



Robert M. Trask

September 8, 1920 - April 7, 2010

Robert M. Trask, Sr. "Bob" went to be with the Lord, April 7, 2010. He was born September 8, 1920 to Raymond H and Alice (Bauer) Trask in Boise, Idaho. Bob grew up in Boise and Reno, Nevada, graduating from Boise High School in 1940. Bob joined the United States Army in 1942. He served in the 14th & 16th Armored Divisions, Paratroopers and several Ordinance companies; he saw active combat in the Rhineland during World War II. Bob was discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1946 from Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

While stationed at Fort Bliss, Bob met and later married his "Yellow Rose." Dorothy Jean Hutcheson. Married in 1946, Bob and Dorothy headed north to the Columbia Basin. Bob heard there were great opportunities in the Basin with the irrigation water coming to the area. In late 1946, Bob and Dorothy with the help of brother Skeet, built the Basin Motel at the current site of the Safeway self-serve gas. In 1948, Bob started the Trask Motor Company, selling Pontiac and Cadillac Automobiles. The dealership was sold in 1957. Bob spent several years in construction as a heavy equipment operator, a job he learned in Boise, Idaho while working for Morrison Knutson Company prior to his Army service. Bob tried his hand at insurance in 1960. He later formed the Robert M. Trask Insurance Agency, now owned and operated by Bob Jr.

Bob believed in community involvement. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce in 1948, on the Moses Lake School Board from 1955 to 1960,

appointed to the First Library Board. He was a helping founder of United Givers (United Way), he also had been active in The Elks Lodge, Lions, Masons and Eastern Star. Bob was also a Dad Advisor for Rainbow Girls and DeMolay for Boys. He was a founding Charter member of the Moses Lake Golf & Country Club. Bob always thought his greatest achievement was assisting with the admission of hundreds of children to the Shriners Hospital. Bob loved kids and all people young at heart.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Terry (Jeff) Skeesick, her family Todd (Lisa) Skeesick and Tracie (Roberto) Farias; his son Bob Jr. (Kristy) Trask, his family Ben (Mellena) Trask, Becky Trask, Stephanie Decker and Rob (Chantel) Decker and 6 great-grand children.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Raymond H Trask and Mother Alice Trask, his loving wife of 47 years, Dorothy, and his brothers Ray and Farrel "Skeet".

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriners Hospital, 911 W 5th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204 or online at www.shrinershg.org.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1142 W Ivy St. at 11:00 AM on April 17, 2010.

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Moses Lake lost an icon. More importantly, the community lost a most generous and caring gentleman. His contributions will be long missed. I have great memories of his humor and his kind touch with all of his Rainbow girls. Terry and Bobby and all your family--I am so very sad for your loss. Linda###imported-begin##Linda Dunn###imported-end##*

April 24, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ *Bob i was sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great guy and loved by all. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Vicki###imported-begin##Vicki Childress###imported-end##*

April 19, 2010 at 12:01 PM



“ To the Family of Bob Trask Sr.

My mother and father (Glen and Verna Hult) have often told me of one of the funnest New Years' Eve Parties they attended or actually that attened them. They decided to stay home this New Year when Bob and Dorthy drive up in their motor home with a New Year Party on wheels. They went from house to house picking up other friends along the way. Telling jokes, laughing and singing, my parents told me of how much fun everyone had. This memory created by your parents so many years ago was one of there most memorable. I will always be thankful to your parents for creating not only that one memory but many more. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

Fred and Loretta Legault###imported-begin##Loretta Legault###imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ To the family of Bob,

Growing up in a small town has always seemed to me to be the best of all worlds. Friendships form that last a life time and we all come to understand the true meaning of good neighbor. The passing of Bob saddened us and our extended neighborhood as we lost a truely great friend. Our prayers are always with you. God bless.###imported-begin##Larry, Jennifer, and Emily Dennis###imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ Our sincere Condolence to the Trask Family. Your Dad will be missed by many. He was a special person that touched many people in a special way through out his life. He had wonderful sense of humor. Take Care and may God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##All of us at Anderson's complete Auto Care ##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 01:23 AM



“ Bob....We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Just remember that our loved ones never leave our heart and forever are in our minds.
Chuck and Sue##imported-begin##Chuck and Sue Mahaney##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 06:39 PM



“ I'm sorry to read about your loss of Bob.He,Dorothy and Skeet were some of my favorite people. I believe that we will see them again some day. For now I will think that when ever I hear thunder Bob is either shooting at a pheasant or slicing a drive off a big tree and landing in the middle of the fairway. I often think of the hunts and the biscuits before the hunt. God Bless you and my deepest sympathy.
Mike Carbery and family.##imported-begin##Mike Carbery##imported-end##

April 15, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ Bob Jr. & family, and everyone at the office. My deepest condolences to you all on Bob Sr.'s passing.

I will never forget Bob's wry sense of humor. After his retirement, it would always be a bright spot in my day if he just happened to be in the office when I stopped in. He would always greet me with a firm handshake, that big smile of his, and a "how are you, young man?" (Or in the last few years, an occasional "do you have any more of those cheese balls?")

I have never known a kinder or more genuine man. When you talked to him, you knew you were getting the straight scoop. What a guy. I will truly miss him.

*Take care and God bless,
Randy##imported-begin##Randy Johnson##imported-end##*

April 14, 2010 at 11:49 PM



“ May you rest in peace Bob Trask. I knew you and Dorothy way back when I was in High School(1947-1949)and you used to come into Powers Drug Store to see Jay and Connie Powers. You both were so young and fiesty. Such a long time ago,but such good memories. Blessings to your family.##imported-begin##Dixie Joy Natermas##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss-- I knew your father for many year. Please accept our thoughts and prayers to your family.##imported-begin##Bill and Stella Heston##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ Bob Jr. and Family, It was a great honor to know your dad, Bob Sr.! I will always appreciate how he took time out of his day to talk with me back when i was just a young new to the town adjuster. He will missed. Jack##imported-begin##Jack & Peggy Barker##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ Bob Trask was one of the good guys. During our high school years, the Lewis Ladies could always count on him for help and kindness. Many times we leaned on him when our dad was not around. We felt loved and cared for by Bob Trask, as many others did too. As adults, we have found him to always be friendly and pleasant. It was always nice to see him. We send our deepest sympathy for your loss. We pray the wonderful memories you have of Bob will comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##Leslie & Bud Piper##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 11:40 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have so many special memories of your Dad, his warm smile and wonderful sense of humor. We always appreciated his involvement in the community in so many ways. He will be missed. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-begin##Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 11:05 PM



“ Bob, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was always took the time to acknowledge us anytime we ever saw him. We have always held him in the highest regard and respected his work for the Shriners, he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Gerald and Robin Goude##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 08:46 PM



“ Bob- Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Patrick Anderson##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 07:30 PM



“ Terry, Bob, and Extended Family: We were so saddened by the news of Bob's unexpected passing. Bob was a wonderful man and so full of life! He always had a smile on his face and welcomed everyone he met into his circle of life. Bob touched so many lives throughout his 89+ years and will be missed by many. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sam & Kathy Kovalesky##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 04:40 PM



“ Bob Jr. and Family We will all miss Bob and his great sense of humor. I had the pleasure of knowing him for over thirty years as he was the one who started our couples golf tournament at Three Lakes when we lived in Wenatchee. We experienced a lot of fun rounds of golf with Bob and Dorothy. What a guy! He will be missed.##imported-begin##Sandy Eslick##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ Terry, Bob, Jr. and families. We send our heartfelt condolences to all of you. We met your father and mother in the 1950's when Keith was employed at Trask Motor Co. Keith still feels Bob was one of the finest employers he had. In later years he became our "friendly Insurance man" and always greeted us with a hug or a handshake. We miss knowing he is no longer with you. God Bless!##imported-begin##Keith & Maxine Darley##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Fred and Donna Haynes
Port Townsend Wa.##imported-begin##Fred and Donna Haynes##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 11:19 PM



“ Hi folks,
What a great guy! I always enjoyed our conversations together. God's strength and comfort to all the family as you celebrate his life. In Christ, Pastor Kevan Smith and Priscilla##imported-begin##Kevan and Priscilla Smith, Fargo ND##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 10:26 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a very special person. We loved him.##imported-begin##Jan and Steve Looney##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 01:49 PM



“ Our condolences to the Trask and Skeesick families. Grandpa Trask was a very wise man and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Michael and Tiffany Valdez and family##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 11:33 PM



“ Our sympathy goes out to the Trask family. Bob Sr. always wore a smile, and had a "joke" to follow, and will be missed by all, who were lucky to have him as a friend. Bob will live in the hearts and minds of all the people he touched, whether it was his personality, or professionally. He was highly respected, and served as a mentor to many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!! Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Cathy and Paul Kersey##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 08:33 PM



“ A chapter of my life has closed. Bob and Dorothy, Terri and Bob were a second family to me for many years. The wonderful times we shared as families and friends will never be forgotten. Bob will surely be missed...he was a larger than life kind of guy. Teri and Bob we will keep in touch! Love Jan##imported-begin##Jan and Gary Olsson##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 01:33 PM



“ Dear Terry,Bobby and family... Randy and I send you our heartfelt sympathy. Seems all of us have been down this road too often. We can take comfort in knowing that it leads Bob to his "Yellow Rose." All our folks will be smiling down on us as we now find our way on this incredible journey called life. It appears Bob has touched many hearts along his way. You are all in our hearts and we send you our love at this difficult time and always. Sue & Randy###imported-begin##Sue (Skeesick) Perrelli###imported-end##

April 10, 2010 at 11:15 AM



“ Bob: Lynnette and I are shocked and saddened to hear of your loss of Mr. Trask. I have wonderful memories of his welcoming me to the Senior Center breakfasts, as both a client and a friend. I came to love and appreciate Mr. Trask's sense of humor and warm personality, and every conversation included his inquiring of my family's well being. I remember one morning two years ago, I brought my 16 year old son Spencer to ask the "old boys" about his Eagle Scout project, and when I introduced Spencer, Mr. Trask stood, shook his hand, and looked him in the eye, "Spencer, this is the most important accomplishment of your young life." Mr. Trask was loved, and will be missed. God bless you all.
-David & Lynnette Plate###imported-begin##David Plate###imported-end##

April 10, 2010 at 12:40 AM



“ *Bob Jr & Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your DAD was a great man and will be missed by everyone that was lucky enough to know him.

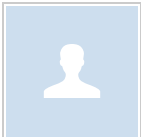
The Adair Family###imported-begin##Todd Adair###imported-end##

April 10, 2010 at 12:09 AM



“ *We remember your wit, charm and ability to take a balloon and make creatures appear. You were a wonderful dad and grandfather. You touch many in your life and will be missed, but we are very happy to have known you! We will see you again !###imported-begin##Dan and Doris Brown###imported-end##*

April 10, 2010 at 12:04 AM



“ *Bob - Oh how I will miss you, your big smile, your wonderful sense of humor, your love for life and the love you showed to me for 58 years! How honored I am to have been a part of your family for all these years and I will miss you so much. Tell that Yellow Rose of Texas hi for me. I love you both! Gail###imported-begin##Gail###imported-end##*

April 09, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Bob, Terry and families. What a guy!....I love that man and will miss him alot. I will always remember working next door at 420 W Broadway and nearly every day....Bob would pop in to tell me the "joke of the day". It was hard to out do him...but every once in a while I would tell him a joke he hadn't heard. (Or at least he was polite enough to tell me so). He willed his Betty Boop tie to me which I still have hanging in my office. I have lots of fond memories. I'm thankful to have known him.
Thinking of you all....
Hugs and prayers. Su##imported-begin##Su Visker##imported-end##

April 09, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ Our sincere condolence to the Trask Family and Friends.

The Zornes Family
The Rogers Family##imported-begin##Jeff and Sharon (Rogers)
Zornes##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ Bob Jr...hard to imagine Sr. not being here. Sr. called me Dumb-Dumb, and I in turn called him Irving. I remember Bob and Dorothy attending Chief football games in the 60's. Bob would bring peanuts to the games and "throw" them at me while I was cheerleading. For a wedding gift, Bob & Dorothy gave Ron & I a setting of china and 10 pounds of peanuts. What a guy! I loved him as a friend and mentor; his sense of humor was over the top. My life has been better and brightened for knowing him all these years. May the peace of our Lord be with you and the family in the days ahead. God bless you all.

Vicki###imported-begin##Vicki Groff###imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 05:22 PM



“ Bob & Family
I am so shocked and sorry to hear downtown today of Bob Sr.s passing. He was a great man! An asset to our community. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time and always

Ken haisch###imported-begin##Ken Haisch###imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 02:36 PM