



Robert Jenne Stamm

November 17, 1921 - December 14, 2014

A life well-lived has come to an end. Robert Jenne Stamm died December 14, 2014, at age 93. Bob was a life-long resident of Albuquerque, where he spent his adult life working to enrich his city and state. He was born November 17, 1921 to Roy Allen Stamm and Elizabeth Baldrige Stamm, whose families moved to New Mexico in the early 1880s. His older brothers, Allen Stamm and William Stamm, predeceased him.

Bob was interested in everything and everyone. He relished all good deeds, fair play, and achievements. Bob was a man of few words, but of tireless action and service. He was amazingly calm, yet he loved competition, whether it was playing tennis, skiing, poker, or bidding a job. It should be noted, however, that there was no win unless it was "fair and square." He played golf, but mostly because it was outside and he could bet on it.

From the age of 10, Bob had a tennis racket in his hand. In high school, he never lost a singles match and was a four-time State champion. At UNM, he was on the tennis and track teams, and on the first UNM Ski Team. UNM has lost its most devoted fan. He was still attending Lobo games. He went in a wheelchair to his last Lobo basketball game on December 3, 2014.

Bob earned his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from UNM in 1942. After college, he joined the Navy and attended the Naval Academy Graduate Architectural School. He served four years in WWII, including 22 months on a ship in the South Pacific. He continued in the Naval Reserves and retired with the rank of Commander USN in 1968.

In 1943, he married his childhood sweetheart, Florence Bradbury. After the war, he went to work for her father, OG Bradbury, in his construction company. Bob began as a laborer, and then was a timekeeper, an estimator, and eventually President of Bradbury Stamm Construction Co. He has been Chairman Emeritus since 1999. Bob was immensely proud of the many major buildings BSC built over the years. New Mexico Private 100 awarded BSC “Most Admired Company” seven times. Bob was a builder to his core. He loved seeing buildings and communities grow. He was a believer that people working together can do great things. He served on more than 30 professional and civic organizations throughout his career, which include, most notably: Albuquerque Community Foundation – Lifetime Trustee, Albuquerque Business Education Compact – Founding Chairman, UNM Development Fund – Chairman, Greater Albuquerque Community Educational Alliance – Founding Chairman, and on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education, where he served 11 years by appointment of four Governors. Bob was honored with more than 25 awards for service in the fields of education, business, arts, and civic development, which include, most notably: “UNM Regents Recognition Medal”, “UNM Engineer of the Year,” by the Albuquerque Chapter of the New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers, the State of NM “Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Public Service Award”, the “Centennial Alumnus for UNM,” by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, State of New Mexico’s “Outstanding Leader in Philanthropy”, UNM Engineering’s Distinguished Alumnus Award”, UNM’s “Zimmerman Award”, State of New Mexico’s “Ethics in Business, Individual Award”, United Way of Central New Mexico’s “Lifetime Achievement Award”, and Leadership New Mexico’s “Distinguished Leadership Award”. In 2009, Bob received an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from UNM. He was blessed with a wonderful marriage to Florrie for 63 years until her death in 2006. He was blessed again when he married Mary Culver Herring in 2009, to the delight of his children and friends. Mary was by his side until his death.

Bob's family who survive him are: son, Dr. R. Brad Stamm and wife, Victoria Stamm; daughter, Susan Stamm Evans and husband, Dick Evans – all of Santa Fe; his wife, Mary Herring, and her children and their families: Denny and Tonya Herring, Bill and Cheri Herring, Nancy Herring and Matthew Segura, and John and Debra Herring – all of Albuquerque; his grandchildren, Monique and Mark Rochester of Nambe, Karen Evans and Lisa Marchese of Albuquerque, and Kate and Eric Schwarz of Scottsdale, AZ; great grandchildren: Chase Rochester, Zoe and Sasha Evans, and Sarah Schwarz. Bob was a total family man. Whether it was his children, their spouses, their children, nieces, nephews, stepchildren, or their children, he took a personal interest in each of them and was interested in their interests.

The family would like to thank Bob's devoted caregivers from TakeCare. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to his professorships in advanced design and construction practices at UNM, care of Robert J. Stamm Professorships, University of New Mexico Foundation, Inc., Two Woodward Center, 700 Lomas Blvd. NE, Ste. 108, Albuquerque, NM 87102-9916, or consider a gift to the Albuquerque Community Foundation, www.albuquerquefoundation.org. There will be a Memorial Service on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the UNM Continuing Education Building, 1634 University Blvd. NE.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 8. 3:00 PM (MT)

UNM Continuing Education Building
1634 University Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert Jenne Stamm.*



January 08, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *Bob Stamm was one of the finest gentleman I have had the opportunity to know. I met Bob in 1967 and since that time I experienced his honesty, generosity, compassion, and dedication to a cause. Bob name is synonymous with friend. I never once met Bob when he did not ask about my issues and not once complained about his. I considered Bob as a mentor and tried to emulate him. Through Bob's efforts with helping establish the UNM Ski Team he has effected many young people who have skied in the program and many yet to come. Bob thank you for everything.*

Your true friend
George A Brooks
former UNM Ski Coach

George Brooks - January 08, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ *Mary, my heart is with you.*

Charlotte Christy

Charlotte Christy - January 07, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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“ *Bob was an inspiration to a lot of people including us . We were proud to have him as an Uncle . You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time and always.*

Terry and Marilyn Stade

Marilyn Stade - December 29, 2014 at 04:38 PM

TJ

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

Tom Jordan - December 19, 2014 at 12:07 PM

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Bob was a great inspiration in this community for business people like me. A fine athlete and leader who didn't mind sharing his success with his beloved community. I shall really miss him, but he will stay in my memory as an example of a fine human being. Art Gardenswartz

Art Gardenswartz - January 08, 2015 at 03:54 PM