



Robert Lee Douglas

July 16, 1940 ~ January 9, 2022 (age 81)

Tribute

Robert “Bob” Lee Douglas was born on July 16, 1940, in Huntington, West Virginia, to Opal Juanita Brown. He was married to Elaine Shawver for 60 years.

In 1947, he moved to Emmett, Idaho, later relocating to Boise, Idaho. As a young boy Bob attended Jefferson and Roosevelt schools, and South Junior High, Boise High and Borah High schools. He was a member of the first graduating class at Borah High in 1959. After high school, Bob attended and was on the Dean’s Honor Roll at Boise College, graduating in 1965, earning his engineering degree.

Over the years, Bob held a variety of jobs that shaped his work ethic. At 14, he worked as a gardener and later at a local drug store. Periodically, over a period of seven years, he was a fry cook at the Howdy Pardner Drive-In on Fairview Avenue, in Boise. Using his engineering degree, Bob designed sugar beet harvesting equipment for Opal Harvester. For seven years he managed the engineering department for Truss Joist in Boise. He enjoyed building several houses with his son Kirt, and had a passion for tinkering and fixing things. Bob had been a landlord for many years.

Hunting deer and elk were some of Bob’s pastimes. Bob often shared retellings of his hunting adventures. Spending time with family at the family cabin and in the mountains, were favorite experiences for him. He also spent over two decades coaching Little League baseball and girls softball. Bob was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. His family always came first.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, son Kirt (Julie) Douglas, their children Taylor (Justice) Douglas and Tiffany Douglas, daughter Cynthia (James) Hall, and their children Jacob Hall and Kate Hall, brother Mikel Douglas, sisters Charlotte Swindel and Robin Elsworth, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Ross and Opal Douglas, and brother Richard Douglas.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.