



Robert A. Yocum

June 4, 2019

Bob Yocum died surrounded by loved ones on June 4th, 2019. Bob was a man who lived to tell the stories of his adventures across the eight decades of his life. Many of his journeys were unplanned. All were memorable. Bob traveled by planes, trains, automobiles, motorhomes, motorcycles, bicycle, and boats, to name a few. When he took his first solo train ride from Iowa to Utah he was only 11 years old.

He was born in Missouri on November 22, 1937, raised in Iowa, and traveled the world with his wife, Mary Porter Yocum. Bob loved his family. He looked out for their well-being and maintained a mid-western mindset his whole life. He organized family life through collective and individual adventures.

Bob's legacy includes traveling with Mary to Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Russia, Alaska, Europe, and many other adventures as a family of five. It was also important for him to take a trip with each of his daughters, such as a motorcycle trip with daughter Sandy of 12,000 miles (1,200 in one day), a tandem bicycle trip (called the Iowa 150) across the nation with daughter Kathleen of 5,210 miles (100 days), and a six-week tour of Asia with his youngest daughter Kristin. He joined his grandson Zachary in adaptive racing and took his grandson Taylor on his first ski trip at three years old.

Bob had a passion for sailing, fishing, and floating on the Mississippi. In fact, after entering hospice care, his family joined him on his final boating adventure the Thursday before he passed away.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to donate to Mosaic, a faith-based organization serving people with disabilities. <https://www.mosaicinfo.org/northern-colorado-partners>

Comments



“ Mary and family,

Just wanted to leave a short note to say what a great and friendly neighbor Bob was. Bob and I first met when he stopped me about six years ago while I was running down LaVina out to Douglas Lake. He introduced himself and we became fast friends after that. When he saw me running or walking my two Bernese Mountain dogs on the road he always stopped to visit and catch up on things. One day he invited me over and gave me the grand tour of your wonderful home, he was very proud of the house and the great view you have. Bob was easy going, friendly, funny and a great human being. It was a special privilege to have known Bob. God bless you and your family.

Your neighbor Phil Perkins

Phil Perkins - June 18 at 10:35 PM



“ Mary and family,

I was sad to learn of Bob's passing. He was such a great guy; so friendly, kind and gregarious. He always provided great laughs.
May all of your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.
Julie Deters

Julie M Deters - June 15 at 10:43 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I will never forget the great times we had following him and Kathy on the Iowa 150. Or all the reunion parties at the lake. As I bike he will always be with me. Bruce Haugen.

Bruce Haugen - June 11 at 02:02 PM



“ Robert Alfred Yocum
November 22, 1937 – June 4, 2019

Robert Alfred Yocum (Bob) was born in Moberly, Missouri, on November 22, 1937, to Dudley Elmer Yocum and Virginia (Hardin) Yocum. He spent most of his childhood in Maquoketa, Iowa, helping in the family's Western Auto store. He attended the University of Iowa and Parsons College, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He proudly served his country in the U.S. National Guard and had a long career as Paymaster with Bendix Corporation in Teterboro, New Jersey. After

retiring from Bendix, Bob and Mary moved to Colorado to join their daughters and build their dream home overlooking a lake and the Rocky Mountains. Bob loved the outdoors and spending time with his family skiing, boating, biking, and traveling the world.

Bob is survived by his wife Mary (Porter) Yocum; children Sandy (Yocum) Scott and Mike Houdek, Kathleen (Yocum) Michie and husband Kevin Michie, and Kristin Lee Yocum; sister Margaret (Yocum) Nelson of Prineville, OR; brother James William Yocum and wife Barbara of Shirley, MA; grandchildren Zachary and Taylor Scott (Emily), and Tyler Michie (Jane); great-grandchildren Riley and Spencer Michie; Porter family inlaws; beloved dog Mocha; and numerous friends from as far away as Australia and China.

Barb and Jim Yocum

Barbara Yocum - June 09 at 01:23 PM



“ Mary and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Bob was such a joy to be around that I know you will miss him terribly.
Barbara

BARBARA HAGEN - June 09 at 08:09 PM



“ Thank you!
Kathleen Michie (Bob's daughter) - July 05 at 12:26 PM



“ I'll always remember Bob's gregarious nature, generosity and easy laugh. When I think about the story of Bob yelling at Kathleen to pedal harder going up a hill and her running behind shouting that she wasn't on the tandem bike yet, it still makes me laugh. Bob was very down to earth and a kind soul. I'll miss knowing that he's still adventuring on this earth, but his spirit will still be here. Jean Arnold

Jean Arnold - June 08 at 01:12 AM



“ Bob
You was one of the most positive person I now of.
The time passing by. I will never forgotten our trip to Florida.
You give me together with your family the best envercation in my life.
At the time you baking cinemanrools. Lovely! After all this year I still have feelings for you and your family.
Bob you will be the best Angel in the earth. With alot of happiness and give us a signals to remember the life behind.
I will always remember
Birgitta Riddersporre
Sweden

Birgitta - June 09 at 02:09 PM



“ Dear Mary,
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband Bob. Please accept my deepest condolences during this sad time in your life. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Sincerely,
Kathleen Marzullo

Kathleen Marzullo - June 14 at 09:15 AM



“ Mary, I'm so sorry to read that your dear Bob has passed. I remember his smiling personality so well at gatherings we all attended. I sure miss those times. I'll always remember him fondly and hope you and your family are well.

With much love,

Pat Dignan

been in Albuquerque for 10 years but miss Fort Collins fondly.

Patricia Dignan - June 14 at 09:53 PM



“ Thank you everyone for your kind words. I will print them and add them to the memory book we are making my mom.

Kathleen Michie (Bob's daughrer) - July 05 at 12:28 PM