



Robert Nystrom

December 19, 1929 - February 26, 2009

Robert (Bob) Irving Nystrom passed away peacefully in his home in Adrian, Michigan on Thursday, February 26th, 2009. Bob was the son of Irving Nystrom and Mary (Pojedizinka) Nystrom, born in Waukegan, Illinois on December 19th, 1929. He married his High School Sweetheart, Catharine Maude Pentelow on April 16th, 1949. Bob was the proud father of his son Steven Robert Nystrom – partner Susan Boswell and his daughter Diana Eileen Bell – husband Edward Lyall Bell and proud Grandfather of Lindsey Erin Nickalls, Jennifer Jones and Catharine Nystrom.

Bob graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science and Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1951 and played clarinet in the Purdue marching band. Bob continued to play clarinet at his church in Dwight, Ontario, Canada. Bob worked for both the Battle Creek Gas Company and Michigan Gas Utilities before joining Citizens Gas and Fuel Company (CGFC) in 1953 making this his business home and second family for the next 40 years. In 1964 Bob was elected as Director of the Board and then President and General Manager and Member of the Executive Committee in 1968 of CGFC. Bob remained President and CEO until his retirement in December 1992.

Bob's Professional Affiliations included being a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan; Past Director of the American Gas

Association (AGA) and Past Chairman AGA Small Company Council; Director & Past Chairman, Michigan Electric and Gas Association; Past Director & Past Chairman, Michigan Independent Utility Economic Development Alliance; Past Director, Michigan Utilities Association; Chairman of the Board, Society Bank – Lenawee District and Past Director Midwest Gas Association.

Bob's Community Affiliations included Director & Past Chairman, Lenawee Tomorrow Economic Expansion Corporation; Director & Past Chairman & Director Greater Adrian Industrial Development Corporation; Director, Junior Achievement; Past Director, Downtown Development Corporation; Past Director, Lenawee Chamber of Commerce; Life Member & Past President Adrian Optimist Club; Member & Past President Lenawee YMCA; Member & Past President, Lenawee Country Club; Past Member Lenawee County Zoning Board; Member, Past Trustee & Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Adrian; Director, Lenawee County Education Foundation and Director, Lenawee Chamber Foundation.

Bob's hobbies and interests included fishing, golf, camping, canoeing, skiing, woodworking and after retirement he took up curling and bid-euchre. He also bowled for many years in a service club league in Adrian.

At Bob's request there will be no visitation or services held in Adrian. At a later date there will be a private memorial held at his home in Canada. You may sign the online guestbook at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, the Lenawee Humane Society or a charitable donation of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Nystrom*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Cathy, Steve & Diana*

A Lake of Bays giant has passed from us and we will all miss him. He was such a great guy. Our thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Bob & Barb Ross##imported-end##

March 15, 2009 at 08:12 PM



“ *Bob, I will think of you often. We graduated from West school, WTHS, and Purdue together. Cathy, I am so sorry. You will survive because you are strong and have your faith to help. We all went our own ways and lost touch, but we have pleasant memories. My best to the family.##imported-begin##Arnold Toivonen##imported-end##*

March 12, 2009 at 10:05 AM



“ *Dear Cathy, I'm glad that our paths crossed so unexpectedly these past months. I send you prayers for comfort and peace during these sad times. May you be surrounded by the love of family and friends and the wonderful memories of time shared together. Marcia##imported-begin##Marcia lengnick##imported-end##*

March 06, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ Know that we are thinking of you and lifting you all up to Him during these dark days. When the candle goes out, dawn has arrived. We remember when--where does the time flee so quickly.##imported-begin##Jim and Suzann Bookstaff##imported-end##

March 05, 2009 at 06:06 PM



“ Catherine, Steve, and Susan,our thoughts and prays are with you, on the loss of your husband and father. No words can erase the sorrow you feel, but may it help to know he is in a better place, and his love will always be in your hearts. WE loss John's mom ON Tues. the 24th. AND LAYED HER TO REST ON THE DAY YOUR FATHER PASSED. WISHING YOU PEACE JOHN AND SHEILA##imported-begin##John and Sheila reinhart##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 10:02 AM



“ I worked with Bob on many community projects. He was the best, and will be truly missed. You are a very special family who will always be in our thoughts and prayers. With much respect...Garry Clift and family.##imported-begin##Garry Clift and family##imported-end##

March 03, 2009 at 03:33 PM



“ I will always remember Bob and his family at the gas company picnics and parties. My father admired him a lot. Our sympathy goes out to your family##imported-begin##Becky Rubel (Brittain)##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ I am Richard Brittain's Son and remember Mr. Nystrom well and all the nice things my Father used to say about him.##imported-begin##Victor Brittain##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 07:23 PM



“ Cathy, Steve and Diana,

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I wonder so often of our small family at Citizen Gas. So many good memories there. We had so much fun. They were all so good to Glenn and I when he was sick. I cannot repay all that you did.

Bob was a wonderful man and a wonderful boss.

I wish you all the best. God Bless you!

Paula##imported-begin##Paula Martek##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 04:34 PM



“ I was sorry to hear of Robert's passing but glad to read it was peaceful. you guys have been and will remain in my thoughts and prayers -sincerely Anne Butts
(Dr. Mouli's NP)##imported-begin##anne butts##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 11:55 AM



“ Deepest Sympathy, Ed and Sally Braun, Former Optimist##imported-begin##Ed and Sally Braun##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ *Such a great guy, he always spoke to you no matter if you were in his circle of friends or not. As an employee he got to know you as a person not just a worker.*

He will be missed by all who knew him, and by the smile he greeted you with.

Keep your memories close, they help.##imported-begin##Fred and Kaye Young##imported-end##

March 02, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ *You know how much you are all loved by all of us on the Lake of Bays pastoral charge, and how much Bob and his clarinet will be missed. This morning at church we lit a candle in Bob's memory so that his light would shine before us throughout our worship service. Love and peace, and looking forward to seeing you in Muskoka.##imported-begin##Jolyn Campbell##imported-end##*

March 02, 2009 at 12:09 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have such fond memories of both Bob and Cathy. To remember them, makes me smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Ann##imported-begin##Ann Van Schaick Wise##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ Dear Cathy and family:

We have lost a friend and Jiggs has so many personal and professional and fun things to remember about an unusual man. Our sympathy and thoughts are with you all.

Jiggs and Marjorie##imported-begin##Jiggs & Marjorie Castle##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 07:02 PM



“ Kathy and family.

We are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Bob was a friend and mentor as well as boss during my years at the "Gas Company". He will be missed.##imported-begin##Dennis and Beth Boydston##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 06:52 PM



“ Cathy, Steve & Diana,

We are very sorry for your loss. Bob was a very special person. I really appreciate what he did for my dad & for my family. He will be greatly missed.

Again Cathy if there is anything I can do for you or your family. Let me know.

Larry Kitson.##imported-begin##Larry & Debra Kitson##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 02:59 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Nystom/Family, I was so sad to hear about Mr. Nystrome. You have been so blessed to have had such a kind human being in your life. Your loved one had shown nothing but kindness towards me for the past 15 years at the club, he will be sadly missed by me and the rest of the staff. God bless you, and have peacefull healing. Sincerely Connie C. Baltz###imported-begin###Connie Baltz###imported-end###

March 01, 2009 at 12:25 PM



“ Prayers, love and hugs continue to flow to you Cathy, Steve and Diana and your families from your Canadian friends in Muskoka. As he did in Michigan, Bob greatly contributed to his Dwight community and church, for which we are deeply grateful. At your request, donations are being made to the Huntsville Animal Shelter in gratitude for Bob's life.###imported-begin###Gundy Upans###imported-end###

March 01, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear aabout bob. He is at peace now. If you need anything and if I can help I am there to help. Take Steve it is hard but remember the fun and happy times with him and you can still talk with him. I talk with dad and tell him things and I know he is listening to me and will always be with me. Cathy take of yourself and be in peace. You have alot of friends to be there for you and your family. Take care.

Kathy McCallum###imported-begin###Kathy McCallum###imported-end###

March 01, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ Bob was an early and significant leader in establishing the LISD Lenawee County Education Foundation's successful scholarship fund. While he was president of Citizens Gas Company, it was one of the scholarship fund's early and largest donors. As a member of the board of directors of the Foundation he continued to support the fund's expansion. Bob Nystrom's legacy is significant. Bill Ross, Superintendent Emeritus, LISD##imported-begin##Bill Ross##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 12:14 AM



“ cathy, steve and diana,
words can never say what we thought of bob or how we felt about him. we loved him and all of you.
we wish we were closer so we could be with at this time.
but know are thought prayers and love are with you.##imported-begin##gloria marvin leslie and robyn##imported-end##

February 28, 2009 at 08:24 PM



“ DEAR SUE AND STEVE, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT STEVE'S DAD'S PASSING. HE SOUNDED LIKE A VERY NICE AND BUSY MAN. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.
BARB SELL AND THE SAND CREEK CLASS OF 1972##imported-begin##BARB SELL##imported-end##

February 28, 2009 at 07:53 PM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this sad time. May God Bless You and give you strength.

Our Love to You,
Gary and Mary Lou Crane###imported-begin##Gary and Mary Lou Crane###imported-end##

February 28, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ What a wonderful legacy Bob leaves behind. Our condolences, Cathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Katleen and Dick###imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs Richard Maggio###imported-end##

February 28, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ Sorry to read of Bob's passing.
He was a strong friend of the "Y" although he did most of his work before I got here.
Again our regrets to the family.###imported-begin##Keith and Luana Bixler###imported-end##

February 28, 2009 at 09:48 AM