



Robert Ellen Erickson

May 20, 2009

A memorial service will be held for Robert Vernon Erickson, 89, and his beloved wife Ellen Winberg Erickson, 86, on Saturday June 6, 2009 at 11: 00 am at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory with Kelvin Naef and Dale De Raad officiating. Robert was born in Rawlins, WY on March 24, 1920, where he lived, worked for 41 years as a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad and raised his family. He spent a lifetime loving and serving God, his family and his country (an Army veteran of World War II). Robert passed from death to life on May 20, 2009, where he was joined eleven days later by his wife of 63 years, Ellen Winberg Erickson, childhood sweethearts since the age of twelve. Ellen was born in Weld County, CO on November 20, 1922. She was a gentle and loving wife and mother, a true peacemaker who faithfully served God and family until she was called home to join Robert in eternal rest on May 31, 2009. Robert was preceded in death by his only sister, Sarah Jane Cooper. Ellen is survived by one of her four brothers, Raymond Winberg and his wife Bonnie of Fort Morgan, CO. They are both survived by: three daughters, Karen Leonhardt and her husband Mike of Portales, Eileen Wilson and her husband Ken of Amarillo, TX and Janell Erickson of Roswell; one son, Vernon Erickson and his wife Susan of Gilbert, AZ, eleven grandchildren; Jodi Nett, Jason and Kendal Leonhardt, Kaisa, Eric and Craig Wilson, Brandon and Joey Pantuso, Sammy, Ollie and Madly Erickson, and two greatgrandsons, Colten Ballard and Tucker Leonhardt. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at www.and

ersonbethany.com Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany
Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Ellen Erickson*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Janelle, Brandon & family,
Although I never met your mom & dad, I know what special people they were to you. Janelle, I respect you for your tireless dedication and care to making sure your parents were well taken care of and not put in a nursing home. They are not suffering any longer and will be together for eternity. May God give you strength during these painful days ahead.*

Peggy Meadows - June 13, 2009 at 12:16 AM



“ *I hadn't seen Bob and Ellen for a long time but remember them as being gracious and Bob always seemed full of life. Ellen was always quieter. I'm so sorry about their passing, but know they are in a better place with each other. Please know that Duane and I have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Carol and Duane Lester - June 10, 2009 at 08:31 PM



“ *Jodi,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
sincerely, Kevin King*

kevin king - June 08, 2009 at 04:59 PM

KA

“ I have very special memories of Mom and Dad but the ones that stand out to me are the letters written to me by Dad when I was in college and the various household projects he helped with through the years. Mom was an excellent seamstress and helped me with sewing projects in high school and after I was married. She was an excellent cook that could whip up a meal without a recipe and could feed an army with short notice. I feel privileged to have spent their last days with them. I will especially remember Dad's last words in meeting about forgetting the past and attaining to the prize of the high calling and that's what they both did.

Karen - June 07, 2009 at 10:45 PM

BL

“ Dear Karen and Mike--Now back from a few days away, I too want to send my sympathy that your mother Ellen has passed as well. But I'm happy for both Bob and Ellen that they had a life so well-lived and full of love and happiness--they just had such a great balance of a solid foundation and fun-loving every day! I know you'll have so many memories that will pop up here and there, and hope that you are given the grace you need to go through the sorrowful time of saying goodbye to their lives here. Love, Sister Beth

Beth Leonhardt - June 06, 2009 at 09:42 PM

CS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Although it's hard to accept right now, they are now resting comfortably and will continue their love throughout eternity.

Carey & Lanie Smith - June 06, 2009 at 05:40 PM

JE

“ My dear sweet ma and pa...Oh how I will miss them and their kind and loving ways. It was such a joy to share the last few years of their lives with them. I am thankful they were my parents and led by example to the very end. They always thought of their family, wanted to go traveling, and would go out of their way to help others. I will always miss them but am so thankful for their spirit of love. They're the BEST mom and dad ever.

Janell Erickson - June 06, 2009 at 09:18 AM

VS

“ Today is the day we get to say goodbye. I am sorry to my parents that I was not here to see them in their last days but I am also moved and thankful for my sisters and their children who sacrificed the time in their lives. There has been a gap bridged in the generations between sisters and their family by this departure. Special thanks to Brandon and Craig, you have a place now in their lives that will be remembered forever. It has been hard for me to see through the tears when I sit down and try to remember. Dad cared about family and fellowship, a true elder. He claims to have built the first overhead pickup bed camper. I have many memories of the Old International truck that carried the camper and us to so many destinations and friends. Mom was a living pink rose. Pink roses say Thank you! I admire her gentleness, grace, gladness and sweetness. She was Joy! Mom, Thank you for your prayers for me. Janell says you both are looking down on us now. I want to show in our lives that we are here now blooming because of your Love for each other and your children. Thank you Dad and Mom!! Your Son

Vernon Erickson-Only Son - June 06, 2009 at 08:09 AM

SY

“ Thinking of each one of you during this time. May you know peace and comfort throughout the days ahead.
Love, The Youngs

Scott & Sara Young - June 05, 2009 at 06:52 PM

AB

“ Eileen, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your parents. I want you to know I will be praying for God to give you comfort during this time. It is so wonderful to know that they are with our gracious Lord. With all my love. Alice

Alice Bryan - June 05, 2009 at 06:37 PM

TJ

“ We are thinking of all of you. We're so glad for the faithful example Bob and Ellen were to us for so many years. We will be thinking of all of you. They'll be missed but we're so thankful for their faithful finish.

Tim and Myrna Johnson - June 05, 2009 at 06:23 PM

DP

“ Carol and I have many pleasant memories of your parents. I remember their visits with my parents in Riverton Wyo many years ago. My mom and dad always were happy when they knew your family was coming to visit. Your parents were always an inspiration to us with their hospitality and manifestation of Spirituality, My parents knew your folks from the early Wyoming days. Our thoughts are with you these days.

Dennis and Carol Printz - June 05, 2009 at 05:25 PM

JW

“ Every memory I have of Bob & Ellen is with a smile on their face. I have so many recollections of many years of good fellowship as our paths crossed and re-crossed in so many places, and the many times I was in their home in Roswell were always times of special fellowship. Thanks be to God for His great salvation that made them who they are, for the reality of eternal life they received by faith and shared by example with all who knew them. They would tell us today, "All praise and glory be to Him; all worthy is our Lord."

John Wegter - June 04, 2009 at 08:54 PM

VL

“ Dear Eileen, so sorry for your Mom and Dad's passing I know you will miss them, just want to let you know I was thinking about you and your family, you are in my prayers God Bless Vicky

Vicky Long - June 04, 2009 at 08:34 PM

KS

“ We are thinking about you these days with sincere sympathy. Bob and Ellen were always pillars and we have fond memories of times with them.

Ken and Leta Schuebel - June 04, 2009 at 07:41 PM

EF

“ I do not know how to express how sweet it is that your Mom and Dad went together. I know there was a lot of love between them and they will be greatly missed. My thoughts and love are with you because you are feeling a deep loss and hurt. Love, Grandma Ernie

Ernestine Fulk - June 04, 2009 at 07:12 PM

KA

“ I'm sad to see my grandparents go but happy that they got to go together. (or at least 11 days apart) Gpa and gma were always so sweet and kind. I loved going to their house as kid and seeing the family-playing games, reading Archie comics, jumping on the trampoline, and always laughing. I remember you could always see gma and gpa's house from the highway in NM because it was the only green spot out there. I never understood how gma could grow strawberries, pecans, apples, peaches, and roses in the middle of the desert! I remember gpa helping me move when i was in college and always wanting to help out. My favorite memory was gpa bouncing me on his lap singing reeder, reeder runkin... (I spelled phonetically)

Kaisa - June 04, 2009 at 04:15 PM

TA

“ We want you to know that we are with you in thought, even though we cannot be there to help support you in this tough time. I think it was nice that they could both go at the same time. It shows that what one did the other wanted also. They will be missed by the many lives that they have touched. Tony and Rhonda and family

Tony and Rhonda Abbott - June 04, 2009 at 10:31 AM

SS

“ Two lives intertwined in their love for each other and for the Lord. So sweet to think of their finish so close together after a life together lived so close to God. While we mourn the separation from us, we rejoice and find encouragement in seeing their faithful finish and the end of their struggles. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as you remember the joy shared together and the example Bob and Ellen left for us. And may we find encouragement to continue in our own walk with the Lord as we see the value in these two lives yielded to the Father. Love and care, Stacey

Stacey Seidlitz - June 03, 2009 at 10:29 PM

RH

“ Our thoughts are going your way--we remember the many good times with our family and yours in Colorado. Our loved ones will be missed but never forgotten. We always look for them at convention time. Best wishes for all the family. LOVE TO ALL, RON AND BARBARA HAWES

Ron & Barbara Hawes - June 03, 2009 at 09:30 PM

GW

“ I am saddened to hear about Bob and Ellen passing on as I remember them when they lived in Rawlins. This family was the ones that welcomed my folks as new babes in to their mothers home every Sunday and gospel meetings in Bob's and Ellen's basement. Your family helped get us established on the foundation that has brought us to this day and provides strength for the next step. We always cherish those that are able to finish faithfully. I remember the others that met with us and now they are all gone and there are no friends left in Rawlins. Sue and I won't be able to be there but know our thoughts are with you. George and Susie

George and Suesie Williams - June 03, 2009 at 08:23 PM

KS

“ Like Julie, my memories go way back. Playing with Eileen in front of Grandma Buntens's house in Rawlins. Having chicken dinner all around the table. Our families merged in so many ways. Some of my fondest memories of our families together are those shared at the convention grounds in Salt Lake, or remember that trip you guys made out to California and we went to the beach! To have seen them one more time last year in Roswell, well that was an extra special blessing for me. They ran their race with a united heart and purpose, now they can in peace and joy receive their reward. My thoughts are with you all.

Kristine (Rauscher) Satterwhite - June 03, 2009 at 07:42 PM

RE

“ Dear Vernon & Susan: Our hearts know you have a heavy loss. Just know you are not alone in bearing this parting--many thoughts are giving you hugs of comfort. The greatest Comforter however has the best message: they still live!! We love you and wish we could be there with you. Know we are in spirit. Love, Russ & Kay

Russ & Kay Eubanks - June 03, 2009 at 03:00 PM

EI

“ I already signed in for my Dad - now I must add something about Mom. She was the most gentle and loving person I know, a true peacemaker. Not just my mother, she was my friend. She always had a garden like Grandma Winberg before her - not just fresh vegetables but flowers too, especially roses. She loved to play the piano and organ. But most of all, I think of the love Mom and Dad had for each other - they spent a lifetime together and now eternity too.

Eileen - June 03, 2009 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ I was saddened for the family as I heard of Bob and Ellen's passing but cannot help but feel the blessing. Death in this life is so final but it is just the beginning of a better life for those that serve our God. I, too, felt the love offered by Bob and Ellen. They accepted Susie (my daughter) into their family as one of their own and truly loved all of us. My thoughts are with you. There will be an emptiness that cannot be replaced.

Dorothy Wall - June 03, 2009 at 09:22 AM

KB

“ Sweet Sweet Release... They certainly were good examples to us in Truth and always were the same. Reminds us of the hymn "Jesus is still the same"... the mark of a Godly life. They will be missed. Our thoughts go out to the family at this time... With lots of love and Care, Kathy & Bob Berwick

Kathy Berwick - June 03, 2009 at 08:05 AM

JN

“ This really hit me hard when I read the obituary and saw their picture and now I'm crying both tears of joy and sorrow. Joy for having the privilege of having such wonderful grandparents and sorrow they are gone. I have so many happy memories...their house was the place our family gathered, especially when we were kids. So many good meals and fun with cousins, reading Archie comics, playing games and always laughing. All the stories about traveling and Grandpa's love for speed... "Put 'er in mash" was one of his sayings, meaning go as fast as you possibly can! I feel so blessed that they were able to live such active lives for so many years. It was hard to watch them lose some of that the last few years, but they always kept a gentle, loving spirit. Grandpa called Grandma his "little dolly" with such love and tenderness. That's what I remember the most...the love they shared with each other and with everyone who had the privilege of knowing them.

Jodi Nett - June 02, 2009 at 10:52 PM

DW

“ Our sympathy to all the family. I love the picture and remember with love their friendship. We love you.

Dawn MacTaggart and Pam Wiggins - June 02, 2009 at 07:57 PM

AB

“ We are very sorry for your loss, knowing our Moms and Dads final destination can give us so much comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ken and the kids.

Andy and Beverly Beekmann - June 02, 2009 at 07:37 PM

WS

“ We are thinking of you all at this time, so very nice they could go on so close together.....

Wil & Martha Sluder - June 02, 2009 at 07:25 PM

SW

“ Reading the other memories prompts me to add a few. Family was such a huge thing for Bob and Ellen. They came out of their way many times to visit us in UT when they were going back and forth from Roswell to Rawlins to see Bob's mom. My girls have fond memories of those visits. And like others, I remember the unexpected gifts--a kiwi plant or a figurine, just arriving in the mail out of the blue because they thought of us. And always the hug and kiss in greeting. Very warm, special people. The yin and yang symbol seems so appropriate for 2 people who made up a wonderful whole.

Sara Jane Winberg - June 02, 2009 at 02:27 PM

CL

“ We are thinking about you. Hope you are doing well during this time. (Tim and Myrna Johnson's Daughter, Jocelyn)

Craig & Jocelyn Leithead - June 02, 2009 at 02:09 PM

LT

“ Our sympathy goes out to all the family, even though we are miles apart. I appreciate the memories I have of your parents when they came to Amarillo to visit. There is much comfort in knowing whose they were and whom they served.

Linda Thompson - June 02, 2009 at 01:52 PM

DJ

“ Robert and Ellen have always been a part of my life. I remember going to birthday parties at their house for Karen, Eileen, Sarah, and Auntie, and there was Robert taking movies! When my mom bought a new car, that nite Robert drove it up R Hill and put a hole in the oil pan! Ellen was so excited over my wedding that they came by the house every nite to watch me open the gifts that arrived that day. When I was so caught up with raising 2 little girls, working full time, and keeping up a house that I sometimes didn't even remember my own birthday, they never forgot it. A card and gift would always arrive. One day, I went to the door and there they were. They were on their way back to Roswell from Rawlins and stopped to see me - not knowing my dad had died that morning. Somehow, I know they were meant to be with me on my darkest day. When I called to tell them Don had left, they cried with me. They had such a large and close-knit family, I often wondered how they had a place in their hearts for me. Every thing I remember about Robert and Ellen is that they were always together. How perfect it must have been to have spent their lives with their soul mate. They were very lucky - as is everyone whose lives they touched.

Dixie Johnson - June 02, 2009 at 12:07 PM

SE

“ Just remembering today all the visits Bob and Ellen blessed us with. I'm quite certain Dad could drive anywhere in the United States without glancing at a map! They'd hop in the car and come to Denver bringing their wheat to make homemade bread for us in our small kitchen. They even brought bread bags and sandwich ties, which I was impressed by. My fondest memory of Mom - every single time we were together she began every morning with a hug and ended every night with one, too. If only I could hug her one more time! And my memory of Dad -in the mornings it wouldn't be long before I heard, "Do you have any coffee?" When I said, "yes, would you like some?" He'd reply, "I think that'd be all right."

Susie Erickson - June 02, 2009 at 11:51 AM

HP

“ What good memories we have of your parents. When Harold and I were first married we spent a night with them when we came up for Rawlins special meeting and I was impressed with their kind hospitality.

Harold and Carol Printz - June 02, 2009 at 10:45 AM

NB

“ So sorry for your loss. Even though you will miss them, it's a comfort to think of them going home.

Norma and Keith Binam - June 02, 2009 at 10:06 AM

EJ

“ Please know our thoughts are with your family during these days. We have pleasant memories of your parents, having been in their home one Sunday morning for meeting and dinner following. They were very hospitable and kind and the meeting was wonderful and uplifting, we'll always remember that Sunday and your parents with loving thoughts.

Ed & Colleen Johnson - June 02, 2009 at 09:44 AM

BW

“ One of my favorite aunt and uncles: Ellen - very sweet, loving, innocent, genuine. Bob - fun loving, jolly, loved new & old Buicks - could never pass up a deal on a new one, always seemed to have a new boat and a good fishing story, always interested in me and what I was doing even as a snot nosed kid, forgiving of the trail of destruction behind me after I came to visit, always over the speed limit - his Buicks ran fast and the state patrol seemed to always know where he was, had an infectious hardy laugh he used often. B & E always seemed to be traveling - I don't know when the Buick's tires ever cooled off. Rawlins, WY. is a cold and windy place, but B & E always kept the environment there very pleasant and warm for us cousins when we visited. We really looked forward to it when we were scheduled to visit. They were a close couple and never far apart. So it's only very fitting that they're together again!

Bill Winberg - June 02, 2009 at 08:22 AM

RB

“ So sorry to hear the news just today. Lisa told us. Know they will be greatly missed. We will be thinking of y'all. We moved up here the first of Feb - retired. Just 40 miles from Lisa and JD's ranch. Take care and know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Our love, Ralph and Sharon

Ralph & Sharon Barndt - June 01, 2009 at 09:27 PM

KK

“ It was a pleasure knowing the folks and we admire the qualities in their children as well, which is a good testimony to their parents.

Kristine Kaatz - June 01, 2009 at 09:24 PM

WP

“ I was thankful to hear of your parents faithful finish. I hope that you are all comforted.
your brother, westin

Westin Price - June 01, 2009 at 09:03 PM

BP

“ If love was made to be eternal and true, the master mold would be formed from you two. You've left this earth to God's embrace, no other love will take your place. We dont sit and weep and cry, for you love is always nigh-it's in our hearts and in our soul now that you've reached your eternal goal. Remember you-we always will, for our hearts your love did fill. By Brandon Pantuso

Brandon Pantuso - June 01, 2009 at 08:29 PM

KD

“ What wonderful lives your folks have lived. I've known them for over 40 years from when you girls were little to now. It has been good to see them when traveling with Trish. You will miss them, but their reward is great. Love, Kay and Bill

Kay & Bill Dooley - June 01, 2009 at 07:54 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts are surely with you all these days and deep feeling of thankfulness for all of our years of privilege and fellowship with Bob and Ellen. Many great memories in Rawlins and also these later years in NM. They have left us a rich heritage of faith and courage and Confidence in Our Father and in all of His Planning for us. We do wish all there will know the Comfort of the Holy Spirit these days and Hold fast to what has been attained and follow on. Just love and care , LaRon B.

LaRon Branson - June 01, 2009 at 06:34 PM

DW

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time. Sorry for the loss. Love David and Sharon

David and Sharon Wade - June 01, 2009 at 05:22 PM

GM

“ Thinking of you and hoping God's peace & love will be with you at this time. Love, Glenda

Glenda McCullough - June 01, 2009 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ How do you describe a lifetime of love and memories? People ask me "well, how long have you known the Ericksons?" and my reply has been "since my mother was only 5yrs old!" It started with Truth coming to Bob's parents and my great-grandmother the same time.....and has continued through 5 generations of my family. Bob and Ellen were pillars and bulwarks to my mother when she needed them most and they again stepped up to the plate when our daughter moved to Roswell as a young bride....doing what they could to shepherd and help her.
How do you ever say "thank you" to examples like they've both been? The only way possible is to seek to live lives as they did-- always putting God and His way first in whatever came their way.

Julie & Doug McMurry - June 01, 2009 at 02:19 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sherylene Morris - June 01, 2009 at 01:21 PM

WM

“ Karen! Weren't your folks just the best, honest and simple and straightforward and I love that they were like my folks--when they heard the truth they embraced it and never never looked back, a beautiful spiritual story, a beautiful example to you four and to all of us--they were pillars whom, I've no doubt, were so honestly humble they never even realized it. Love, Wayne and Wanda Major

Wayne and Wanda Major - May 28, 2009 at 02:25 PM

EI

“ I asked for just one word to describe my Dad. Ken came up with the adjective benevolent; I thought of the noun Provider. He worked hard to provide a wonderful home for us and we lacked for nothing, but far beyond that he provided a safe example to follow and provided a spiritual uplifting to all others whose lives he touched. His greatest sorrow these last few years was that he no longer had the strength to do what he'd done before but he was still a living testimony to faith in God. I will sorely miss his unique sense of humor, his bass voice (how he loved our hymns!) and his happy coffee song that he sang in Swedish, but he's waited a long time for this victory over death and I rejoice that he's in a better place with no more tears.

Eileen - May 27, 2009 at 09:12 PM

BL

“ Dear Sister Karen :) I haven't seen your Dad for so many years, but memories of how kind and fun he was when we were kids are wonderful to have. I'm glad he had such care from his family later on in life, and he certainly lived life to the fullest with your Mom! My sympathy and love--I know that no matter how many years you have your parents, it's still so sad when they are gone. beth

Beth Leonhardt - May 27, 2009 at 01:51 PM

BW

“ Our thoughts are with you in your loss. We are glad he's gone home to God. Love, Brenda

Brenda Winberg - May 26, 2009 at 07:40 PM