



Bob Gerding

July 8, 1938 - December 18, 2013

Age 75, a resident of Albuquerque, died Wednesday, December 18, 2013 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Harriet Loken Gerding; sons, Patrick R. Gerding and wife Stephanie of Seattle, WA, Michael W. Gerding of Denver, CO, brother, Richard L. Gerding and wife Eileen of Farmington, NM; his stepsister, Millie McMahon and husband John of Albuquerque; son in law, Flint Morris; granddaughters, Madeline Gerding, Melanie Morris; grandson JT Morris and wife Kristi; great granddaughter, Laurel Morris; nieces and nephews, Chris and David Gerding, Bett Clark, Mollie and Jack McMahon and Deena, Dan, Doug and Don Bryce, many other family and friends. Mr. Gerding was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Claribel Gerding, his step mother Millie Gerding, his daughter Laura Gerding Morris and his sister Clarilou Bryce. He was a graduate of Highland High School and the University of New Mexico, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was elected to the Anderson School of Management Hall of Fame. Bob was a member of the Episcopal Church and owner and operator of Bob Gerding's Outdoor Adventures. His proudest achievement was as the creator of the Bob Gerding's Outdoor Adventures Hunting and Fishing Show, which ran for 15 years. He was also the author of two books on fly fishing and fly tying. Bob was actively involved in several charitable fly fishing events, was the voice of fly fishing on radio and TV and was the host of TV's Wild New Mexico. He loved the New Mexico outdoors especially the Jemez Mountains. He also thoroughly enjoyed college basketball. March

Madness was his favorite time of year. The family would like to express a special thanks to Chris Gerding, Bett Clark, Presbyterian Hospice and Home Instead for their wonderful care. A memorial service will be Monday, December 23, 2013, 11:00 am at French - Lomas. Private interment will take place. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Reel Recovery, c/o Bob Gerding Memorial, 160 Brookside Road, Needham, Massachusetts, 02492. Please visit our online guest book for Bob at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

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Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Tribute Wall

CI

“ Thanks for the memories, Bob. Enjoyed the tiger musky trips to Bluewater. Enjoyed your company and the laughs.
Mark & Cindy Sawyer

Cindy - December 27, 2013 at 03:50 PM

WM

“ We wish you Mike and all the family peace during such a hard time. Mr. Gerding helped me with Wes' "Santa" stocking for years. Wes always wondered how I knew what to pick for fishing. His contribution to this community will be remembered. God's Blessings and our love. Wes and Kat Mead

wes Mead - December 27, 2013 at 11:34 AM

AZ

“ Mr. Gerding was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed. He always had a smile for me when Laura and I would hang out at their home in high school. My love and sympathies are with Mrs. Gerding and her entire family. I feel so blessed to have known such a special man and family.

Anne Knisely Zeter

Anne Zeter - December 24, 2013 at 03:05 PM

CB

“ My brother Jay just informed me of Bob's passing. It was truly sad news.

"Uncle" Lou and Claribel were my parents best friends and the Boyd boys were always told to look up to Bob and Dick. They were our big brothers in the best of ways. We always enjoyed the times we got to spend together with them and their families.

Although I have not lived in Albuquerque in over 30 years (misplaced in Texas and now Hawaii) the Gerding family has always been a great influence in my life and the memories are great.

*Nancy and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
Curtis and Nancy Boyd*

Curtis Boyd - December 23, 2013 at 04:48 PM

“ I have great memories of Bob. It was Bob, Dick, Jerry Thomas and I who became the great hunters. Well close anyway. I have told this story many times.

One day we all woke up to a great snow storm. I called each of the guys to see if they were willing to go duck hunting. Of course they all said. So we met up in one car, loaded with decoys (we had many dozens) and headed out.

Our favorite hunting area was in Los Lunas just east on the clear ditch before crossing the bridge over the Rio Grande. It was still snowing well with the visibility maybe 1/2 a mile. As we neared "our spot" the snow was falling even heavier. We all thought this is going to be great. Rolling down one of the windows we heard thew ducks. Our excitement got even better.

We traveled down the clear ditch roar for approximately 150 yards and then had to stop. The snow was really piling up. We could hear the ducks as the sound became louder. We piled out of the car grabbing the decoys in burlap sacks and headed out toward the river. Bob was in the lead, Dick then Thomas then me. The under brush was very thick and as tall as Bob and Dick. Visibility was forever decreasing. Bob was breaking trail for us.

We walked, and we walked, and we walked, seemed like an hour. We were still not at the river. We walked further and Bob came to a stop. He said something like "Shucks, someone is already here. We all were a little upset because we thought we were first. Bob took his foot and made an impression next to the print he found. Guess what? It was his footprint. The great guide had led us in a circle.

The river was only 30 yards away. All of us said. Shucks." ;-)

We headed back to the car not to hunt that day. I think that day clinched Bob to become the great Guru he was in the Outdoor adventures.

"No one is ever gone as long as someone still has memories of them."

Ed Worthington.

All Honor to His Name.

In Hoc Brother

Peaches Hines

Morys Hines - December 23, 2013 at 03:28 PM

SG

“ We have truly lost a legend. Bob was a very dear client and supporter of EXPO NM. He will be greatly missed. Our thought and prayers go out to the Gerding family. - Sabrina Garza and the Events Department.



sabrina garza - December 23, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DA

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Gerding. We would like to extend our condolences to the whole family. At times like this we can turn to the "God of all comfort" who will help us in our time of need 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. There is an article that really helped our family with our loss it's found here <http://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/g200809/death-is-it-the-end/> I'm know it will help you in your time of need!

David - December 22, 2013 at 11:22 AM

GC

“ Sending prayers and deepest sympathy to the Gerding family. You are all in my thoughts at this difficult time.
Gwen Speer Clouthier, Farmington

Gwen Speer Clouthier - December 21, 2013 at 05:59 PM

MH

“ *New Mexico, UNM, HHS and the sporting world have lost one of the good guys. My prayers are with the family. Mary Ellen McKnight Hall, HHS class of 55*

Mary Ellen McKnight Hall - December 20, 2013 at 08:19 PM

MB

“ *Dear Harriet and Family, We are so very sorry to learn of Mr Gerdings passing. We got to know him better through our son working at Charlie's Sporting Goods. Such a passion for New Mexico and the Outdoors. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Monica Blaschke*

Monica Blaschke - December 20, 2013 at 05:06 PM

TG

“ *Theresa G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bob Gerding.*



Theresa G. - December 20, 2013 at 04:16 PM

RP

“ *I was saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Gerding. We were not good friends. However, anyone who attended Highland High or UNM, during the late 1950's, knew of Bob and his athletic talents as well as his character. I last talked to Bob at a reunion for Highland athletes. I am sure that the memories left behind will be with his family and friendship forever.*

Ron Pies - December 20, 2013 at 04:00 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Bob Gerding.*



December 20, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sixty-five years ago we lived across the street from the Gerdings on Ridgecrest Drive. My mother could never tell the twins apart; she called each of them "Bob or Dick." That wasn't a problem for me...I knew Dick was older than Bob.*

Bob, Dick and I sat at a table for the "Big Boys" at the back of Mrs. Feltham's 4th grade class at Bandelier Elementary. We were very well-behaved boys. Wasn't Harriet also in that class?

One could not ask for better friends than "Bob or Dick".

*Jim Coggins
Poteau OK*

Jim Coggins - December 20, 2013 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ We got to know and love Bob, through his twin brother, Dick, here in Farmington. These brothers and their kids have been such a blessing to us at Navajo Ministries through our annual Bi-Fly Fishing Tournament. This is an annual fund raiser that benefits the Four Corners Home for Children here at the ministry. We always looked forward to having Bob and the family join us each summer for this special event. Next year's 20th annual tournament will be held in Bob's memory. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Gerding family at this time.

*Your Friends at Navajo Ministries, Inc.
Farmington, NM*

Jim Baker - December 20, 2013 at 11:50 AM

Jl

“ Bob was a true and dear friend of our family. You touched our lives and you will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Harriet, Patrick, Mike and family.

Jill & Kelly Medford

Jill - December 20, 2013 at 11:17 AM

KC

“ Hearing of Bob's passing is a great loss to the state of New Mexico. Spoke with Bob on wed of every week while owning Conchas North Dock Marina (1999) untill the drowning of my husband (Kevin Carpenter) I kept every thursday fishing report. One way to learn about fish and lures great learning lessons from a great teacher hope you catch the lunker Bob! Gone Fishing, Kim Carpenter, Albuquerque,NM

Kim Carpenter - December 20, 2013 at 10:48 AM

JD

“ God bless Bob, the Gerding family and friends and may good memories of Bob carry you forward.
The DuPonts

Julien DuPont - December 20, 2013 at 10:41 AM

DM

“ Oh how we will miss Bob's enormous presence in our lives. We are heartbroken for the wonderful Gerding Family and for anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Bob taught this city boy to fly fish and showed me how to better appreciate our NM outdoors. Vaya con Dios, Bob. You will be forever in our hearts.

David & Joshua Michelsohn and Families

David Michelsohn - December 20, 2013 at 10:39 AM

TG

To one of the nicest persons, I have ever met, he was always so kind to me. You will be missed, loved watching his program. God bless Bob and also God comfort his family. Theresa and Family.

Theresa Graham - December 20, 2013 at 03:01 PM

KC

“ My Cndolences to the family and friends of Bob Gerding.
I loved and miss his fishing reports around the state.

*Katie Candelaria
Santa Fe*

Katie Candelaria - December 20, 2013 at 09:53 AM



MB

“ *Margaret B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bob Gerding.*



Margaret B. - December 20, 2013 at 09:32 AM

RC

“ *Bob taught me and thousands of others how to flyfish, it was an honor to have known him. We have lost an amazing human being. He touched my life and I will miss him.*
Randy Clarke

Randy Clarke - December 20, 2013 at 06:26 AM

BB

“ *Bob, you will be missed by all the outdoorsmen of New Mexico. May your waters always run cold and wild and every cast yield a 2 pounder.*

Bryan Bennett - December 19, 2013 at 05:33 PM

RS

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Richard T. Stewart - December 19, 2013 at 01:56 PM