



## Robert Stephen Banks

December 31, 1935 - April 19, 2014

Bob, age 78, died peacefully after a long struggle with Atypical Parkinsonism in St. Paul on Saturday, April 19, 2014. A beloved husband of 40 years, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Bob will be missed by many. Survived by wife, Adrienne (Andy); children, Stephen G. (Jane Burnham), Gregory A. (Kim Pengelly), Carrie L. DuFresne, Pamela M. Barnard (Jim Tordoff), David S. Banks (Arlene), John R. Banks (Ferry), James H. Barnard, Kirsten A. Banks-Cutler (Paul); 15 grandchildren; brothers, Philip O. (Mary Jane) and Kimball M. (Signe Snortland-Banks); nieces, nephews, other relatives, and former spouse, Norma H. Banks. Following his birth in Palo Alto, CA to Harvey O. and Mary M. Banks, Bob grew up in Pasadena and Sacramento, where he graduated from Grant-Union HS. At UC-Berkeley, Bob earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering, followed by a PhD in Epidemiology from the U of MN School of Public Health. After employment in computer development and application for several large companies, Bob became an environmental consultant, founding and running a business (Robert S. Banks Associates) for 15 years providing technical and research information to the electric power industry worldwide. Active in the Boy Scouts since his youth, Bob continued to work tirelessly as a volunteer in various capacities for the Northern Star Council, BSA as an adult. He was a strong influence on many young lives and was recognized with numerous awards. One outstanding memory was his cross-country train trip to the 1950 Boy Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, PA with his brother, Phil. Bob saw military service in the US

Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Ord, CA and later, as a Reservist. This experience led to his purchase and restoration of a Korean War military jeep and his induction into the Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association. Many travels took Bob to nearly every continent and he seemed most energized when experiencing other cultures. Special passions included a love for the great outdoors, photography and the lore of the American West. Bob endeavored to pass this on when he embarked on a backpacking trip in the Wind Rive Range of Wyoming with all of his children (ages 4-16). Bob was a member of St. Anthony Park UCC, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. St. Paul where a Memorial Service will take place at 11AM, Friday, May 16 followed by interment at Fort Snelling.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was a great human being. He had great business acumen, high integrity and was generous with his knowledge and accolades. Working with him and the rest of the RSBA team was one of the highlights of my professional career. My deepest sympathies to Andy.

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**Catherine Lynch** - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Robert's ELF EMF Information Service has been a source of reliable knowledge during many years, and it has been a great help for all the electromagnetic fields community. Thank you for it.

*My deepest condolences to the family and friends.*

*Carlos Llanos.*

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**Carlos Llanos** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I have very fond memories of Bob. He was a very passionate, warm and caring person. I always enjoyed being in his company. The world has lost a great person.

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**Chuck Boeggeman** - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the staff of the ELF Gateway Information Service and his many colleagues and friends in EMF sciences around the world, we offer our sincere condolences. Upon his retirement, Bob was very generous to us by offering his advice and support as we followed his lead in supplying EMF science news. I will always be indebted to him for his kindhearted encouragement.

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**Susan Tikalsky** - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM