



Robert Fortner

November 23, 1916 - February 21, 2012

Robert Nathaniel Fortner, Sr., age 95, died peacefully on February 21, 2012 in Prescott. He was born in Scammon, Kansas and spent his childhood in Oatman, Arizona. He was the son of Benjamin and Nellie Fortner. After marrying Gladys Hittson and starting a family, Bob lived in California and worked in the aerospace manufacturing business. He moved to Prescott in 1946 and worked as a butcher at Allen's Market and then co-founded Fortner & Gifford Machine Shop, now Fortner Aerospace. Bob spent many years as a coach for Little League Baseball and was known for the annual barbeques. He had many friends in the community. He enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing and boating and had a great sense of humor. He loved music, especially Big Band, was an excellent cook and had many adventures aboard his houseboat, "The Widow Trap".

Bob is survived by his daughters: Susan Fortner and Diane Williams (Arden); sons: Robert Fortner, Jr., William Fortner and Michael Fortner; Grandchildren: Ellora Bracy, Diane Bryz-Gornia, Crystal Walker, Glen Williams, Mike Williams, Robert Fortner III, Robyn Campbell, Gladys Kratsas, Billy Fortner and Loren Traweek. Grandson Travis Williams preceded him in death. Bob is also survived by 15 Great-Grandchildren. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Oddfellows Cemetery, with a gathering afterward to celebrate Bob's life at the home of Arden and Diane Williams in Wilhoit. The family would like to thank Hospice Family Care. We were so blessed to have such kind, loving people to help us provide the very best care possible.

Comments



“ Mr. Fortner was my coach back in the days. Sorry to hear his passing. The mention of his name brings back very fond memories.

Rockey Krumbholz - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ In the 70's I worked at the golf course In the bar and restaraunt.Bob was so kind and funny.Always treated all of us with dignity and respect.I left there many years ago but thought about him often.Just a great person to know.

Jan Marr - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Everyone who came in contact with you and the state of Arizona are better off having known you.

Bill & Peggy Bailey - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Loving thoughts for the Fortner families:

All of the Wiggins are saddened to hear of Bob's Passing. He was such a fun loving guy. I thought of him as a substitute father figure; I thank Diane for sharing her Dad with me. I will always treasure the memories of our many boating trips. He was also a great bowling partner.

People of all ages loved him and learned so much from him. He was able to be a friend to all ages, from the little kids thru our ages to his very close old school pals.

He taught Christi how to make dough balls for evening Carp or Catfishing. I can still hear her giggle when they caught a fish.

He is also the only person I ever saw kill a rattlesnake with a Biffy Spoon.

His passing will leave a big hole in our lives.

With all our love, Pearl, Terry, and Christi

Pearl and Terry Wiggins - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM