



Robert "Bob" Shelton

June 23, 1935 - March 10, 2024

Robert "Bob" Neal Shelton, 88, passed from this life on March 10, 2024, in Enid, OK. He was born on June 23, 1935, in Miami, OK, to Alva Robert and Bertha A. (Cox) Shelton. He grew up on the family homestead north of Buffalo, OK, and attended New Hope School, a one-room schoolhouse close to the homestead, Buffalo schools, and finally Leavenworth High School, where he was Company Commander in the ROTC. Bob graduated from Bacone Jr. College with an Associate's degree before enlisting in the Naval Reserve in July 1953, serving on the USS Fred T. Berry, the USS Norris, and the USS Yosemite. Some of his fondest memories during his time in the Navy were watching Jackie Kennedy water ski off the coast of Rhode Island and visiting the Mediterranean. Bob was honorably discharged on July 6, 1962.

On May 9, 1969, Bob married the love of his life, Earlyne Thompson, and together they raised two sons, Richard and Stan. Soon to follow were the lights of Bob's life, granddaughters April and Morgan. Bob cherished his granddaughters and was immensely proud of his great-granddaughters' achievements studying abroad and traveling around Europe.

Bob's life was characterized by his dedication to his family, especially his wife. He was an avid OU fan and loved to tease his granddaughter April, a die-hard Texas fan, during the Red River Rivalry. He enjoyed collecting coins, inheriting his father's collection, and stamps. Bob's other joy was receiving postcards

from around the world from his great-granddaughter Aspen. Bob dedicated his life to Gold Spot Dairy, then Hiland Dairy, where he retired in 2000 as Branch Manager. He touched the lives of many through his work, none more than his protégé, Billy Rehder.

Bob, sadly, was preceded in death by his son Richard and his parents.

Loved ones left behind are his wife, Earlyne; son, Stan; granddaughters April Martin and husband Chad, Morgan Shelton and partner Alvin Grants; great-granddaughter Aspen Milledge; sister-in-law Darlene Thompson; and caregivers Billy and Linda Rehder.

A graveside service will be held on March 14, 2024, at 2:00 pm, at the Mausoleum in Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid, OK, with Chaplain Matt Miles officiating and arrangements by Anderson-Burris Funeral Home & Crematory. All friends and family are invited to attend and celebrate Bob's remarkable life.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Just to share a few memories, but to keep some to cherish for myself . None not in specific order . 1st. One for sure , when Bob & I was sent to N.C to drive trucks back to OKLA . While in the air on my 1st. Airplane flight I got scalded by hot coffee & was put in the hospital in Chicago . Remembering while on the golf course at Phillips University, Bob accused me of throwing him out of the golf cart , then Bill Puls & I noticed him teeing up his ball in the fairway . On a business meeting to Altus , Ok . he almost ended up in my lap when a semi going down I-40 pushed me into the median on Bobs side of the car . We made many business trips together getting away with some things better not mentioned . Bob helped groom me while him being my boss , until he suggested that it was my time to shine when suggested to upper mgr . That is was my time . We always joked that he was mine then I was his but we didn't address each other as bosses we addressed each other as “ one of the guys “ , through Jerry Harman's standards . I'm know there are many more memories that will never be forgotten. Rest in peace my mentor & friend , you'll be missed , but never forgotten .

Billy Rehder - March 12, 2024 at 07:23 PM