "business" was owning his own team of pack horses to take hunters and fishermen into the mountains up above the Twisp River as far as Stehekin.

During his senior year of high school, the family moved to Wenatchee where they settled in Sunnyslope. He met his future bride, Audrey Wise, while riding the school bus. They were married in the Wenatchee Church of the Brethren in 1947 and were blessed with two children and a large extended family.

After moving to Wenatchee, he worked briefly in the fruit industry and went to work for Van Doren Sales where he worked in the machine shop. Bob went on to own and operate two Union 76 service stations. In 1957 he started Lindsay

Water Conditioning. It grew into Central Washington Water. Later he purchased what was originally the Wells and Morris Hardware building. He and his son Mike remodeled the building for office space and changed it back to its original name, the Morris Building.

In their years together, Audrey and Bob enjoyed trips overseas, boating adventures, family reunions, and time at Lake Chelan. But always, their favorite place was coming back home to Wenatchee.

Many thanks to Maple Lodge for the loving way they cared for Bob. The family will be forever grateful to the staff.

Bob is survived by his children, son, Mike (Sheila); daughter, Kathy; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Luke) Primm, Elliott (Danielle), Emily (Casey) Graika, and Elise (Tyler) Manthie and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Audrey, parents, and sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brethren-Baptist Church United, 535 Okanogan Ave., Wenatchee WA. For family and friends who may wish to make a memorial in Bob's name, it may be made to the Brethren-Baptist Church United or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (PT)

Brethren Baptist Church
535 Okanogan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

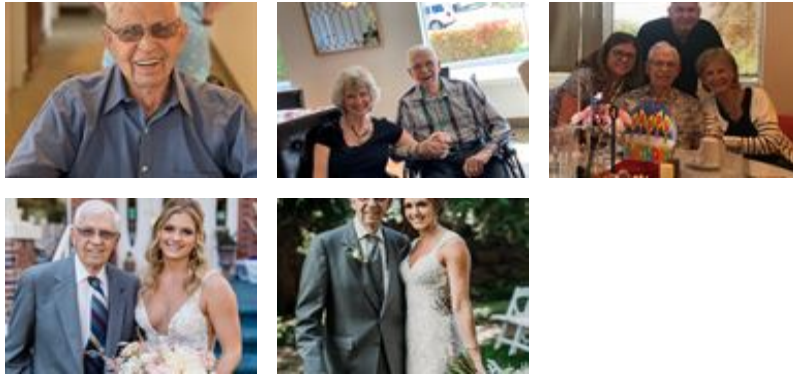
LH

“ Bob went to school in Twisp with my Dad, Donn Bigelow. My dad turned 99 yesterday and while I was going through his paperwork I saw a letter from Bob. It was so cool they stayed in touch all these years! Go Yellowjackets.

Linda E. (Bigelow) Harer - March 10, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 12:35 PM

ST

I was honored to get to know Bob. I was the Director at Catholic Family and Child Services. We rent a portion of the top floor in the Morris Building. Bob was a great man. We had many conversations together and he will be greatly missed.


Susie Tryon - August 16, 2023 at 06:43 PM

SF

“ You will be missed, Bob! Gary and I always enjoyed our visits with you as we popped in and out of each others office throughout the days that we rented office space in the Morris Building. Jake at your side was also there to say, "Hello". I am glad we were blessed to see you at Avamere now and again. God Bless you and Keep you, Bob.

Please know, Mike, you and your family are in our prayers. Peace in Christ,
Gary and Sue Steele

Steele Family - July 10, 2023 at 06:40 PM

 Barry O'Donnell

“ I have great memories of the days at the Salmon residence on Chatam Hill - Bob and Audrey were always special with there warm welcomes! Our watching TV in the Basement and of course being best man at Mikes wedding are times to be remembered forever! My heartfelt condolences got out to Mike and Kathy - I miss those days! B.G. O'Donnell

Barry O'Donnell - July 09, 2023 at 04:49 PM

MS

Thanks B.G. for your kind words and for being a great friend. Mike and Kathy

Mike Salmon - July 10, 2023 at 10:20 PM

SM

“ In the late '80's I worked for Bob at Central Wa Water. There was something special about Bob. He enjoyed the day to the fullest and loved what he did and enjoyed visiting with the people that would come into the store. I was too young to really appreciate all he had to offer and teach about business and community. Good memories.

Stephanie Malek - July 09, 2023 at 08:11 AM