



Robert G. Peets

November 27, 1914 - July 3, 2012

ROBERT "BOB" G. PEETS Passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2012 in Grants, NM. Bob was born November 27, 1914 in a logging camp in northern Michigan. He excelled at an early age in academics in grade school, then to South High in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bob graduated from Michigan Tech with a degree in his chosen field of mining engineering. He was inducted into the honorary engineering society Tau Beta Pi. During his years in high school and college, he lettered in his chosen sports. In his youth became a Sea Scout. Mining was the career he loved and all he wanted to do which covered a span of 50 years. He began his career upon graduation in 1938 with Bethlehem Steel in Lebanon, PA. During his tenure with Bethlehem Steel, he was a liaison for the company in Mexico for seven years, building a producing manganese mine during the Cold War in the 1950's. Later in the 1960's he managed Meramec Mining Co. in Sullivan, MO. Upon retirement from Meramec Mining Co. he married his wife, Ava and began a new career moving to New Mexico during the Uranium Boom in the 1970's. Bob was an energetic man never wasting a minute. He had a dedication to community service wherever he lived. He was a devoted family man caring deeply for his children and grandchildren. During his years in Grants, NM, he served on the Cibola Economic Development Foundation, and also the Chamber of Commerce Board. As a Rotarian, he received the Paul Harris Award for service. He served on the Policy Advisory Committee to the Agency on Aging by Governor's appointment for a span of 17 years. He was President of the

New Mexico Mining Association from 1980 - 1982. Bob, along with his wife Ava, was awarded Citizen of the Year in 2011 by the Grants Chamber of Commerce. He was a devoted member of the All Saints Episcopal Church in Milan. In his last months, even in the poorest of health, his desire was to try to go to church each Sunday. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ava; his children, Shelley Newman, his beloved developmentally disabled stepson, Todd Sherman, Lonnie Peets-Williams, Roy Peets, Dr. Shara K. Peets and Marlis Wise; his sister, Norma Mitchell; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bob was a kind and caring man who provided a good life for all in his care. He will be missed. Memorial Services will be held Saturday, July 7, 2012, 11:00 a.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Milan, NM.

Tribute Wall

JB

“Ava, Shelley and family, What a wonderful long life Bob had and we can only imagine how much you miss him. We feel blessed to have known such a kind and interesting man.

Jim and Bonnie - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“Dear Aunt Ava, Shelley & Todd, I'm thinking of you guys today and can only imagine how hard it must be to say goodbye to Uncle Bob. I miss you all and wish I could be with you today, but my love and thoughts are with you. Love, Mary

Mary Reeves - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“In hope that this doesn't sound cliché, I can honestly say that Bob has always been a family member I admired and wanted to emulate. He is a great example of a father. I hope to prove as committed and loving a person. I have not known many that are that dedicated to family as Bob proved himself to be. It would have been great to share more time with him than opportunity permitted, but I am grateful for the smiles and hugs he always gave when we had family gatherings. Our family is greater for having had Bob share his life with us.

Marty Glaese - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“So sorry to hear about your loss Ava and family. I'll always remember Bob always working in his yard. He was a good man and is in a better place where he is no longer suffering, may God bless you and your family in this time of grief.

chris madrid - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

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

Shelia Hocker - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Ava and Shelley: So sorry for your loss. We wish we could be there to give you both a big hug and kiss. Know that he is no longer in pain and it is for the best for him. It's always hardest on those left behind. We enjoyed every encounter we had with him. We are honored to have had you all accept us into your family. We love you all and will miss him. Love, Erik, Soheila, Imad and Kamal

Erik Phelps - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My dearest friend Shelley; My heart aches for you.. Bob was a gentle and kind man who will be missed but his memory will live on. With my deepest sorrrw. Soheila

Soheila Phelps - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Shelly, I am a friend of Bill Reeves and met Bob and Ava several times when they visited Bill and Connie. I was always very impressed with Bob's mental and physical condition and attitude... obviously much less than his chronological age. He was a kind and unassuming type individual that I enjoyed speaking with very much. Please accept my condolences. Joe Wildt

joe wildt - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM