



E. Robert "Bob" Owen

October 5, 2007

E. Robert "Bob" Owen, Topeka, KS, 71, passed away Friday, October 5, 2007. Bob was born and raised in Minneapolis, MN. He went to school in St. Louis Park, MN and participated in a variety of sports including football, baseball, and co-captain of the hockey team. After graduating from high school, Bob was recruited by Harvard University. He graduated in June of 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. While attending Harvard, he played on the Varsity hockey team and was awarded the Angier Trophy in 1956-57, all Ivy League (1956-58), and all East in 1958. After graduating from Harvard and while serving his country he was selected as a member of the U.S. National Hockey Team and played in the World Hockey Tournament in Prague (Prog), Czechoslovakia in 1959. He also qualified and was named Alternate Captain for the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team that won gold in Squaw Valley, CA. The 1960 team in the original "Miracle on Ice" and remains the only U.S. Olympic Hockey Team to be undefeated and untied in Olympic competition. After his college days and Olympic glory, he started his own business career with Raven Industries in Sioux Falls, SD while pursuing his MBA with the prestigious Stanford Graduate School of Business. He earned his degree in 1964 with a major in finance and minor in marketing. Bob served with the army reserves from 1959-1964 and received an honorable discharge. Looking for a nice place to settle down and raise a family, he visited Topeka, he must of liked it as it's been his home ever since. From 1968-1972 he worked for Bill Lewis Realtors. From 1973-1979 he was an instructor with the

Washburn University School of Business. From 1980-1998 he was a self employed small business consultant. Since retiring he received a number of service awards from such organizations as the Vietnam Veterans Assoc. and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for his volunteer work in the community. Bob is survived by his son, Robert Owen, Great Britain, UK. Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tues. October 16th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the E. Robert Owen memorial fund, to help aspiring hockey players, sent to Topeka Community Foundation, 5431 SW 29th St., Suite 300, Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *E. Robert "Bob" Owen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Robbie*

Kay and I were so sorry to hear of Bobs passing. It has been a while since we visited with Bob and we are sorry. We enjoyed his visits to SFalls and "Robbie" was always the highlite of his visit conversations. We hope you are enjoying your life and happy in what you are doing. Your Dad was a great man, always questioning, analyzing and commenting. I appreciated his deep insite on all issues, for such a great intellect he was too humble.

You may know that Chuck Howlin his friend and great Sioux Falls Hockey player is ill with kidney failure and just home from the hospital. If you want his contact info or anything else from Sioux Falls email me or call 605-366-1485

Ron and Kay Warren - October 17, 2007 at 07:20 PM



“ *I met Bob while I was a nurse caring for his mother in Sioux Falls. We had a common bond, we both loved Dorothy. In the ten years since her death, we have continued our friendship through phone conversations. Our visits have been great, many memories and laughs. Bob was a truly wonderful person and I will miss him. Rob, your grandmother and dad loved you so much and you were wonderful to them. You have my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Sue Olsen*

Sue Olsen - October 16, 2007 at 06:15 PM

SJ

“ Our sincere condolences to Bob's family. Bob was one of the nicest, gentlest people I have ever known. His smile would light up the day. I will miss talking hockey with him and seeing him at the games, the public skating sessions and the Sunflower Music festival. It was a priviledge to have known him.

Sondra and Doug Jernigan - October 16, 2007 at 11:19 AM

LH

“ bob was an inspiration to our family.our grandson,dakota hughes age 8, got to meet and talk with bob, had his picture taken with bob also.bob made quite an impact on our little hockey player. bob was a great person to know he will be greatly missed. so sorry for your family loss. bob willbe teaching good sportsmanship in heaven, so he really isnot gone from us at all god bless his family and everyone that knew him. the hughes family.

larry hughesfamily - October 16, 2007 at 11:08 AM

GF

“ Many lives have been blessed by Bob. His smile and demeanor will live on forever. As Bob would say, "Drop the puck." I'm sure he's playing pick up games with some of the old greats right now. He will be missed by all.

Greg Sevigny Family - October 16, 2007 at 10:41 AM

LC

“ Our family feels so blessed to have known Bob and how he has touched so many people. We'll miss him so much at the games and public skates, but we know he'll be there in spirit with that wonderful smile.

Thanks Bob!

Larry & Cathy Kettlewell and Meghan Culton - October 16, 2007 at 08:55 AM

GH

“ *Rob and Jessica and family*

I am so sorry for the sudden loss of your father. From what I read he was a wonderful man. I want you know that you guys are in my prayers and thoughts daily

*Deepest sympathy
Gail Haddow*

Gail Haddow - October 15, 2007 at 01:18 PM

LC

“ *Bob was a dear friend of mine. He was charming with his wonderful smile. He knew everything about hockey of course, but he also knew all about baseball and basketball players. He could also sing a melody from opera or from a symphony. A man for all seasons. I will really miss him*

Lolafaye

Lolafaye Coyne - October 14, 2007 at 02:55 PM

JM

“ *Our condolences to the family of our friend & teammate. I played with & against Bob in college, World Championships & Olympic competitions. Bob always had a smile on his face & was a joy to be around. I was fortunate to be able to stay in casual contact over the years. You will be missed!*

Barbara & Jack McCartan

Jack McCartan - October 14, 2007 at 12:48 PM

BS

“ *To Robert and Family,
I was friends with your family when we were neighbors in the Collins Park area. Also, my husband taught at Wasburn in the Business School with your Dad. We had good times together and appreciated his quick wit and friendly smile. I just wanted to you to know that I am saddened by your loss and I am praying for your family.*

Becky Stauffer - October 13, 2007 at 08:54 PM

MC

“ *It's not often someone can say that one of their sports heroes in life has also become their friend. Bob will be greatly missed and remembered fondly.*

Mike Cline - October 12, 2007 at 07:58 PM

MM

“ *It was my pleasure to know a true gentleman in the hockey world! Always a smile and a pleasant demeanor, Bob we will miss you! May your accomplishments and contributions live on forever! With deepest sympathy to Bob's family!*

mark mcFarlane - October 12, 2007 at 07:44 PM

KA

“ *one of the most gentle kind men i have ever known and my deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family*

katherine - October 12, 2007 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ To Robert and family and friends of Bob. What a wonderful neighbor! How fortunate we were to know him. We will miss that big smile and friendly wave. He was always a delight to visit with. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Jeff and Cheryl

Jeff & Cheryl Blevins - October 12, 2007 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven..a time to break down, and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh..He was a gift to alot of people, even though we had him in our lives the short time we have been here in Topeka he made an impact on my team, The Topeka RoadRunners. I know The RoadRunners and, I will always hold fond memories of Bob in our hearts.

Mary Magdalene Lorang and the RoadRunners - October 11, 2007 at 09:51 PM

TF

“ We will miss Bob so much he was such a joy and touched so many lives. Our sincerest condolences to your family.

The Larry Mason Family - October 11, 2007 at 09:01 PM

DZ

“ Bob and I were high school classmates, as well as roommates freshman year of college. He was a sparkplug at any social gathering, large or small, as well as on the ice. With two other friends we took a one-month wilderness canoe trip between our sophomore an junior years. Looking back, and thinking of my own two sons a that age, I am amazed and grateful that our parents were so willing to let us make our own way. Godspeed on your journey across the silent sea, Bob. See you on the other side.

David Ziegenhagen - October 11, 2007 at 12:24 PM

TO

“ *Bob Owen has been a part of my life for well over 50 years. His brilliance, his humanity and his passion never relented. I know I am not alone in saying how shocked and saddened I was to hear of his passing. A true life long friend who will forever reside in my memory.*

Terry O'Malley - October 11, 2007 at 11:47 AM

PL

“ *Robbie, we will miss your dad so much. He was a part of our family. You have a wonderful heritage and your dad was so proud of you, but, you know that. We are just so sad and wondered if maybe that was just one of the places he would go to just to get away? We are here for you and if you need anything, don't hesitate to call. God bless you and may the Holy Spirit comfort you. Peter, Dawn, Sam, Ted, Tom, and Ben Lindner-email us if you need to. PFLindner@vallyincrealtors.com*

Peter F. and Dawn Lindner - October 11, 2007 at 11:33 AM

JR

“ *Condolences to the Owen family...
He will be missed...may he rest in peace.*

JR. & Robin Ruiz - October 10, 2007 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Mr. Owen's family. He was a great man who touched the lives of many. Thank you for sharing him with us.*

The Olson Family - October 10, 2007 at 05:59 PM