



Robert Dean Friesen

September 29, 1940 - November 30, 2016

Robert “Bob” Friesen was born in Dallas, Ore. to Ben and Rosella Friesen. He was the eldest of 4 children and from an early age enjoyed exploring the outdoors, hunting, and fishing in the rural hills around his home. Sports came easy to Bob, lettering as both a quarterback and pitcher for Dallas High School. Bob went on to study for a year at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, before following his bride-to-be, Evelyn Lowen, to Seattle Pacific College. After graduating in 1963, the two married and stayed in Washington where they both worked as teachers. Bob found his niche as a biology teacher at Mountlake Terrace High School with a career stretching to 33 years, all in the same classroom.

Bob and Evelyn raised a family of 4 children in Snohomish, Wash. and enjoyed years of adventure, camping, and traveling. Bob was always inquisitive about the natural world and shared with his family a satisfaction in simple pleasures on these trips. After retirement, Bob found many ways to apply his skills and live his faith in the service of others. He helped to build a church in Snohomish, a hospital and orphanage in Haiti, and houses in Mexico, before finally going to Peru to serve missionary families. In 2009, Bob and Ev moved to Bellingham to enjoy their growing grandkids and celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2013.

Bob will be missed by his wife, Evelyn; sons, Craig of Seattle, Eric and Scott,

both of Bellingham; a daughter, Stephanie of Bellingham; brothers, Chuck Friesen of Salem, Ore. and Gord Friesen of Bend, Ore.; sister Carolyn Schlener of Minneapolis, Minn.; 5 grandchildren, Samantha, Elijah, Piper, Grace, and Bennett; and many dear friends and family from a life well lived.

Tribute Wall

HC

“ Chuck I only met Bob but a couple of times. But he seemed like the type of person who got things done. may he always live in your memory as well as your heart.

Herb Crumley - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We are both so saddened to hear of the loss of your husband and dad. We have so many great memories with your family. His influences were many, but probably the greatest was inviting Don to attend BSF with he and John Overstreet. Don was never the same after that...he has gone on to attend every study BSF has offered, was a group leader there and for years and years held a lunchtime Bible study twice a week at the GE plant here in Albuquerque. He has led and taught many studies at our church and is studying for a teaching this week! Coming alongside men is a gift and Bob had it. Look at how far reaching this simple act of love was! I pray this time of celebration of his life is a blessing to you all and that his influence in so many of our lives is a comfort to you all. We praise the Lord for his life and love of our family.

Don and Cherie Routson - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I will miss Mr. Friesen very much. He touched my life in a profound way in biology class at Mountlake Terrace High School. I also enjoyed his teaching at Snohomish CommunityChurch. He will be forever missed. Love from the Upson Family.

Anna M. Upson(Nee) Boner - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Bob was a great guy and great neighbor. I know he will be missed.*

Tom Flaming - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family. May the love of our Saviour strengthen and comfort you as you go through this time. Please know we who have known Bob for all these years cherish everyone of them. You were perfect for each other. Marilyn Muller*

Marilyn Muller - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM