



Robert "Bob" Mortimer

September 2, 1946 - February 21, 2025

Robert G. Mortimer, "Bob", was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho on September 2, 1946, passed away February 21, 2025 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Bob led a life of a teacher and valued sharing his knowledge with his family and friends. He cherished his time spent with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob was raised on a ranch in St Anthony, Idaho where his love and passion for horses and cows ran deep from his family heritage. He participated in Future Farmers of America and after High School attended Ricks College followed by Texas A&M University to pursue an Animal Science degree. During the summer months he worked at the Jenny Lake Corrals Dude Ranch in Jackson, Wyoming, catering to travelers at the park. He met Victoria Arnold from Rexburg, Idaho during this time and proposed marriage just before he was drafted to the U.S. army to serve in the war between 1970-1972. Upon his return they married in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Bob attended Colorado State University for a Master's degree followed by Veterinary Medicine where he specialized in Bovine reproduction and obstetrics. After graduating from Vet school, they returned to Idaho to a small vet practice.

In 1982 he returned to Fort Collins for a teaching job at Colorado State

University where Bob found his true calling as an educator. He loved his undergrad and grad students in the Animal Science department. His classes in the springtime were known favorites for the vet students due to the hands-on experiences of calving heifers and riding the range at the Rex Ranch in Nebraska. Many years were spent teaching and mentoring the future large animal vet students. After 30 plus years of teaching, Bob retired to run his own animals on a smaller scale with Victoria in Laporte, Colorado.

Bob was a faithful and dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in bishoprics and on the High Council. He loved the scouting program and spent many years helping with the Young Men programs. He enjoyed teaching and taking the Youth out backpacking and camping. Many of his hours were devoted to helping in his community. He enjoyed his time as a Bishop and loved the Lord with all his heart.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Reed Mortimer; his mother, Carma Robertson Mortimer; his siblings Dennis Mortimer, Betty Pehrson and Loriann Leatham. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Arnold Mortimer; his siblings, Sandy Ripplinger, Roger Mortimer and Randy Mortimer; his children, Brant (LeAnna) Mortimer, Laura Mortimer, Andrew Mortimer, Sarah (Alex) Panting, and Ruth Law; and his beloved eleven grandchildren; Devon, Brandon, Dylan, Travis, Breanna, Tanner, Eden, Corban, Evan, Emma, Reid and three great grandchildren.

Bob's legacy of love, service and dedication to the church, community, Colorado State University, friends, and family will be remembered by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 9:30AM. The Funeral Service will be held after at 11:00AM. Viewing and Funeral Service will be held at the LDS Church Building at 1400 Lynnwood Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

In memory of Bob, if you wish to make a donation in his name, please send the donation to:

Mr Melvin Pouncy

Wellington High School FFA Director

2856 Cleveland Ave

Wellington, CO 80549

Memo: In memory of Robert G. Mortimer

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1400 Lynnwood Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ *I am at school but, I miss my Grandpa dearly! I even went up onto the stage thing and talked. I miss him so much.*

Emma Mae Mortimer - April 22, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DD

“ *To Vicki and Bob's Family*

We are sorry for your loss. We know you will miss Bob as will we. I have great memories of Bob and his ever present smile. I observed him as a gifted and passionate teacher and mentor both to students and cattle men and women. We shared great road trips and conversations as we traveled to various parts of the region to semen test bulls and pregnancy test cows. He always related well to both the students and the clients creating great learning opportunities for many with a future in the agricultural industry. Other words that come to mind include caring, giving, innovator, energetic, wise and helpful. I know that I benefited greatly from being associated with Bob over my years at CSU and subsequently at the USDA.

Dave Dargatz

David Dargatz - March 14, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JM

“ My family and I were so sad to hear of Bob's passing. He spent many calving seasons with us on Rex Ranch, and he became part of our family. He was amazing with the students and they loved him because of all he taught them about animals, life and how to have a great sense of humor under stress. What a character! He baptized my husband and was a wonderful example of discipleship to us. I am guessing that Heaven is a lot more fun now, and I am sure he and my husband are reminiscing right now. We Love You, Dr Mortimer! Jean (Younkin) Merritt, Afton WY

Jean Merritt - February 28, 2025 at 05:41 PM

VP

Sorry to hear of the loss. We are cousins.our mother Maud Mortimer Mortensen and Bob's father our Uncle Reed Mortimer are brother and sister!sending prayers and love to you all
Ellen Marie and Carlo Erickson
Arlene and Paul Bauer
Maryanna Farrer
Veda Jean and Kent Poppleton

veda Jean Poppleton - March 02, 2025 at 01:30 PM

JJ

The Teton Trail Rides family is so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Bob and Vicky helped get me the job working for TTR, where I spent several summers under the Tetons. We were in Bob and Vicky's ward and my father was also a professor in a different department than Bob. We had many vet professor friends and now our daughter is headed to vet school. Thanks, Vicky (and Bob above) , for all your friendship over the years. We live in Victor just across the Idaho border from WY and Teton Pass still, and think of you fondly. We are sorry you lost your sweetheart.

Janine (Ross) Jolley and Kendall Jolley - March 14, 2025 at 07:20 AM