



Robert Lincoln Logsdon

September 1, 1917 - September 30, 2018

Robert L. Logsdon, Jr. (1917 – 2018)

A San Bernardino native, “Bob” was born Sept. 1, 1917 to Robert Sr. and Bonnie Gardner Logsdon, joining sister, Margaret. When he was two, the family relocated to Kentucky. Upon high school graduation, Bob and Margaret returned to San Bernardino. He extended his education at SBVC, while working at various jobs.

In 1938, he married Barbara Muensenberger, and they had two children, Charlene Kay and Robert H.. He worked as service station attendant until WWII, when he entered the Navy. Leaving active duty, he stayed in the Navy as a reservist, returning to active duty during Korean Conflict and Viet Nam, retiring in 1977. When not on active duty, he: Operated/then owned the 6th & H gas station, worked for Smart and Final, and became involved in the photography business, first as an employee, then as owner of Empire Camera, with partner, Claude Williams. He retired from the business in 1977, but not from photography. Bob was an excellent photographer, and received many awards for his work, including fellowship in Photographic Society of America, and was on the job at a recent ceremony at his church.

He and Barbara separated in 1949. In 1952, he married Ruth, and became the father of her daughters, Sydney and Nancy. Bob and Ruth traveled the world, (in their motor home when in the USA), and had 51 years together until Ruth passed in 2004. He planned to remain a bachelor, but the Lord had other plans for him. In 2009, he married Donnis, a fellow Rotarian and a staunch “bachelorette”, and increased the family size when he added her children; Liz, Andy and Kurt. Bob and Donnis continued the RV travels, and attended the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sidney, Australia.

Besides the Rotary Club of San Bernardino (52 yrs), Bob was a member of the Elks Club (75 yrs), Death Valley 49'ers (69 yrs), American Legion (12 yrs), the USS Laffey DD-724 Association (since its inception) and First Christian Church of San Bernardino (most of his life). Bob was very active in Rotary (including District 5330), 49'ers, The Laffey Association, and his church, and constantly taking pictures.

This amazing man, loved by everyone who knew him, left earth for a better place, very quickly early in the morning, September 30, 2018. Bob is pre-deceased by his parents, sister Margaret, and daughter, Nancy. Surviving are wife of 9 years, Donnis; children

Robert and Charlene (Lyle) Christensen, Sydney Kurtz, Liz (Paul) Stone, Andy (Debbie)
Meeder and Kurt

Cemetery

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA, 92518

Events

OCT 13 **Chapel Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Bobbitt Memorial Chapel
1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, US,
92404

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“ Bob and I first met at the 1966 Death Valley Encampment. It was a different Encampment then, with only a handful of events scheduled for each day and lasting only four days (Thursday through Sunday). This minimal event schedule encouraged people to explore Death Valley and the surrounding ghost towns, mining sites, etc. It also gave Bob plenty of opportunities to capture the beauty of the valley with his camera, as well as events like the Burro Flapjack Races. In those days and throughout the following years, Bob was always in demand for his nighttime slide shows, drawing hundreds of people crowding in to see his show.

Throughout the many years I directed the Gold Panning Championships, Bob would be a familiar face at the event, along with his trusty camera. As a past president of the 49ers (1976), Bob's knowledge of the organization, his cheerful warmth, personality, and easygoing manner helped encourage many first timers to become 49er members, and go on to be Advisors and finally Directors.

While I was serving on the 49er Board of Directors, Bob and I began a close friendship that lasted until his passing this year. Bob was always available for advice and council whenever I needed it. I remember one 49er Board member saying "What we need is a dozen more Bob Logsdon's". How true!

When I reflect back now on our friendship, I can honesty say that I'm a better man for having know him. Adios, o'l buddy.....

"Cactus" Dale Brown

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