



ROBERT R. REYNER

MISSOULA – He called himself a nomad, and with a twinkle in his eye introduced himself as “Bob, spelled with one ‘O.’”

Per Bob’s request, there will be no obituary, so we are presenting a brief biography. Robert R. Reyner, a thespian in life and always in heart, “exited stage left” on Dec. 17, 2013.

Bob entered the world on Jan. 27, 1927, in Hawthorne, Calif. He graduated from New Mexico School of Mines with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in June 1951. He married Phyllis Mae Long – whom he met while she worked in the local soda shop in Socorro, N.M., on May 23, 1952, while stationed in Norfolk, Va. Bob was a 10-year World War II Navy veteran. He also received his master’s degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri and taught classes in offshore technology in Iran while employed by the Arabian American Oil Co. in Saudi Arabia.

He had many hobbies and interests (and a philosophy such as learning is the most enjoyable experience of all). In the Boy Scouts, he attained the rank of Eagle with a Bronze Palm. He was involved in the Masons, the Shriners Midget Patrol and the Big Sky Thunderbirds model airplane club. He enjoyed wood carving and won awards for his counted cross stitching. He was a golfer and a bridge player, and enjoyed many more activities too numerous to list.

Bob’s work life was indeed nomadic, taking him to California, New Mexico, Venezuela, Louisiana, Peru, New York and Saudi Arabia. He and Phyllis retired to Missoula.

Bob cherished his wife, Phyllis (married 61 years); his daughters, Susan (Bill) Willis and Becky (Rick) McDonald; four grandchildren, Greg (Kelli), Paul and Sam McDonald, and Amanda Willis; and two great-grandsons, Hank and Walt McDonald. No services will be held per Bob’s request.