



Robert L Thruston

January 28, 1935 - June 19, 2018

Robert (Bob) L. Thruston of Meridian, Idaho passed on June 19, 2018 in the early morning hours with his two sons by his side. Bob was born in Nampa, Idaho, on January 28, 1935 to Charles and Mable Thruston.

In 1941 he moved to Ohio. There he lived his childhood years between the ages of 6-15. As a young boy he had not just one but two newspaper routes. His childhood dog, Patches, went with him. In 1950 he moved to Colorado Springs where he excelled in auto mechanics and graduated from Colorado High School in 1954.

He joined the Air Force in 1954 where he served for 10 years. This took him to Lake Charles, Louisiana where he met and later married Joyce Elaine Garrett, the younger sister of one of his comrades. During their marriage they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There they had two sons, Kevin and Kenny, before heading overseas to Tripoli, Libya with the whole family in tow. Back in the USA they had a daughter, Kerri, while stationed in Kansas, City Missouri. They spent time in Colorado Springs before moving to San Diego to work for Howard Hughes Aircraft. They were married for ten years.

Bob returned to Colorado Springs for a few years, before returning home to Idaho alongside his parents in 1972. For many years he worked as a carpet layer for Thornocks, before opening a Mexican pottery and leather goods home business named the Pottery Barn (the original Pottery Barn). He made several trips through California to Mexico to get his pottery that everyone loved. After Kevin and Kenny graduated high school he worked seasonally in Alaska with his cousin for many years as a carpenter at the logging camp. Here he met Nellie and they have remained lifelong friends.

He was the original American picker. He bought and sold many things throughout the years. He enjoyed meeting and talking with everyone that stopped by to look at his goods. He never met a stranger. In later years you could always find him sitting in his shop and listening to the radio with his dog, Izzy, watching the traffic go by!

As a father, he taught his children many things. They learned to love and enjoy the outdoors, a good work ethic, pride of ownership, and the love of tinkering in the garage making things with your own hands.

He was always good about staying in touch with folks throughout the years the old school way through phone calls, handwritten letters and visits. He loved his family and made sure they knew it. There were lots of "I love you" said!

Survivors include sons, Kevin Thruston and wife Linda, Kenneth Thruston and wife Gina; daughter, Kerri Dorsey and husband Richard; 11 Grandchildren, Brenda (Thruston) Chinino, Robert Thruston, Russell Thruston, Randy Thruston, Brandy Thruston, Ryan Thruston, Brianna Thruston, Krystal Sisson, Travis Sisson, Trevor Sisson and Lily Dorsey; 18 Great Grandchildren; a niece and a nephew; great nephews; many cousins and his dog, Izzy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles R. Thruston and beloved mother, Mable (Janoushek) Thruston both of Meridian, Idaho as well as his younger brother, Richard C. Thruston of El Cajon, California.

The family shared a brief time with him in private before his wishes to be cremated. Bob loved his dogs, his companions. If there is something you would like to do, please make a donation to your local animal shelter in memory of him.

Comments



“ So my son Robert made this in loving memory of his Grandpa



Kevin - January 23 at 09:07 PM



“ Uncle Bob always made me feel like one of the most important girls in the whole wide world. I got to spend most of my childhood summers with him on the farm and was so devastated if he was ever gone to Alaska during that time. He is the reason I love Boston Baked Beans and I still get a little scared when I see someone in a welding helmet. One of my favorite treats was driving around the golf cart dump truck he built.

Later in my life, he loved to hear how racing was going and the shenanigans of Chase. He would often call me to check on us and we always looked forward to what the Christmas card would say each year. He loved getting our pictures in the mail and proudly displayed them on his refrigerator.

An era has come to an end, but I can just picture Grandma, Grandpa, Dad, and Uncle Bob sitting together enjoying some percolated coffee. I'm grateful for all of the memories- lasting impressions on my life.

I'm sending love to all of my family.

Crystal Shackleford - June 30, 2018 at 11:20 AM



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Terry Tipton - June 27, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ Bob cost me a lot of money ever since I met him. Not his fault though, he was always buying cool motorcycles that I wanted and he was glad to sell to me. No finer wheeler-dealer was ever born. I always enjoyed my visits with him immensely. I got to see him just a few days before he passed, and true to form he was trying to sell

me a Kobota Tractor. RIP Bob and my most sincerest condolences to all the family.

Terry Tipton - June 27, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ Bob was a very kind and caring person, he did me a lots of favors in the 35 years I have known him, and the only thing he ever wanted in return was a good home cooked meal, which was always a pleasure to have him over for family and holiday dinners, I will miss Bob so much that words just can't describe.

Jana Tipton - June 26, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ I thought this was the best Grandpa Bob was so funny about holding Taylor. I was very happy to get this picture. I dont even have to look at it to remember it.



Brandy Thruston - June 26, 2018 at 07:49 PM



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Gina Thruston - June 24, 2018 at 10:02 PM



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Gina Thruston - June 24, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ Bob has been my father-in-law for over 35 years, he was a great man and I was proud to call him Dad! You will be missed and we Love You!

Gina Thruston - June 24, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ What I remember most about Dad is he was always there when needed him. It may not have been what you wanted to hear , but it was what needed to hear. Love you always!

Kevin Thruston - June 24, 2018 at 07:02 PM