



## Robert J. "Bob" Bell

April 19, 1935 - October 6, 2014

Robert J. "Bob" Bell (79) of Toppenish passed away in Kennewick on Monday October 6, 2014 surrounded by his family. Bob was born in Pampa, TX on April 19, 1935 to John C. and Erixna I. (King) Bell. Bob was raised and educated in west Texas and was drafted into the U.S. Army in July of 1957. Bob served two years and moved to Washington State in 1961. He worked as a fieldman for Simplot and retired from Wester Farm Service as manager in Toppenish. Bob married JoAnn Bailey in November of 1978 and they were very active in the community. Bob served on the Toppenish Rodeo Association and could be seen the last few years working the VIP tent during the rodeo, was on the Toppenish Mural Society, enjoyed dancing, entertaining, golfing and traveling. Bob and JoAnn spent 6 months a year in Arizona and had traveled 19 times to Europe, to Africa, Japan and numerous times to Mexico. Bob is survived by his wife, JoAnn of Toppenish; a son, Robert (Cathy) Bell of Ottawa, KS; two daughters, Jackie (Larry Olsen) Bell of Prosser and Jana Bell of Kennewick; a stepson, Buck Bailey of California; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; two brothers, Walter (Elsie) Bell of Sunnyside and Ralph (Sharon) Bell of Fall City, WA. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Tom & Genny and a step-daughter, Sheri Ann. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday October 26, 2014 at 2PM at the Toppenish Eagles. Friends can send their condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Toppenish Mural Society 504 S. Elm Street; Toppenish, WA 98948 in memory of Bob Bell.

Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. "Bob" Bell*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Bob was a stand-up guy. When you needed help with something, he was there for you and the community. I enjoyed working with Bob on the Mural Society and he was part of our Good Old Boys coffee clatch at Gibbons and other venues. He'll be missed. Condolences to JoAnn and the family. Jim Flint and Karen Spence.*

**Jim Flint** - October 18, 2014 at 12:37 AM



“ *Will miss your friendly smile and wave. Your neighbor Lynn*



**LYNN LACELL** - October 12, 2014 at 09:42 PM



“ *JoAnn and family, I am really sad to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great man and a good friend to me. Fortunately I was able to see him in August at the tire store and we talked briefly, this was just before I left the area. Sorry that I will not be able to attend any services as I am currently residing in Florida. I took a chapter from Bob and JoAnn's life and decided to try being a snowbird this winter. My condolences to you JoAnn.*

**Kris (Henry-Walker) Nau** - October 10, 2014 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Bob*

*Your kindness and generosity to help out your community will always be remembered. Our community has lost a huge advocate. You are a true friend. Thank you for all you have done.*

*Monte Heggie*

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**Monte Heggie** - October 09, 2014 at 10:20 AM