



## Robert Lee Erickson

May 28, 1934 - January 11, 2010

Robert Lee Erickson died early the morning of January 11, 2010 at Lakeridge Nursing home in Moses Lake, Washington after a long journey through Alzheimer's. Bob was born May 28, 1934 in Rawson , North Dakota to Theodore and Valeria Erickson. He has one brother Danny living in Moses Lake, Wa., and a brother Richard ,deceased.

Bob was raised in and around the western North Dakota town of Williston. He was a football and basketball standout at Cooperstown High School where his claim to fame was playing football against future baseball Hall of Fame homerun hitter Roger Maris of Shanley High School.

Bob met future wife Donna Marie Kitsch at a dance in Starkweather , N.D. in 1954. Being committed to military service they maintained a long distance romance. Bob served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 where he was attached to Third Army Engineer Battalion in Hanour Army Base in Frankfurt Germany. Bob's talent as a singer and guitar player won him first place in the soloist country western category of the US Army Europe talent contest and the chance to finish his tour entertaining his fellow soldiers as the "Bashful Balladeer."

Upon completion of his military service Bob and Donna where married October 1, 1956 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Garske, N.D.

Bob attended Valley City Teachers College in Valley City, N.D. where he received his degree in biological science. The Moses Lake School District recruited Bob to travel across country to teach at Chief Moses Junior High.

Bob and Donna farmed in Block 40 where they raised their family of four boys; Lee, Paul, Chris, Wade and two daughters; Robin and Elizabeth.

Bob relished spending time with his family relaxing with backyard picnics, playing endless games of Horse with his daughter Robin, bass fishing at the Potholes Reservoir, salmon fishing in King Salmon Alaska and waterfowl hunting. Bob was a rabid Seahawks fan whose high five after a Hawks' touchdown stung the hand of the recipient. He was also a Sonics fan in the glory years of the late '70s. Bob enjoyed leading us all in song while playing his Gibson J-50 Deluxe guitar.

"Karl" was the founding member of a loose cadre of ne'er-do-wells and malcontents called The Barrels of Flame Rod and Gun Club where he proclaimed himself Grand Pooh Bah and as "Vato Boppo" wore his cummerbund fez well. He was known to power down and go full bore. "Sleep is highly over rated," was his credo. He will be sorely missed at regular club meetings.

Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, 6 children, 12 grandchildren, Nicole, Cassandra , Caleb, Kalin, Sidney, Keaton, Calloway, Morgan, Jack, Molly, Kees, Christopher, and one great grandchild Julien.

Bob never met a man whom he didn't see as his equal and treated him as such. He was a friend to all, no matter their station. In our hearts he is catching chromers on every cast and getting natural doubles with every shot

followed by a grand party playing guitar with Chet Atkins.

A Rosary will be said Friday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church 200 N. Dale Rd. in Moses Lake, Wa., followed by a funeral Mass and inurnment at 11 a.m. A reception to follow at the CCD center.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 22. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Robin, John, Jack, Molly and family~

*We are thinking of you all and are so sorry for your loss! What a wonderful tribute to your dad, Robin. He sounds like an incredible guy and we know you all miss him dearly. Love you!*

*Becky, Randy and kids###imported-begin##Becky Heim###imported-end##*

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January 21, 2010 at 05:40 PM



“ Chris-

*Please accept my condolences. I know how difficult the past few years have been, but I also know you have many wonderful memories to cherish for the remainder of your life. Those memories are what will keep you going. May God bless you and your family.*

*Mike Nordsten###imported-begin##Mike Nordsten###imported-end##*

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January 18, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ Robin, John, Jack and Molly,

*Thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.*

*Love, Sarah, Greg, Jack Paul and Lucy Craber###imported-begin##Sarah Craber###imported-end##*

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January 17, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ Wishing I could be there with you all in your time of sorrow. Uncle Bob will be greatly missed. Just the other day i was trying to remember the words to Up in the Air Junior Birdman but it had been so long since he had taught me i had forgotten the middle.  
All My Love  
Amy###imported-begin##Amy Adahl###imported-end##

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January 16, 2010 at 11:51 AM

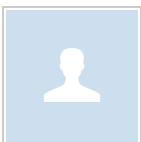


“ Dearest Donna,

Our heart goes out to you and your beautiful family. We have always admired you and Bob for the good, caring people that you have been in our lives. Bob was a very talented man, plus he was a man who enjoyed all aspects of life..especially you and your children and grandchildren. May God give you peace and assurance that one day you will be reunited again. Our sincerest love and caring...Ned and Deanna("Dee")###imported-begin##Ned and Deanna Hirz###imported-end##

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January 16, 2010 at 05:25 AM



“ Love to you all.I am with you in spirit as well as in prayer. the obit caught the essence of a lovely gentleman and a good brother as that is what he was to me even tho in law is the legal definition. I hope you are all relishing the great Bob stories, of which i could add many. I will miss that great tenor voice and hearty laugh forever.love, your sister and aunt Neat other wise known in these late years as "the other"!!! Love you lots and see you in a 2 or 3 weeks.###imported-begin##anita###imported-end##

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January 16, 2010 at 12:06 AM



“ Our condolences go out to the Erickson family. Carol and Ron Draney##imported-begin##Carol##imported-end##

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January 15, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ Our candolences to Donna and her family.I understand it was a long road.peace kelly##imported-begin##kelly kitsch family##imported-end##

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January 15, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Donna and family...My deepest sympathies to you all. May God rest his soul and bring you peace. Donna, your wedding was the only time I was ever a flower girl...I'll remember it always. Love..Rita##imported-begin##Rita Engelhart Wilper##imported-end##

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January 14, 2010 at 12:07 PM