



Born May 21, 1913 in Butte, Montana, Robert H. "Bob" Howe peacefully passed away at age 93 on February 14, 2007. Bob was long-associated with the travel industry in Butte, Bozeman, and Billings, Montana. He joined Northwest Airlines as a radio operator in Butte in April 1941 and worked in several locations for the airline during his career. Following Butte, he was stationed with Northwest in Wenatchee, Washington and became the first Northwest Airlines station manager at Gallatin Field when regularly scheduled service to Bozeman began in 1951. He was also the station manager in Pittsburgh, Pa and in Billings for many years.

Family mattered most to Bob. He married the love of his life, Josephine Zwick on April 11, 1937, a union that lasted sixty-three years. Jo predeceased him in April 2000.

He was appointed by Governor Tim Babcock and served on the Montana State Aeronautical Commission for several years. Bob and Jo loved to travel and enjoyed many trips throughout the world with family or friends, as tour guides or just enjoying each other's company. They were both active with their churches, wherever they lived. Bob served for many years as board member and president, deacon and elder with Grand Avenue Christian Church in Bozeman and Central Christian Church in Billings. Giving more than he received was important to Bob, and he actively volunteered with numerous organizations during both his working and retired years. He was a fifty-year member of the Rotary Club in several cities where he lived, and was past-president of Bozeman Rotary. Bob was council president among other executive board positions with the Boy Scouts, and he was awarded the Silver Beaver for his many years of service and leadership.

Bob worked with and loved the Gallatin Historical Society & Pioneer Museum in Bozeman where he held various board positions and enjoyed acting as a tour guide while his health permitted.

Bob is survived by his daughter Linda (Mike) Bennett, and granddaughter, Alison; and by his son, Jim (Cindy) Howe and grandchildren Stephanie, Mitchell and Caroline. He is also survived by nieces Mary Ruth Brunell Berry and Bonnie Brunell Canty.

Private family graveside services will be held at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte. The family would like any remembrances to be made to the Gallatin Historical Society & Pioneer Museum, 317 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715.