



Robert L. Bob Worth, Sr.

June 17, 1923 - August 17, 2016

Robert L. Bob Worth, Sr. passed away peacefully on Friday, August 17, 2016 at the age of 93.

He was born to Edythe Bradshaw Worth and Robert Clinton Worth in Washington, DC on June 17, 1923. His parents soon moved to Sabinal Texas where he grew up, and where he developed his passion for hunting and fishing.

A country boy at heart, his favorite memories included swimming and fishing in the Frio River near Concan with his cousins and his aunts.

His parents and brother, Don moved to San Antonio in the 1930s where he graduated from Jefferson High School. He was a B29 Flight Engineer with the Army Air Corps during World War II. The war ended 3 days after his graduation from flight engineer training.

Bob met his wife Beverly Jordan during high school. They were married from 1946 to 1984 and lived in San Antonio and had two sons, Robert Jr. and James.

A natural born salesman and trader, he turned a hobby of growing orchids into a full time business. Worth Orchids was exotic jungle of orchids, tropical birds, plants and koi fish. He owned and bred many rare and award winning orchids and was one of the first to clone rare orchids.

He had many wealthy and somewhat eccentric customers from all parts of the US. He traded orchids and greenhouses for a Century ski boat, Lincoln Continental, deer hunts, and elk hunts at Vermejo Park, New Mexico.

His greatest passion was hunting and fishing. Elk, mule deer, white tail deer, and pronghorn antelope were his trophies. He could recall minute details about many hunting experiences.

Bob loved to play his guitar and sing country music including some of his own compositions. Some of his western outfits were legendary.

He was quite a story teller and some of his tales were pretty tall. It was difficult to separate fact from fiction. His story about guiding a hunter at Vermejo Park, who killed an albino elk, turned out to be true when we saw the full mounted albino elk at Vermejo last year.

He retired and moved to Ruidoso, NM in 1996 to complete the circle he started in 1945 when he lived in Sante Fe after WWII. He loved his view of the Sierra Blanca Mountain and lived next to the National Forest where he hiked daily until his eyesight failed him. He had many wonderful friends in Ruidoso. He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Bob and Mary Worth, Jim and Janie Worth, their children and spouses, Jordan Worth Arriaga and her husband, Brian, Clint and Jessica Worth, Brian Worth, Michael Worth and his wife, Izzie Sims and Laura Worth; six great-grandchildren, Patrick, John, and James Arriaga and Mary Kimberly, Reagan, and Robert C. Worth, III; and his former wife, Beverly Jordan Worth.

SERVICES

Graveside Service with Military Honors was held for family members at Fort

Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:15 A.M. Monday August 29, 2016 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1018 East Grayson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Texas Biomedical Research Institute or the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas.