Bob Korthius

Bob Korthius was born March 31, 1934 in Denver, Colo. and passed away Sept. 11, 2020 at Lutheran Medical Center. Except for his college years, he spent his entire life in the state he loved.

Bob grew up in the Golden area where the Green Mountain and the Table Top mountains were his and his brother's playground. He graduated from Golden High School in 1952 and from Calvary Bible University in 1957.

In college he met and married Ellen Nelson. Their hearts' desire was to be missionaries to Africa but God had other plans. In the summer of 1958, Bob and Ellen applied to American Missionary Fellowship and spent the next 60 years in rural and camp ministries. He pioneered a flying ministry in the Four Corners area and when they moved to Denver, he developed a flying circuit to churches in Eastern Colorado.

He served as Director of Camp Id Ra Ha Je for 10 years and founded Homestead Bible Camp, Roggen, Colo. and San Juan Bible Conference, Mancos, Colo. For 22 years he was director of Preston Ranch Ministries, a home for abused and abandoned children, Roggen, Colo.

During the ministry years, Bob served as Regional Director of Christian Camping International.

While at Id Ra Ha Je, he served on the Platte Canyon School Board; and while in Weld County, he was politically active. He was a member of the Mountain Area Sunday School Board.

Bob was a cowboy at heart and loved the farmers and ranchers of Eastern Colorado. To him, serving the Lord was not a job but the joy of his heart. His purpose was to bring glory to God and because of that, the way he impacted the lives of others will not be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen, sons Robert (Caryn) Shawnee, Colo., Daniel (Beckie) Delta, Colo., daughters Carolyn (Mark Neely) Golden, Colo., and Patricia (Dan Mullins) Duluth, Minn., 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Tri-City Baptist Church, 6953 West 92nd Lane, Westminster, Colo.