



## Dr. Robert "Bob" Zoeller

June 17, 1926 - August 6, 2009

Dr. Robert "Bob" Zoeller, D.C., F.I.C.C., 83, passed away, Thursday, August 6, 2009. Bob was born June 17, 1926 in Pottowatomie County, Kansas, the son of Henry and Violet Burgess Zoeller. He attended grade and high school in Manhattan and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944. He served our country for two years. In 1947, Bob married the love of his life, Jo Dowling. They enjoyed over 61 years together. Bob attended to the health care needs of his patients for over 58 years. He graduated in 1950 from Kansas State Chiropractic College in Wichita and practiced in St. Marys for two years. He practiced with Dr. Rex Wright in Topeka for seven years before opening his own practice in 1959. In 1972 his son, Ron, joined the practice and his son, Mark, joined him in 1986. In 1957 he helped form the KS Chiropractic Society which eventually led to greater emphasis being placed on chiropractic education and research. Bob was KCA president in 1965, won the Pioneer Award, helped form the Kansas Chiropractic Foundation and was Legislative Committee Chairman for 15 years. His accomplishments during that time included: the two year education requirement instituted along with the Healing Arts Board; insurance equality law passed; chiropractic was included under Medicare; chiropractic was included in Medicaid ; and the state of Kansas included chiropractic care for state employees. Bob headed the committee to establish a political action committee in response to federal law and was elected a Fellow of the International College of Chiropractors which earned the honorary F.I.C.C. designation. Bob and Jo were founding members of

Christ the King Catholic Church where he ushered on week-ends and for funerals. He was Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council No. 8411 in 2000 and was a member of the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly. His hobbies included flying his Alaskan bush plane (Piper Super Cub), hunting quail and cutting firewood. Survivors include his wife, Jo, of the home; children, Steve Zoeller, Wichita, Dr. Ron Zoeller, D.C, Topeka; Debbie Exley (Don), Erie CO and Dr. Mark Zoeller, D.C. (Linda), Topeka; grandchildren, Brandon Zoeller (Heather), Nathan Zoeller, Ashley Zoeller, BreAnne Matthies (Jason), Erik Exley and Colby Zoeller (Stephanie); five great-grandchildren; his brother, John Zoeller (Gigi); and sister Gloria Dierks (Cap). He was preceded in death by his brother, Don Zoeller. Visitation will be Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614, where a Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice ceremony and rosary will be at 8:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 8411.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert "Bob" Zoeller*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dr. Zoeller was and will be a part of our life forever.....he was always there with his smile and comforting words...but I will always remember him as "Miracle Hands". He always could not wait for our tomatoes to ripen each year and he usually got the very first one...he will be missed by many but he did supply us with Ron and Mark to carry on his beloved tradition.*

*THANK YOU LORD for allowing him to be a big part of our life's and he will remain in our hearts until the end of time.*

*Connie and Patrick Hanrahan*

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**Connie and Patrick Hanrahan** - August 10, 2009 at 07:19 PM



“ *Ron and Mark, your mother and family and office staff have my deepest sympathy. I was saddened to learn of his passing. I remember the mid to late 1950's when chiropractic caregivers fought to become recognized for the benefits of treatment and the profession recognized and later laws passed to receive insurance benefits. I am sure multitudes of people have benefited from all the work that men like your father gave. I have many good memories of what your practice has meant to me. My thoughts are with you this most difficult day.*

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**Jean Townsend** - August 10, 2009 at 10:02 AM

SD

“ *Mark, Ron, and Families. So sorry to hear about Bob. He was so helpful to Sandra's dad and to both of us. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him.*

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**Sandra & Larry Dowell** - August 09, 2009 at 02:05 PM

PV

“ *Beannacht ("Blessing") - John O'Donohue*

*On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble,  
may the clay dance to balance you.*

*And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window and the ghost of loss gets into you,  
may a flock of colours, indigo, red, green and azure blue come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.*

*When the canvas frays in the curach of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.*

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours.*

*And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life.*

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**Peg Voelker** - August 09, 2009 at 02:04 PM

PV

“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Bob. All of you have my deepest sympathy. Aunt Jo, I think of you often and apologize for having not called for so long. I will see you soon. I am coming to Topeka to attend Uncle Bob's funeral. Unfortunately, I won't make it in time for Sunday visitation though.  
Much Love, Peg

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**Peg Voelker** - August 09, 2009 at 02:00 PM

NC

“ Words can not express our symphoy for the family. But just know that RD was loved by many like a family member. So this is a great loss for all of us as well. He is at peace now watching over us (STILL). We just won't hear his kind words or see his friendly smile. But hold on to all those wonderful memories that we had with him.

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**Nickie & Eustacio Camargo** - August 09, 2009 at 10:45 AM

SP

“ I am sorry for your sorrows. My father, Hal Pottorf, always spoke highly of Bob, and considered him to be a most trusted friend. Some of the cherished stories that he would share with me over the phone, told with the intensity of a twenty-year-old, were of when he and Zoeller were out bashing around the countryside in the Super Cub. I can only imagine that beautiful picture. Bob was a great man, and I will miss him.

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**Scott Pottorf** - August 09, 2009 at 10:23 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy for the entire Zoeller Family. As we didn't know Dr Zoeller, we had the pleasure of working with and around Steve Zoeller of Wichita, and yes we most certainly heard about the yearly chopping of firewood and also of the coyote hunting.

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**Charlie & Marty Burroughs** - August 08, 2009 at 07:02 PM

AB

“ Ron, Jo, and all family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in the Beckley family's thoughts and prayers thru this tough time. It was an absolute blessing getting to know him.

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**Annie Beckley-Tobyne** - August 08, 2009 at 05:10 PM

CF

“ I want to send my sympathy to the family of Dr. Zoeller. The history of chiropractic in Topeka is indelibly touched by him, Dr. Wright, and my father, Dr. Malmstrom, and others who were the first to serve in Kansas. I remember how hard these early doctors fought for the integrity of their profession and they won the battle. Dr. Zoeller's legacy will live on for a long time with his family and his patients. His was a life well-lived.

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**Carlene Malmstrom Frost** - August 08, 2009 at 03:38 PM

TR

“ Jo, Mark, and Ron, I am saddened by the loss of a great husband, father, and man. I always loved talking to him when I came to the office. He was so caring about his patients. He would always ask how my mom was doing after I lost my dad. I'll always remember when I hurt myself bad and he came to the office on a Sunday to help me. He beat me there. The world has lost a beautiful individual, but heaven has gained an angel. God Bless. Todd Rogers and Family.

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**Todd Rogers** - August 08, 2009 at 12:07 PM

SF

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Bob & his sons for a very brief time. He was business when it was business and relaxed when it wasn't. A very gentle man and I am sure he will be missed by all. Our family is praying for you during this difficult time. Think of my days at the office everytime I drive by there. Peace and comfort to everyone of you and know he's in a much better place.

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**Sarah (Lea) Fazio** - August 08, 2009 at 10:44 AM

DT

“ To the family of sweet Dr. Zoeller, such a great man, and told the neatest stories when treating you or just passing by the treatment room and stopping in and saying hi or say " Did I ever tell you about the time when I" and then he would precede with a great memory he had and wanted to share with you. Or he would often tell my son "man you are getting tall, gosh just yesterday he was a little guy."

*He often talked about chopping fire wood with his two sons Ron and Mark, or about their quail hunting trips they enjoyed together.*

*He will truly be missed by everyone. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Debbie and Shandy Trekell** - August 07, 2009 at 07:45 PM

CS

“ WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF DR. ZOELLER.

*HE WAS A GREAT AND NICE MAN HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE THAT HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HIM.*

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**CHARLES AND LORENE SPROUSE SR,** - August 07, 2009 at 07:31 PM

KF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole family. I will always remember him and our talks. I will miss Dr. Bob immensely.*

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**Kyle A. Ferguson** - August 07, 2009 at 06:24 PM

BF

“ *Dr. Zoeller was one of the greatest men I have ever known. He always took extra time with each and every patient he had. I am so glad that I had the honor of working with him and the family for the last 19 years.*

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**Brenda Freeman** - August 07, 2009 at 12:59 PM