



Robert (Bob) L. Jackson

December 7, 1929 - August 16, 2018

Robert (Bob) L. Jackson, 88, passed away the morning of August 16 at Portneuf Regional Medical Center from complications of pneumonia.

Bob was born December 7, 1929, in Oakland, California, to Florence and Howard Jackson. He had an older sister, Donna Rae. When Bob was a child, his father was a cook for the railroad, so the family relocated several times, eventually making their home in Rupert, Idaho where his family owned and operated a restaurant. Bob attended elementary schools in Twin Falls, Idaho, as well as Rupert. In 1947, he graduated from Rupert High School. He spent one year at Southern Idaho College of Education in Albion, Idaho, then attended Idaho State College in Pocatello, graduating with a BA in Education in 1951. He obtained his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from ISU in 1960.

Bob married Marilyn Hubble in 1957. They had two children, Kirk and Stephanie, and later divorced. Bob married Susan Ballard in 1979, and the couple just celebrated their 39th anniversary on August 4.

Bob began his teaching career at Malta Junior High in 1951. After a year in Malta, he transferred to Paul Elementary School and taught there until he joined the Army in 1954. He served two years as a supply clerk in Paris, France. After an honorable discharge from the service, Bob returned to teaching in Paul. In 1959, Bob and his family moved to American Falls, where he taught at the junior high school. He was head teacher there, and later principal. He also coached, refereed high school basketball games, and was a counselor. He was Business Manager for the Power County School District for many years. The last two years of his career, Bob split his time between the American Falls School District and Rockland schools. His students all respected and liked Bob, but they also learned that "he meant business"! The teachers who worked for and with him always knew they had his unfailing support.

Bob was a hard worker, and after retirement in 1987, he continued to work at various jobs. He was a book representative for the Meador Book Company, placing books in local

stores (and a few in the hands of his book-loving wife!). He then worked at the baseball card shop in the Pine Ridge Mall, and the reception desk at Sports World. His yard was his pride and joy, and he strived to keep it looking perfect.

Bob was an avid track and field fan, and was a certified USA Track and Field official. He enjoyed the years he spent officiating at ISU track meets. The Simplot Games were a highlight each year. In 1995, Bob was honored to be chosen to officiate at the U.S. Olympic Festival Track and Field Competition in Colorado Springs, CO. Bob also traveled to NCAA track championships across the country (Buffalo NY, Duke University, and St. Louis), as well as officiating at the Idaho High School Track and Field Championships in Boise several years.

Bob was the perfect Santa! He was the official mall Santa for many years, as well as entertaining children of all ages at numerous private Christmas functions.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and his mother-in-law, Wanda. He leaves behind his wife, two children, and a daughter-in-law, Lori. He will also be missed by his dog buddy, Cooper. His death leaves a hole in many hearts. Though he could sometimes be gruff on the outside, Bob was a loving husband and father with a very soft heart for those he knew and loved. The care and kindness he showed his mother-in-law in her last weeks was beautiful to see.

At Bob's request, there will be no formal services, but the family will host a small get-together for all who knew him. Please join them on Tuesday, August 21, from 5-7pm at the Jackson residence. Bob made it clear that everyone should dress comfortably---"no suits or ties"! For more information or directions, contact Kirk at 915-549-0905.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bob's name to the Idaho Food Bank, Pocatello Branch, 555 S. First Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201, or online at www.idahofoodbank.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family under the "Share a Memory" tab above.

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Cole Ballard - August 20, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ Susan, I just read about Bob's passing. I know we haven't been in touch for years, but we do think of both of you. Peggy and I both have such fond memories of sitting by you at Halliwell Park during the baseball games. Of course who could not think of Bob during the Christmas season. Our thoughts and prayers go to you in this time of sorrow. We will be thinking of you!
Don & Peggy Furu

Don Furu - August 20, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Sheryl D Burt lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) L. Jackson



Sheryl D Burt - August 19, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Lisa Leisy lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) L. Jackson



lisa leisy - August 18, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Fun memories of him poppl guess into the classroom in 3rd grade. It always made the classroom come extra alive. Fun memories. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all the family.

lisa leisy - August 18, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ Bob was the kindest man I knew. He was so good with my kids every Christmas Eve. I remember Cole being teased at school because he told the kids his mom cut Santa’s hair. I told Bob about it the next time he came in. he ended up going to the school that year into Cole class And pointed Cole out and said Cole’s mom cuts my hair. The kids were in awe. Great man, I will never forget. Rest In Peace



teressa pape - August 17, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ I have many fond memories of interacting with Bob at Hillcrest Elementary and around town in Pocatello. Rest In Peace

Bobette Rowe - August 17, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Susan My Friend,

I was sorry to read of Bob's passing. He was the only Santa my Cody ever knew both at school and the mall. Stay strong knowing Bob is in a better place. Your memories of your partner will keep him alive in your heart. I will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time.

Most Sincerely,

Janice Bloom

Janice Bloom - August 17, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ How nice to hear from you, Janice. Thank you for your kind words. I know you have been through this, it helps to know that there is a future!

Susan Jackson - August 17, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ Bob has a special place in the hearts of our family. He was a gentle man who put up with our crazy family get-togethers. :) Our favorite memories of Bob will always be our Santa visits where he made Christmas magical for our children. We will miss his wise input in our discussions on education and sports. Our hearts are with Susan and their family at this time.

With love,
The Pincock Family

Heather Pincock - August 18, 2018 at 03:36 AM