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April 21, 1928 – October 6, 2010

Robert Reifschneider passed away unexpectedly on October 6, 2010 at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley, California. He was 82 years of age. A celebration of

his life will be held at Abundant Life Community Church on October 30 at 4PM. Memorials may be donated to Livingwell Medical Clinic or Abundant Life Community

Church.

Robert was born on April 21, 1928 in Bayard, Nebraska to Carl and Kathrine Reifschneider. He graduated from Bayard High School in 1946 where he lettered in football and excelled in mathematics. His interests in electronics and mathematics were an asset during his enlistment in the Army National Guard where he served from 1953 to 1959.

While in the National Guard, Bob received high marks during his training in radar, marksmanship, and air defense school. It was during this time that he met Ruth Davis Langston at a local dance. In 1958 he married Ruth and her three young children, Rick, Joyce, and Patty. They started their married life in Texas while Bob was stationed at Fort Bliss. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to San Jose, California where their fourth child, Kathy, was born. While living in the Bay Area Bob worked for IBM, Pac Bell, and was

head of maintenance at Boysville Optimist Camp and Redwood Baptist Camp.

In 1972 Bob was offered a job as maintenance director at North Star Christian Academy in Grass Valley, California. The older children were grown, so it was only Bob, Ruth, and Kathy who moved to Grass Valley. While working at North Star, Bob and Ruth opened their home for Bible Studies to the troubled youth who lived at the Academy. Those closest to them fondly called them Uncle Bob and Aunt Ruth. During their years in Grass Valley, Bob also worked for Ed Benton Construction, Wood Electric, and Builders and Consumers.

Throughout their marriage, Bob and Ruth loved to dance and enjoyed anything involving music, especially the Big Band sound. They loved spending time with family and friends and attended church regularly where Bob participated as an Usher and Greeter. Bob was a huge sports fan, and especially enjoyed watching his grandsons play. In semi-retirement, Bob worked at Lassila Funeral Chapel where his friendly, compassionate nature was put to good use comforting grieving families. In 1999, after 41

years of marriage, Ruth, the love of his life, passed away after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

During retirement Bob continued to enjoy tinkering in his shop, dancing, musical events, being an usher and greeter at Abundant Life Community Church, and participating in the church's annual Christmas production of Road to Bethlehem. Everywhere Bob went, he was the life of the party, delighting in making his audience laugh. He doted on his family and never missed an opportunity to brag about his grandsons. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, his favorite teams being the Colts, the 49ers, the Nebraska Corn Huskers, the Spurs, and the Giants. Several types of bird feeders in his front window served as

restaurant for the local bird population. Bob took great pride in being a stubborn German, but he will be remembered for his love for America, his zest for life, his sense of humor, and his devotion to his family.

Bob is survived by brother Jake Reifschneider, sister Leona Green, son Richard Langston, daughters Joyce (Langston) Dutton, Kathryn (Reifschneider) Allstot, son-in-law David Allstot, grandsons Pete Dailey, David Dutton, Matthew Dutton, and granddaughter-in-law Franziska Dutton, Jeremy Langston, Gabe Langston, Ryan Allstot, and granddaughter-in-law Sara Allstot, and Sean Allstot, and great grandsons Kellen Dutton, Owen Dutton, and Jameson Allstot.

He is preceded in death by parents Carl and Kathrine Reifschneider, daughter Patty Langston Reifschneider, wife Ruth Reifschneider, brothers Carl, Alec, and Henry Reifschneider, and sisters Sue Stricker, Kate Kamerzell, Lydia Warren, and Min Schreiner.

Our family would like to express deepest gratitude to Abundant Life Community Church members

who did so much for Dad. To Mary, words could never express our thanks to you for the sunshine you brought to Dad's life. Thank you so much for all your unselfish time given to serving as "Bob's Taxi", "Activities Director", "Secretary", and friend.

We love and miss you, Dad





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