



## Robert Lowell Ewing

January 31, 1925 - January 3, 2015

Robert Lowell Ewing was born on January 31, 1925 in Britton, S.D. to Ray and Augusta Ewing. His mother was transported by sled 18 miles from the family ranch to the hospital during a major blizzard. During the transport she fell from the sled and sometime later she was found and Bob was born. Bob likes to tell the story about how the term “Bobsled” was created. He passed away on January 3, 2015, just short of his 90th birthday.

Bob met the love of his life, Miriam Louise Anderson, at Western Washington University and proposed a short time later on Sehome Hill in 1949. They married and resided in Brawley, California where Bob worked as a border patrolman along the Mexican Border. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Blaine where they raised their four children and Bob went to work with the US Customs for thirty years. During his early years in the Northwest he worked as a crop dusting pilot in Skagit County. Crop dusting introduced some dangerous situations, one in which Bob had to maneuver his plane over a barn and under the power line, leaving a space so small he actually left tire marks on the barn roof.

A proud veteran, Bob loved his country. He was fiercely patriotic and wore his American flag hat almost everywhere he went. Bob was also a historian and loved museums. Bob and Miriam were proud Farm Foresters and planted their own forest together on their acreage along Nooksack River. They were

very involved with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Some hobbies Bob enjoyed were backpacking, operating his farm equipment, and being pilot and chief flight instructor for the Bellingham Airport in the 1950s. He loved taking vacations in his airplane, working the soil in Miriam's garden, and growing giant pumpkins for competitions. He is remembered for sharing stories of growing up on the family ranch in South Dakota, fishing, and picnics with his family. He enjoyed many large family gatherings on his property and cabins along the Nooksack River. Bob and Miriam worked together with their friends of the Washington Farm Forestry Association selling and distributing trees at the tree sale in Lynden every March.

Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Miriam, brother; Gary Ewing, his children; Charlie (Kathy) Ewing, Melinda Ewing (Mike), Bob Jr. (Lorena) Ewing, and Mary (Jim) Green, grandchildren; Ken, Dan, Mark, Jon, and Luke, and great-grandchildren; Holly, Maya, Elias, and Hudson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents; Ray and Augusta, and siblings; Betty, Curt, and Paul.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Washington State Farm Forestry Association at P.O. Box 1010, Chehalis, WA 9853, Boy Scouts of America at 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015, and the NRA at 11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Bob's family wants to thank the staff at Peaceful Villa Adult Family Home, especially Theresa, Lance, and Phyllis for all the loving care he received.

At Bob's request, no public services will be held.

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Oh my gosh, so many memories..where do I start. I moved into the apartment below Bob and Miriam’s home in Blaine in 1997 and lived there until my mother passed in 2007. Bob and Miriam made me feel like one of their family members from the very start. I was always invited upstairs for tea and cookies everyday and one of my favorite memories of Bob was one time when he slowly reached for a second cookie and I automatically gently slapped his hand just like he was one of my children..he laughed so hard. I will never forget the huge rat that came in through the stove vent, and Bob helping me find it in the house and finally trapping it. Those ten years of living in their home were some of the best years of my life. Miriam and the Ewing family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Boni Merrill** - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Mary,Diane Washburn Peterson told me that your father had passed away. I have such great memories of your dad when I spent the night at your house for so many years. He was always charming, so kind, and Handsome! Your parents were my favorite “other” parents!  
My parents asked me to send their condolences as well to you and your family.  
I feel such sadness at the passing of your Dad, and Diane’s mom and dad. These were the men that everyone in Blaine knew, loved, and respected.  
God Bless you Honey,  
Sharon

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**Sharon Yates- Mixer** - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. He was a wonderful man and a great story teller and it was always a joy to chat with him. Praying for Miriam and the family during this time of mourning.

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**Chuck and Dawn Castle** - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Bob, You inspected merchandise and I classified and appraised it. I will be along soon. Your friend Rudy.

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**Rudy Frick** - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Mary & Family,  
I want to express my sincere condolences to you and your family for your fathers passing.  
I have many fond memories of Bob, his wonderful stories, his impeccable knowledge of everything, our countless conversations of sporting events, time at the river and his acceptance of a step-grandson.  
Bob had a unique way of communicating the importance of life. I was drawn to stories because I knew, even at a young age, the words were important. He was so smart and I envied his knowledge. It wasn’t rare to enter the living room to see him sitting in his chair reading the news paper with his magnifying glass.  
Special times that I will remember include: our trip to Ellensburg for the rodeo...and the museum of course, basketball games and his interview for my senior project.  
You will be missed Bob...but not forgotten.  
With Love,  
Chris

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**Chris Scrimsher** - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM