



## Robert Pond

November 2, 1941 - February 18, 2008

### ROBERT A. POND

Robert Allan Pond, 66, of Evansville, passed away Monday, February 18, 2008 at Deaconess Hospital.

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on November 2, 1941. Bob recently retired as Executive Vice President from Frontier Kemper Construction after 36 years of dedicated service. He was a current member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers since 1969. He was also a member of the R-Men's Club and National Rifleman Association.

He was preceded in death by his step daughter, Peggy Gallagher in 1983.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Peggy Pond, a daughter, Karan (Patrick) Merewether of Wheatridge, Colorado, two sons, Jeff (Sandy) Pond of Denver, Colorado and Jonathon (Jackie) Pond of Hendersonville, TN; one stepson, Joe Gallagher of Evansville, two stepdaughters, Kathleen Sexton of Evansville and Terry (John) Hilliard of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Also surviving are one brother, Jeffrey Pond of Denver, Colorado, thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin at 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 22, 2008 at Pierre Funeral Home, Deacon Thomas Goebel officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street where a memorial service will be held at 7:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Friends and family unable to attend may leave condolences online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
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FEB 22. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Pond*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *There was only one Bob. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Toby Wightman##imported-end##*

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March 01, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ *To all,*

*Bob was a magnificent man. We met on the Gathright project in Covington and kept in xontact sporadically since then.*

*Bucky##imported-begin##Thomas "Bucky" Buchholz##imported-end##*

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February 27, 2008 at 11:45 PM



“ Bob and I were at Mines together and we worked at the School Mine in Idaho Springs making the Saturday trip each week in Gary Bennets old Jeep pickup. While in school Bob worked for my dad at Denver Air Machinery as a Drill Doctor. During the early 70's after I became President of my father's company Bob was a Mining Salesman for our company and did an excellent job until Hr found his real elliment with Fronter Constructors.

My wife Lee and I knew Bob well and will miss him. Our sorrow and prayers go to his family.##imported-begin##Jim White##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 06:30 PM



“ My condolences to the Pond family. Bob had the rare combination of intelligence, humor, common sense, integrity, dedication, and loyalty - all coupled with vision. To the benefit of others, he freely shared these gifts with all who spent time with him. I'm sure you are very proud of all his accomplishments. We were enriched by his person.##imported-begin##Pete Ralston##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 03:09 PM



“ Dear Peg, I am so very sorry for the loss of such a great & loving person that was Bob Pond. I still remember the first time you brought Bob home to meet Mom & Dad & he broke out into the song "Oklahoma" surprising us all with his fantastic singing voice! Just one more special quality Bob possessed. I have always been grateful he came into your life Peg & our family. But the biggest quality Bob possessed was the size of his great & generous & loving heart. A kind & gentle man who loved to joke & laugh & could tell a joke better than anyone I know. Bob will be sorely missed.

Love & Light to you Peg and all the family. God's Light & Speed to you Bob on your new adventure.##imported-begin##Judy Martin##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 11:54 AM



“ Jim and I are so very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I have nothing but fond memories of Uncle Bob. Such a delightful person, such a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

With love and sympathy,  
Judy, Jim, and Eleanor##imported-begin##Judy (Martin)  
Nugent##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 11:02 AM



“ While I am not part of the immediate Pond family, I have always felt like I was. That’s just the way both Bob and Peggy made me feel. Ever since the first time I met Bob in Covington, he has been a big influence on my life. He was one the smartest people I knew as a young boy and still as an adult. Many an hour was spent at the Pond house in Covington. Bob and Peggy were both adults teenagers could be comfortable around. His character, hummer and cut to the chase straight talk were a big help to young man trying to find his way in life.

Bob and Peggy were relocated to Evansville after his project ended and that is how a young man from Covington Virginia ended up going to college at the University of Evansville. Bob and Peggy again allowed me to be part if their life. Much of the success I have had over the years, I attribute in large part to these two wonderful people. Bob was a father figure, mentor, best man, and true friend to me. For me, there will never be another Bob Pond.##imported-begin##Bill Leary##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 12:27 AM



“ Bob's brother Jeff and I were classmates at Yale in the early 1960's. When I'd run into Jeff at Yale Reunions he'd always tell me to look up his brother, Bob, in Evansville. Finally I did, and Bob and I had several lunches over the years. He was a grand guy who I always enjoyed being with. I know that he will be greatly missed, and extend my condolences  
Bob Leich Los Angeles, CA##imported-begin##Bob Leich##imported-end##

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February 21, 2008 at 07:54 PM



“ Words cannot express what an impact Bob has made on so many lives that he has touched. He was definitely man of words, always so very witty. He will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you Peggy and your family. God bless you all...  
DEB###imported-begin###Debra Riger###imported-end##

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February 21, 2008 at 05:25 PM



“ Dear Aunt Peggy, I am sorry for your lost. I rememeber Uncle Bob's bright smile and have never forgotten it. He is now with Peggy and dancing with her. You and your family are in our prayers.  
We love you.

Bob enjoy your new journey:))###imported-begin###Kimberly Barrot-Cramsey and Family###imported-end##

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February 21, 2008 at 05:15 PM



“ Allow me to extend my heartfelt sympathy to each of you in the loss of your loved one and my friend, Bob Pond, who will be sorely missed by many. I will fondly remember him for his bright mind, keen sense of humor and infectious laugh! Warmest personal regards,  
Joseph W. Yarbrough, Jr.###imported-begin###Joseph W. Yarbrough, Jr.###imported-end##

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February 21, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ *My deepest sympathys to the Pond family. I have worked with Bob for 15 years and we shared alot of interests, but mostly or enjoyment of a good joke and a love for firearms. Bob was an excellent gunsmith and a great friend. I will miss him greatly until God calls me home. See you Bob.*

*Jerry Tuley##imported-begin##Jerry Tuley##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2008 at 02:40 PM



“ *Mr. Pond will be greatly missed. He was a great friend and mentor to my dad. I was Blessed to get to know him during Frontier's many trips to the Gun Club where he always let me tag along to score keep. He helped me learn to shoot straight and laugh it off when I didn't. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Lauren Downen##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2008 at 02:39 PM



“ *Dear Pop,  
From the first time you took me underground,to the mountains we climed together,to the deer we hunted,through the the arguments and the laughter only we could share,and the lessons you taught me(The hard way)You treated me as your own Son,and I can only hope I made you proud of me. You are the Greatest StepFather God ever has put on this earth.*

*I promise you that I will strive to be as good a man as you were.*

*Love Always*

*Your Son*

*Joe##imported-begin##Joe Gallagher##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ I will miss Bob's humor and his advice. I didn't get too see him too often, but, I always looked forward to being with him. We lost a friend. My condolences to all of you.

Rob Vogel###imported-begin###Rob Vogel###imported-end###

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February 21, 2008 at 11:41 AM



“ My condolences. Bob always made me feel at home when I was in Evansville.  
He will be missed.

Ernestine###imported-begin###Ernestine Ray###imported-end###

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February 21, 2008 at 09:11 AM



“ Time spent with Bob Pond was always an adventure. If he decided he liked you and he wanted you as a friend, then you would be a friend for life. I first met Bob in 1993 at the RETC conference when I worked for SME. In 1995 he was the conference chair and we were friends ever since. I loved this guy—for his wisdom, his humor, his support, his candidness and his ability to unabashedly be himself. Even as I write this, the thought of Bob brings a little smirk to my face because of the great memories as I recall some of his antics. Bob hated neckties, stuffed shirts and for people he cared about to be sad. He rarely showed people his soft side, but if you needed a sympathetic ear or a person to just be there for you, then you could count on Bob. There is no replacement for this larger than life man and he will be missed terribly. My deepest sympathy goes to you Peg and all of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and siblings...mending your broken heart will be hard and you will be in my prayers.###imported-begin###Joette Cross###imported-end###

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February 20, 2008 at 09:42 PM



“ We at Nordmin Engineering would like to pass on our deepest condolences to Bob's family. Bob was a great man, respected by many, including myself, and it was a great pleasure and privilege to have worked with him over the years. His intellect, humour, and character are all things that will be sorely missed by us all.

Chris Dougherty##imported-begin##Chris Dougherty##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 07:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Bob's family and all of his numerous friends. I had the privilege to work closely with Bob during my time with Frontier-Kemper from 1987-92. He was smart, sincere, and funny, but above all he was not only a colleague but also a true friend helping me to bridge "the culture gap" between America and Germany. Thank you! He will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Bernd Braun##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 07:41 PM



“ I will never forget how much my dad loved the fact that I was a submariner in the Navy. Dad came to my boot-camp graduation in Great Lakes Illinois and we shared my first weekend of liberty together. Even though dad was not in the military he took to telling sea stories like a fish to water. By the end of the weekend I wasn't sure he hadn't been in the Navy... I guess land or sea, "punching holes" was a part of life we shared together. Thanks for all the great memories! We will miss you.##imported-begin##Jon & Jackie Pond and the Tennessee Gang##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 07:02 PM



“ We are deeply sadden to hear of Bob's death. Bob was a true supporter of the Sporting Clays Sport and we were honored to have know him through the sport. We will all miss him in the Shooting Industry.##imported-begin##Sam and Frieda Lancaster##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 04:42 PM



“ Peggy,

*I was extremely sorry to hear of Bob's passing, he was a great lifelong friend and I respected him to the upmost. Bob and I first met in the late 60s in Denver and have been close friends since then, we have shared some great moments and experiences over the past 39 years and I will miss him very much. I know that you are aware of the fact that he had countless friends in our industry. Just so you know, I have never heard anything negative about Bob from anyone of these people or for that matter from anyone that was not considered a friend of his, in fact they all held Bob in the highest regard. We will never see an equal to Bob in our lifetime. Over the past year or so Bob and I talked numerous times on the phone, we reminisced about days gone by and how amazed each of us were about how fast the time had passed us by and that we could not believe that we were now in our mid 60s. Recently I had told Bob that I could count my close personal friends on the fingers of both my hands and he was high on this list. I know his recent medical problems forced a big change in his lifestyle, but they definitely did not affect his devotion to family and friends nor his personality or his wit. Linda and I feel very saddened that he is no longer with us and know full well that you and the rest of your family are going through some very hard times dealing with his passing. Rest assured Bob is now in a place where all of the good people end up in the afterlife, and, hopefully when my time comes I will have enough credits to follow him there, and, I am sure that he will be looking after you and your family in the years to come. Our most sincere condolences to you and your family!*

*Jay and Linda Carlson###imported-begin##Jay and Linda Carlson###imported-end##*

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February 20, 2008 at 04:10 PM



“ We were deeply grieved to hear of the sudden death of Bob. We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to Peggy and Bob’s Family and to friends and Co-workers of Frontier Kemper.

*Being far away on the other side of the Atlantic in Europe we feel to be near to all of You in this time of great shock.*

*Bob was far more for us than a friend in our tunneling business.*

*We know Bob for many years to be a very special person and in our Co-operation with FK on new several underground projects in the US and our activities in the Know-how-transfer for shotcrete-tunneling we always experienced Bob helping us and consulting us in various issues.*

*In all cases being small questions or big problems Bob had a good word and excellent and immediate advise and help/action for us in Austria. Bob had the very rare talent to master in excellence all the technical, administrative and legal issues and most important the human part of our business. We also miss Bob with his ability to put a team into good humour and his outstanding skill to communicate.*

*We miss him. We will not forget Sweet Old Bob!  
Our prayers are with Bob and his family.  
Warmest regards from all of us in Austria and Europe.*

*Christian Neumann##imported-begin##Christian  
Neumann##imported-end##*

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February 20, 2008 at 03:27 PM



“ Our condolences to Bob's family. We are going to miss the old mining stories of Butte MT and Leadville CO that Bob use to share with us. He was a great mentor and friend to my husband. Rest in Peace until we meet again.##imported-begin##Carla & George Zugel##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 02:59 PM



“ Larry and I offer our greatest sympathy to the Pond family. Bob was a great person to work with and we liked to hear about his dogs and hunting escapades. We are so sorry for your great loss.

Larry and Jennifer Maiolo  
Craig, CO##imported-begin##Larry and Jennifer Maiolo##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 02:21 PM



“ It is unfortunate to lose such a nice dear and funny guy like Bob Pond. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mickey Henderson##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Bob's passing. We met through AUA many years ago. I always appreciated Bob's support and wise counsel during his time as a member and Director. He was a unique person and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Susan Nelson##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Peg,

*We want to send our deepest sympathy, Bob was a good and kind man, always had a big hello with a big smile and he was a very special part of your life and for us it was truly an honor to know him. Peg, know that you and yours are in our prayers always.*

*With love,  
Shawn, Nicole & family##imported-begin##Shawn##imported-end##*

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February 20, 2008 at 01:04 PM

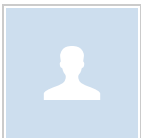


“ Peggy and Family,

*Although I cannot be there is person I am there in thought and prayer. So many wonderful memories of Bob and his many years as a friend and important part of Frontier/Kemper. Bob and Dan will have a lot to share and delight in, now that they are together again. Love, Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy McFadden##imported-end##*

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February 20, 2008 at 11:38 AM



“ Peggy, i am sorry for your lost and ours. Bob will be missed by us all. He had a great sense of humor n i have fond memories of him. His journey here is done, n the next one begins. may God give you strength to get thru this time of sorrow. your family here in PA. is here for you n will be praying for you n all of Bob's family. God bless you, i will miss him too. love joni##imported-begin##joni lawrence##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 11:37 AM



“ *Brother Pond was truly a man of his word. You did not need a contract or a signed piece of paper to do business with him. With Bob Pond all you needed was a hand-shake and you had your agreement which is really hard to find in people today. So I guess God needed a good man in heaven whose word is impeccable. He will be missed here. God Bless!!!*##imported-begin##*Ronald E. Myers, LIUNA Special International Representative*##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 10:55 AM

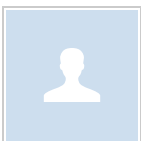


“ *Peggy,*

*My heart and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Bob was an amazing man and he will be deeply missed.*##imported-begin##*Gavin Chase Meinschein*##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ *Bob had the most remarkable mind. He was surely the last of the great comedians and he was a wonderful friend. He also had an unending appetite for knowledge. He was curious about everything-- people, history, literature, and he was always looking to improve his learning. He so often sent hilarious, smart, remarkable emails and articles, too. He was one of the best writers I knew. My husband and I once asked him, really, Bob, how many words do you think you know? He was so kind and generous. He was the one you want to talk to in a crowded room. My most sincerest condolences to Peggy and to all of Bob's family and friends.*##imported-begin##*Margaret McMullan*##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 09:49 AM



“ My prayers to Peggy and family. Bob will be missed dearly at work.##imported-begin##Tammy Hillgoth##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 09:22 AM



“ To the Pond family: I worked with Bob through insurance. I had the pleasure of being in meetings with him and many telephone conversations. I truly enjoyed being around him. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely, Gayle May  
Travelers##imported-begin##Gayle May##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 09:05 AM



“ Dearest Peggy,  
Just a note to say you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob was a great man. I have fond memories of our times together in Covington.  
Blessings,  
  
Scott##imported-begin##Scott Wilcher##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 09:04 AM



“ I have known Bob for 20 years having worked with F-K and serving with Bob on the Construction Institute Board of Directors. He was a delightful, funny and ethical man. He was truly an icon of our industry and I will miss him. My prayers are with all of you.  
Lee Smither, FMI Management Consultants##imported-begin##Lee Smither##imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 08:58 AM



“ Also on behalf of my wife Barbara our sincere condolences. Bob was a great Person, and his Humor will be unforgettable. His Knowledge and experience will be sorely missed in the industry. Best wishes for the family!###imported-begin##Otto Braach###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 08:34 AM



“ One of God's special people has left us. He will always have a special place in my memory. His joy of life and a good joke but not least his true love for people. I say goodbye to "Sweet Old Bob".###imported-begin##Terry Lukow###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 08:32 AM



“ My sincere condolences on your loss. Bob was my friend for over 40 years and I will sorely miss him. I regret distance keeps me from being with you at this time. Jack and Shirley Burke###imported-begin##Jack Burke###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 08:31 AM



“ Peg and family, please accept our deepest sympathy. Your loss is felt by all of us here in Pennsylvania. Bob will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. His smile will be missed by all who knew him. We will see him again and until then he will be with Peggy jr watching over all of us. God Bless you all and give you strength to get through this difficult time.###imported-begin##Charles and Jean Meehan###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 08:25 AM



“ I have worked with Bob for many years as a representative of the Laborers International Union of North America and have admired him for his committment to the industry and most importantly the workers who make it happen. He will be missed by all of us in the labor movement.##imported-begin##Terry Bumpers##imported-end##

February 20, 2008 at 08:01 AM



“ my deep condolences to Bob's family. His advice, opinions and witty humor leave a lasting impact on his associates and friends...##imported-begin##ED PLOTKIN##imported-end##

February 20, 2008 at 07:58 AM



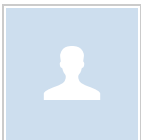
“ To the Pond family:  
Bob was truly a visionary and pioneer in our industry. He was truly an admired and respected person to ALL. He will be truly missed.

Your friends at:

Triad Engineering and Contracting Co.

Partners with Frontier Kemper##imported-begin##Clifford J. Kassouf##imported-end##

February 20, 2008 at 07:37 AM



“ Also on behalf of my wife Bonnie our sincere condolences.Bob was a straight shooter,a guy with great humour and an icon for the industry.He will be sorely missed.Best wishes for the family!##imported-begin##Kees-Jan Klap##imported-end##

February 20, 2008 at 03:22 AM



“ *What a wonderful story teller...Thanks for the memories, the kindness and love that you Pop, and your wonderful family have shared with me over the years. What a blessing to have been a part of your lifes.....*###imported-begin###Terri Webb###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 09:35 PM



“ *We will miss Bob,and we will remember his original sense of humor, his wisdom, and the great conversations we had sitting around the table.*  
*Love, Laurie & Clyde*###imported-begin###Laurie Robbins & Clyde Wilcher###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 08:41 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to Bobs family and friends. I have known Bob for many years. He will be missed in the hearts and in the industry*  
*Sincerely Roger Blankenship*###imported-begin###Roger Blankenship###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ *I will never forget the man who was so much a father in my life as he was the best grandpa any girl could ask for. I miss him so very much. He will always have a huge place in my heart. I love you Pop!*###imported-begin###Megan Gallagher###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 07:32 PM



“ I will always remember his dry sense of humor, and the sarcastic comments. He was a very opinionated person but he always loved with his whole heart. he will be missed. I love you, Pops.##imported-begin##Kathy##imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 07:14 PM



“ I'll never forget my father's gift to appreciate a joke, regardless of if he was telling it or if he was the butt of it.##imported-begin##Jeffrey Pond##imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 07:03 PM