

George Robert "Bob" Bock

CUSTER - George Robert "Bob" Bock, 79, Custer resident and former long time Rapid City resident, died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at the Maurice Fitzpatrick Veterans Home in Hot Springs.

He was born June 15, 1930, at Loomis, the son of Perce and Cheryl (Walker) Bock. The family resided at Loomis, Cuthbert and Letcher, prior to moving to Vancouver, Wash. They moved to Rapid City in 1944.

Bob graduated from Rapid City High School in 1948. He attended Yankton College and Colorado A&M at Fort Collins. He was employed as a Forest Ranger at Devils Tower, Wyo., in 1950-51. Bob served in the South Dakota National Guard and served in the Army during the Korean War.

He married Patricia Ann Entenman in Sioux Falls on Jan. 5, 1954. The couple resided in Rapid City following their marriage. Bob was employed with Commercial Credit and the American National Bank for a number of years. He was a director and one of the original charter members, Vice-president and Cashier of the American State Bank which opened on June 25, 1973. He was associated with the American State Bank until July 1980. He was also involved in insurance sales and was an employee of the Osheim-Catron Funeral Home for a number of years.

He was active in civic affairs. He was a past member of the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, was a Charter member of the Civitan Club, a member of the First Congregational Church and the Arrowhead Country Club. He was very active with Rapid City Elks Lodge 1187 and was the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge in 1967-68, when the Lodge approved acquisition of the Valley Hi Lodge and Golf Course.

Bob moved to Custer in 1996 and he had been a resident of the Veterans Home in Hot Springs for the past five months.

Perhaps his most significant accomplishments would include his role in assisting with the founding of the American State Bank and his leadership in the Elks Lodge during its acquisition of the Valley Hi Lodge and Golf Course.

The things he was most proud of in his life were his children, his grandchildren, his brief service as a Forest Ranger and his service to his country.

Survivors include two sons, G. Roger Bock and his wife, Cheryl, and Ben Bock and his wife Jen, all of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Marci Briggs and her husband Garry, Kansas City, Kan., and Terri Jones, Bunnell, Fla.; five grandchildren, Starla Davis, Crystal Jones, Kevin Bock, Jason Bock and Matthew Bock; two great-grandchildren, Leah Davis and Vincent Davis; a sister, Beverly Osheim and her husband, Ozzie, Rapid City; and two brothers, Clinton Bock and his wife, Dorothy, Bandera, Texas, and Fred Bock and his wife, Nancy, Emmetsburg, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City, with the Rev. Simon Looking Elk officiating. Military honors will be provided by Rushmore VFW Post 1273. Friends may gather at the funeral home prior to services. A memorial has been established. Friends may sign the online guest register at www.osheimschmidt.com. Published in Rapid City Journal on July 16, 2009