



## Bob Reynolds

December 15, 1920 - February 9, 2015

Robert Jesse (Bob) Reynolds, Jr. was born December 15, 1920 to Dr. Robert J. Reynolds, Sr. and Helen Safford Reynolds in Potsdam, New York. He passed away at home in Alva on February 9, 2015.

Bob grew up in Potsdam and graduated from Potsdam High School in 1938. A highlight of his life was a “road trip” across Canada with his younger brother, Edwin. Their car broke down in a small town in Saskatchewan. Edwin went on by train to his job on the west coast, while Bob stayed and worked with a farm family in Maple Creek until car parts arrived and he could return to Potsdam. This was where he developed his philosophy of “...It’s not WHO you know, but WHAT you are inside that matters.”

In World War II, Bob served as a medic with the “Screaming Eagles,” 101st Airborne Division, 501 Paratrooper Infantry Regiment. He made twelve jumps in his military career, notably at Normandy, Bastogne, and in Holland. He received a Bronze Star, the Croix De Guerre, and the Belgian Foulangerie.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge after the war, Bob returned to complete his BA degree in biology at Union College, Schenectady, NY. He had previous experience as an x-ray technician and in 1948 answered an ad for an x-ray tech. at the hospital in Mooreland, Oklahoma. There he met his first wife, Mina Lee Washmon, a Registered Nurse. They married in 1949 and

moved back to Potsdam and Montreal, Canada for a short time.

They returned to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where Bob graduated in 1953 from the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern State College. His first job as a pharmacist was at St. Mary's Hospital, Enid, OK. In 1955, the family moved to Alva and Bob went to work at Schumacher Drug Store. From 1958 to 1967 he owned and operated Reynolds Pharmacy. The Pharmacy at Ideal Grocery Store was his next job for several years. He took a break from pharmacy work for a couple of years, working at the Helena School for Boys. He then worked as a substitute pharmacist in Cherokee, OK and Kiowa, Ks. until Jim Holder invited him to work at Holder Drug Store in 1981. Holder Drug evidently agreed with him as he stayed there for 32 years, retiring at the end of December, 2012 at the age of 92. Bob was a member of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association which presented him with his 50 year pin in 2003.

Bob and Mina were the proud parents of five children: Ann, Mary, Beth, Bob and Kathy. They provided a very loving home for their children, emphasizing education, faith, honesty, responsibility, respect, and love for one another as well as for others.

Bob's wife, Mina, passed away in 1991. In 1997, he married Henriella (Henri) Johnson, and gained a second family who loved him as their own. Henriella passed away in 2011.

Bob was a member of the First Christian Church in Alva, He taught Sunday School for many years and served as an elder. For many years he enjoyed serving communion to members in rest homes or who were unable to attend church. He had a heart for service, both in his pharmacy work and church life. Many people said of Bob, "he was a true gentleman." Yes, he was.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beth Brombach, a brother

Edwin Reynolds; and both wives.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Ann and Dave Jester, Haysville, KS, Mary and Tom McDowell, Alva, Beth and Byron Black, Wylie, TX, Bob and Desiree Reynolds, Falls Church, VA, and Katherine Reynolds, Webster Groves, MO; his grandchildren, Mary and Elliott Loftis, Elizabeth and Stephen Davis, Robert and Jessica Black, Philip Black, Clara and Eva Reynolds, Duncan Kinzie, Josh Jester, Nick and Angel Jester; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Henri's family, Karl and Emily Stottlemeyer, Karla and Larry Horn, Kellye Cobbs, and Becky and Brad Hart, their children and extended families. Bob is also survived by his Holder Drug family of pharmacists, employees and customers, and many other relatives and friend

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# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

FEB 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

AP

“ *I am sad to hear this news! Mr. Reynolds was a wonderful and kind man and very much loved! My deepest sympathy to his family and they will be in my prayers!*

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**Anne Barkett Place** - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to his loved ones, at the passing of Mr. Reynolds.*

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**Rhonda Fields** - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Our heart felt prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Robert's family and friends.*

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**Doug and Annie Reynolds** - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bob Reynolds. A great life has ended!  
A much respected and amiable gentleman has passed away, but he will forever stay in your hearts.*

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**Roswitha and Reiner Gitzel** - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Your dad...what can one say? He was one of the great figures that made Alva, well, home! Even years after I left, my parents were still talking about Bob Reynolds! What a great history, always a kind word and always at the drug store. He left a great legacy though.....always know that he lives on in you!*

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**Denise Dunnigan Emmer** - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *My sympathies to Bob's families and friends. He was a mentor to me and very kind when I had my first real job at Schumacher's. I have always remembered him for his ability to teach and his gentle kindness.*

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**Jeni Kilmer Walsh** - February 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Uncle Bob was a great man who was a wonderful story teller; he had a sharp sense of humor and a huge heart. We will miss him dearly.*

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**Ruth and Bill Kaste** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with everyone in the Reynolds family. Bob was a good man with a great sense of humor and he will be missed.*

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**Grant Brunsteter** - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I thank God that I was blessed by knowing Bob and being a part of his extended family. I will miss staying late at night listening to key stories of events in his life that he could recall as if they just occurred yesterday. He was very content living in Alva. He was his own man. If we follow his blueprint on how to live our lives, a much better world will evolve. I am left with so many cherished memories.*

*Thank you, Bob.*

*Love,  
Larry*

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**Larry Horn** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I finally realized what I could say about how much Bob has meant to me and my family without writing a novella. Shortly after we met and knew we would be friends forever, Bob with my mother and me, Larry, my daughter, 2 year old granddaughter, son-in-law and half sister on a caravan to Virginia for law school and graduate school. He saw "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of us all. He embraced it, and us. While watching a furniture design show and seeing them all rush to claim the wood with the raw/live edge so that their design would not be dead, but rather infused with the beauty of the edges, I realized that Bob loved our aliveness and was not put off by the roughness of the live edges. He knew that love would sand the parts that might snag clothes or cut skin. He loved and watched as the live edges gained their beauty. He allowed each individual into his life and love.

*The gratitude I have for knowing him is immense. I feel like the world has shifted since his passing. He is in my heart and I hope to share his encompassing spirit.*

*With much love,  
Karla*

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**Karla Horn** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To Bob's family and Alva,  
You have lost a true gentleman and we will remember his kindness for a long time.....Jane Gaskill

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**Jane Gaskill** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Bob, when you get to heaven, say hello to all the Five-O-Wonders - have a wonderful reunion. You will be missed.

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**Glenna & Valeria** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *A gentleman and a scholar. A father and a brother. A mentor and friend. I feel very privileged to have known him. So long old friend.*

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**Joe Neely** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Bob was a true hero in life, in war and in spirituality! Bob has been a positive influence and left his mark on many lives in his 95 years. My mother and Bob often enjoyed going to the theatre together. We will miss him dearly! My thoughts and prayers will be with Bob's family.*

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**Julie Davison Helm** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Thought and prayers for your family. Bob was a wonderful person and will be missed.*

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**John** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Bob was one of the most inspiring people we've had the pleasure of knowing. The world needs more people following his example. Our earthly loss is truly Heaven's gain. We pray for each of you to find comfort in special memories of a life well lived.*

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**Dale & Vaughna Schmidt** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Bob will always be a fond memory for me, a valued friend to my folks, and an inspiration for positive, faithful living to all. I never heard Bob utter a bad word or a negative comment in the many years I had the privilege of knowing him. What a mark he left to us all.*

*Paul Woodson OKC, OK*

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**Paul D Woodson** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ *To the family of Bob Reynolds: Heaven gained a new star when Bob was called home, and our world got a bit dimmer. His quick wit and caring will be missed by all whose lives he touched. May God be with you in the days ahead, as we learn to live without Bob.*

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**Ida Evans** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Thoughts & prayers for all of you. Bob will be missed by so many. What a gentle man that touched so many people.*

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**Kelly & Patty** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mary & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Prayers for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Diane McAlpin** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM