



## Robert Earl Reneau

February 8, 1918 - March 24, 2012

Robert Earl, son of Jennie (Snow) and Jess Reneau, was born on February 8, 1918 near the village of Gibbon in Grant County, Oklahoma. He passed away at the Share Medical Center on the 24th of March at the age of 94 year, 1 month and 16 days.

After attending school in Gibbon and Manchester he graduated from Anthony High School in 1936.

Bob worked as a jeweler apprentice in Alva, Oklahoma from 1938-1941. In 1942 he was drafted as a civilian to work as an Instrument Technician for the U.S. Army Air Corp. He worked in repair depots in San Antonio, Texas, Oklahoma City and Dayton, Ohio.

On March 6, 1938, in Alva, Oklahoma Maurine Smith was married to Robert (Bob) Reneau of Anthony, Kansas, then a student at Northwestern. To their marriage two children were born, Robin (Mrs. Harry King), of Liberal, Kansas and Jim, of Dodge City, Kansas. Maurine passed away on October 7, 1987. Following WWII Bob and Maurine opened a jewelry store in Alva, one of six they owned and operated over the years; in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado. Bob, with various partners, also operated a construction company in the late 50's which built 178 houses in Northwest Oklahoma and Southern Kansas. The Public Installment Loan Company at the same time period was also one of his enterprises.

Bob was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church and enjoyed being a Sunday school teacher and a lay speaker in that organization. He had been a

Rotarian since 1940 and was a Rotary District Governor in 1956; a member of the Alva Masonic Lodge and a 32nd degree Mason since 1955.

The Reneau Family maintained a high interest in NWOSU having helped more than one student acquire a University degree. He served as Director of Development for the University Foundation for many years. During this time it's assets increased by millions of dollars. He was awarded an honorary Master's Degree for his accomplishments with the foundation.

Mr. Reneau was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin; his parents, and two sisters, Elizabeth Perry and Marjean Reneau.

Bob is survived by his son Jim; two grandchildren, Julianne King; Jeff King and his wife Amie; two Great grandchildren, Rylee and Ryan; a sister and her husband, Betty Lou and Olin Hodge; a son-in-law, Harry King. A special friend, Lorraine Malzahn and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **28**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Ave.  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Very sad to hear about the passing of Bob...he was a wonderful man and I'm very privileged to have a piece of his hand crafted jewelry and it is something that I treasure very much! I know he will be missed in the community. Thoughts & prayers to his family and friends during this time.* ”

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**Shelly (Waldschmidt) Stoffel** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Robert Earl Reneau c/o Wharton Funeral Chapel funeral home.* ”

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March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I was a great pleasure to meet and become friends with Bob during my stay in Alva. I really enjoyed our many dinners at the bowling alley and a lot of great conversations. I know Bob will be missed by many.* ”

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**Mike Lyles** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Bob was a great man and will be missed by many. I am truly blessed to have known him. My prayers and condolences to Bob, his family, and all of his many friends.* ”

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**Kelly Parker** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Bob has always held a special place in my heart. I always enjoyed seeing him at the events around campus. We would share a good laugh about something. He will be greatly missed.

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**Nicole Dowler** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed in the Alva community. We valued his work as a jeweler. We enjoyed visiting with him and hearing his interesting stories. May God bless his family and give you comfort in the wonderful memories of him.

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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Jim,

*We are sorry for your loss.*

*Mike & Mindy Burkhart*

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**Mike Burkhart** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ Alva has lost a treasure when Heaven gained Bob Reneau. Til we meet again ...

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**Ida Evans** - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Jim and family.. Was so very sorry to hear of your dad passing. He was a good friend of mine.. In the early 90's when he had the little jewelry store in Alva, I would stop by often and visit. He would always get gems out of the safe..and grab the settings catalogues and we would design pieces of jewelry. Bob was a fine man and he will be missed by many.. Kathy(Walters) Racette

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**Kathryn (Walters) Racette** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ You will definitely be missed, Bob. I will never forget all of our conversations and the stories you told me. You were a wonderful man. You were one of my favorite history sources. I loved that you knew all the "inside stories" of Alva. You always epitomized the definition of a gentleman. I'll miss seeing you at Holy Week services and Homecoming parades. I'm so honored to have known you.

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**Helen Barrett** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our sincere sympathy to each of you in the loss of Bob. He was an exceptionally special person; an outstanding Christian man; highly respected by all who knew him. He was such a joy to visit with...sharing his knowledge, stories, and poetry. He will be missed by all who knew him, but we know our earthly loss is Heaven's gain. May loving memories warm your hearts during this time of bereavement and days to come.

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**Dale & Vaughna Schmidt** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Jim, Harry,Lorraine and families. It was certainly our priviledge to have had this true gentleman in our lives. May you find comfort during this time in your life.

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM