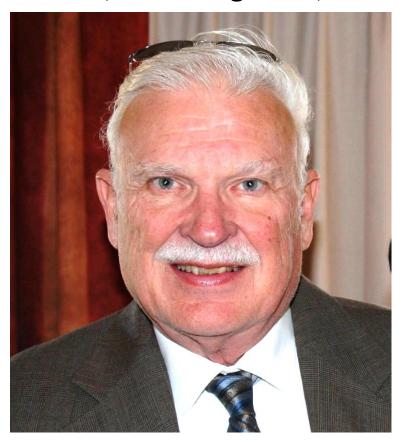
Hour For Peace NoCo Memorial

Bob Stucklen

June 10, 1935 - August 16, 2024



By Rev. Dr. Victoria Gardner, Area Coordinator

When I was conscripted to be the coordinator for the Hour For Peace in August of 2006, one of the first volunteers was Deb Stucklen, a beautiful Quaker woman and lifelong peacemaker. She became my "Right Hand", and along with her help and support came her husband Bob, who often served as one of our Treasurers. They were integral to the Hour For Peace NoCo from 2006 until Bob's passing in 2024. In spite of losing her husband of 59 years and the love of her life, Deb continues to support the Hour For Peace NoCo and its activist arm Peace Fellowship.





Bob and Deb always knew the importance of promoting peace and creating a better world through their Quaker (Friends) organizations. Every year they would donate funds so the Fort Collins Quakers could be an official sponsor. Here's their sponsorship listing from the Hour For Peace website:

Fort Collins Quakers, "The Religious Society of Friends" - http://fortcollinsquakers.org; 2222 West Vine Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521. "Peace, equality, simplicity, integrity, community. These are our core values."

Bob and Deb also had a small plane, and I was blessed to be invited to go flying with them on a few occasions. Getting an arial view of Northern Colorado from Estes Park to Greeley to Cheyenne was a breathtaking and extraordinarily spiritual experience. And just being with these two dedicated peacemakers was even more sacred.

Please read Bob's obituary on the next page to see all the amazing things he accomplished in his lifetime, and the many activities he and Deb enjoyed in addition to flying like white water rafting, hiking, jeeping, cave explorations, and traveling. The end of his August 21st Celebration of Life flyer recognizes the hundreds of people Bob inspired and reads, "The next time you hike, jeep, raft, go caving, fly, or anything in the amazing outdoors, know that Bob is right there with you."



Robert A. Stucklen Obituary published on Legacy.com by Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home & Crematory on Aug. 22, 2024.

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/robert-stucklen-obituary?id=56075611

"Bob was born in Wilmington, Delaware June 10th, 1935, growing up in the West Chester area of southern Pennsylvania, attending Westtown Friends High School and earning a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of Delaware.

The lure of the West and Bob's thirst for outdoor adventure brought him across the mid-west and to western Colorado in the early 1960s. Along the way, Bob found his passion for flying, earning his private pilot's license and buying a small plane.

Meeting his wife Deb and marrying in 1965, they settled in Montrose, Colorado, where Bob worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as they started and grew their family. Bob said he found the ideal location to enjoy everything he loved, jeeping and hiking in the canyons of Utah or rafting on the rivers that carved them. Bob also found joy in exploring the old railroad grades of the San Juan Mountains and making further journeys across Colorado, New Mexico, and the US for caving trips and conferences.

In 1987, after more than 20 years dedicated to improving the hydroelectric infrastructure of the West, Bob transferred within the Department of Energy to <u>Loveland, Colorado</u>. There he found more circles of friends to engage with, including the Fort Collins Friends meeting, Northern Colorado Grotto, High Country River Runners, Poudre Paddlers, and FNL Pilots Association, to name a few.

Bob had always felt the importance of promoting peace through Quaker (Friends) organizations and of belonging to a service organization. Having been a long-time member of the Montrose Lions Club, he joined the Loveland Lions Club shortly after his move. Here Bob found a special way to volunteer and continue his life-long love of trains. For over 30 years, he helped the Lions Club operate the Buckhorn Northern Railroad in North Lake Park to raise money for their social work in the community and abroad.

After retirement, Bob set off to explore more of the world, with multiple flights to Mexico for Caving, cruises to Alaska and around Cape Horn, and excursions in Europe, Greece, Turkey, and Tajikistan. He mixed those trips with continued cave expeditions, jeeping in Utah and multiple floats along the Green, Colorado, and Salmon rivers, rowing a boat into his early 80s.

Even as Bob lost the physical ability to do many of the things he loved, he inspired people to love their time outdoors, instilling that love into his children, grandchildren, and neighbors. Bob is survived by his loving wife Deb, his three children; Bill (Jennifer), Lowell, Renee, his sister Lynn Cabot, two grandchildren, and the hundreds of people he inspired in the small ways only Bob could do.

Bob's life was celebrated August 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Avogadro's Number, 605 South Mason Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. In place of flowers, Bob suggested donations could be made in his honor to two of his favorite charities: The Friends Committee on National Legislation - https://act.fcnl.org/donate/honor-memory/ or the Lions Club International Fund - https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate."

