

Legacy Book
in Celebration of



Bob and Janet Aldridge

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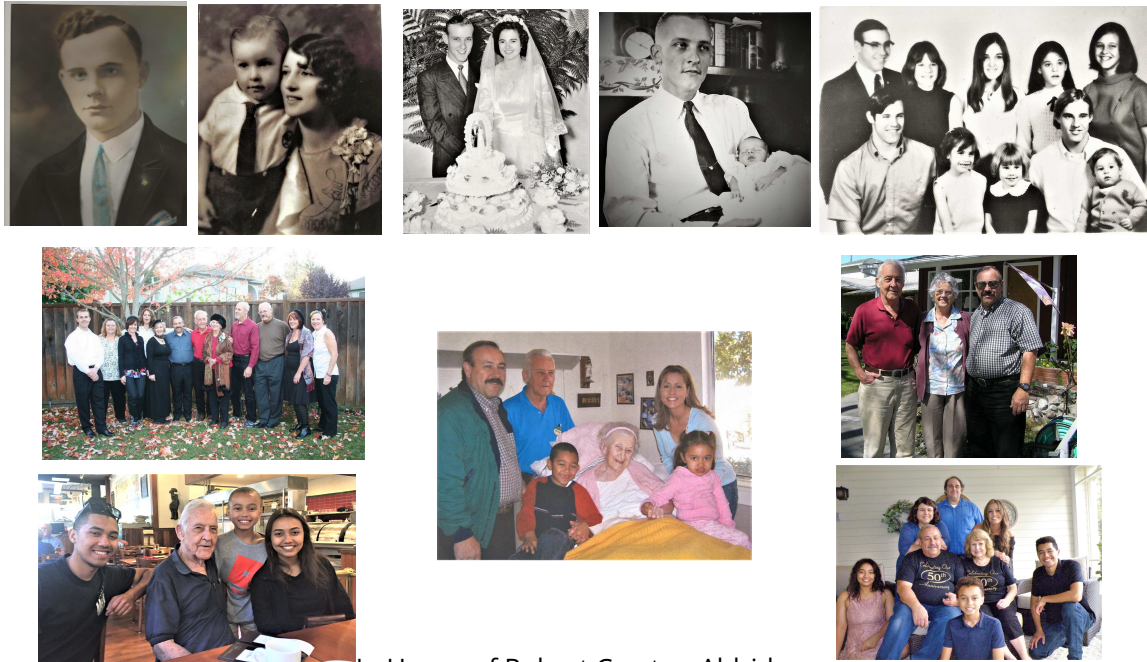
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In Honor of Robert Creston Aldridge

Son of Creston Ernest Aldridge & Irma Rose (Oksen) Aldridge

Dear Dad,

I don't know if I ever told you this or not, but as your oldest son, I have always been proud to share the unique name of Creston with you and my grandfather. I was glad to learn the story you shared with me, that Creston was a name my Great Grandmother Aldridge loved so much and so gave it to her son. The name now passed on to my Grandson, Zachary Creston, and, perhaps, will be passed onto future generations. It is not just your name I am proud of though. Your life has been such an example for me as I have grown up through the years and became a man. Thank you, Dad, for all you taught me throughout my lifetime and for so freely sharing your knowledge and wisdom. I am proud to be your son. You are a blessing and have always shared such a kind and loving heart for Mom and for all of our family.

With Love, from my family and me.

Creston Gery Aldridge

Tribute to My Dad

From Creston Aldridge



Dearest Mom,
Thank you for all you have done for us throughout our lives.
We have all been so blessed to have a mother like you.
Love, Cres

From Janie Aldridge Johansen - daughter



Mom and Dad in their life together and through the years. Thanks!

From Jim Aldridge



Where to begin. I love you Mom and Dad. You have created such a loving place for all of us kids, grandkids, great, and great great grandkids. 10 children. People often say wow, 10 kids! You must be Catholic. It's true that we were raised Catholic. Church on Sunday. Mom and Dad valued education. The older kids went to Catholic schools, the younger to public schools.

Mom and Dad loved the outdoors. We went camping every 2-3 months to the mountains, beaches, lakes, or rivers. We camped at Arroyo Seco multiple times every year. Probably my favorite. Our family goes camping there every year. Us kids and grandkids so look forward to this trip. We become a tribe with tents set up in a large open circle. We mix and mingle for the whole week. Thanks Mom and Dad for this. Later I became an avid backpacker. In my young adult life, my church was in the woods. I felt most at peace in the mountains. Mom and Dad, thanks for instilling in me the love of nature and God's natural Beauty. I believe you helped me give this same gift to my kids.

Dad built a boat in the garage. I was at his side watching. A cabin cruiser. It was as long as the garage. He completed the frame and hull then sold it to a person down the street from us. I think it was just too expensive with all 7 kids at home. Dad taught most of us kids how to work on cars. As we got older we could use his tools. He didn't care much for us leaving tools laying around, or worse yet putting them away covered in grease. I understand this now. For a while Dad had a mechanic shop set up. There were

many VWs in the family. There was always some engine work or repair getting done. Not just for family, but also for friends. He truly kept us on the road with safe transportation. But also teaching. I have fond memories of our summertime tent in the backyard. We slept on cots in this huge white tent for most of the summer.

Mom taught me to drive. She was so patient. I learned in my brother Cres's 65 Mustang. Mom took care of us as a stay at home Mom for the older kids. When Dad left Lockheed, their roles were reversed. Dad stayed home running the household while Mom went to work. Mom always brought out the best in others with her easy conversation and humor. Still, to this day, she smiles and laughs while facing the health issues that limit her ability to talk.

Love, Dan

Gifts from Mom and Dad

10 kids.

Young and old.

Strict Catholics then just spirituality.

Service to others.

Peace on earth.

Grape boycott for migrant workers rights.

No Gallo, no Safeway.

Catholic Worker and Dorothy Day pot luck dinners.

Poor kids eating peanut butter and honey sandwiches during a visit in San Jose.

March in San Francisco. No more war in Vietnam.

Visit with my brother Jim to a draft counselor.

Fellowship of Reconciliation.
No more nuclear weapons.
Lockheed then retired to new work.
Author and many reject letters.
Writing books.
USA out of San Salvador.
Protest nuclear power at Diablo Canyon.
Mono Lake. Save it.
Help the homeless. Renovate buildings.
Visit Hickam in Hawaii.
Stop the train.
Testify at trials.
Go to jail. Thanksgiving?
Fly to Sarajevo to support the innocent.
Visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Never use a bomb again. Recycle
and reuse.
Fix and repair not replace with new.
Hope for a better future.
Save the planet for our kids future.
Love and patience.
Support and encourage all.
See the good in others and ourselves.
Build a better world.
Failure then continue on.
Don't give up.
Be present.
Mindfulness.

I love you Mom and Dad

Dear Bob and Janet,

Thank you for your legacy to me; a legacy of love, kindness, gentleness, and strength; a legacy of acceptance, consistency, patience, inclusiveness, and creativity; a legacy of commitment to a peaceful world achieved in nonviolent ways, of thinking deeply about global and political issues, and of showing caring thoughtfulness in day to day human interactions; a legacy of love of nature and earth stewardship; a legacy of family traditions. Thank you for the yearly family gatherings, especially at Christmas, Thanksgivings, (and yes, even at Arroyo Seco!) Thank you for modelling a marriage that lasted a lifetime, for being loving parents, in-laws, and grandparents. You are inspiring as a couple and as individuals. Your physical presence will be deeply missed, but I take comfort knowing that your tremendous legacy will always be with me and our family. I love and appreciate you both very much. God bless you both!

From Kathleen Sabo



Dear Dad and Mom,

As I think about you both passing on to the next life, the words, "for everything there is a season."

You have both been very passionate throughout your lives to make this world better. As reality hits, it feels like there's so much more to do.

Please don't worry, we will pick up the baton and continue the quest. We will all pass the baton to our children as well. You have helped us gain the belief that things can be better just as we hoped to pass that on to our children.

As the season changes, there is always the hope of the new spring. I'm confident that you will experience a budding that will blossom into joy. The same will happen on this earth even if it's long past our lifetimes.

Thank you for all the heart and investment you've given to us and this world.

Love,

Ray, Kathy, and Family





**MOM'S FOCUS WAS ALWAYS
US KIDS.**

**SHE NEEDED A TRAILER TO
FIT ALL OF US.**



Life lessons learned from Mom and Dad that I carry with me

No. 1: Integrity

No. 2: Truth

No. 3: Empathy

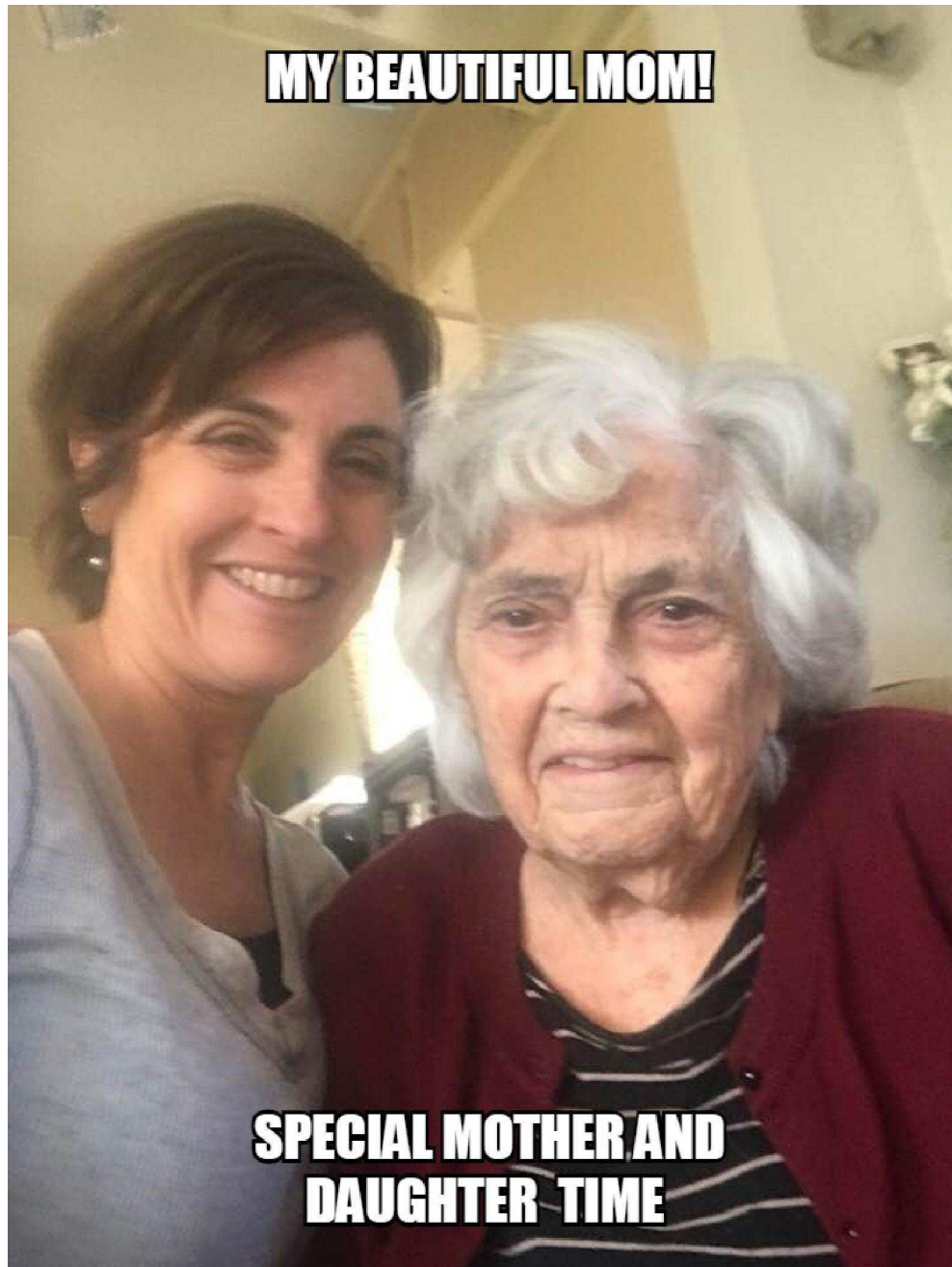
No. 4: Faith

No. 5: Community



A Legacy
Many Years of Marriage, Life together
Loving, Caring, Giving and Serving
Love Abounds
Children and generations grow
Faith, Hope and Love
The greatest of these is Love
Through the years all share laughter, tears and joy
Family Tree
Generations stretching far and wide
All the Love poured into Family
Flowing as a circle
The Cycle of Life
Life Well Lived
For Family
Now as the years pass by
Surrounded by Family
Loving, Caring, Giving and Serving
A Legacy
Lives on in the Generations to come

From Diane Robinson



MY BEAUTIFUL MOM!

**SPECIAL MOTHER AND
DAUGHTER TIME**

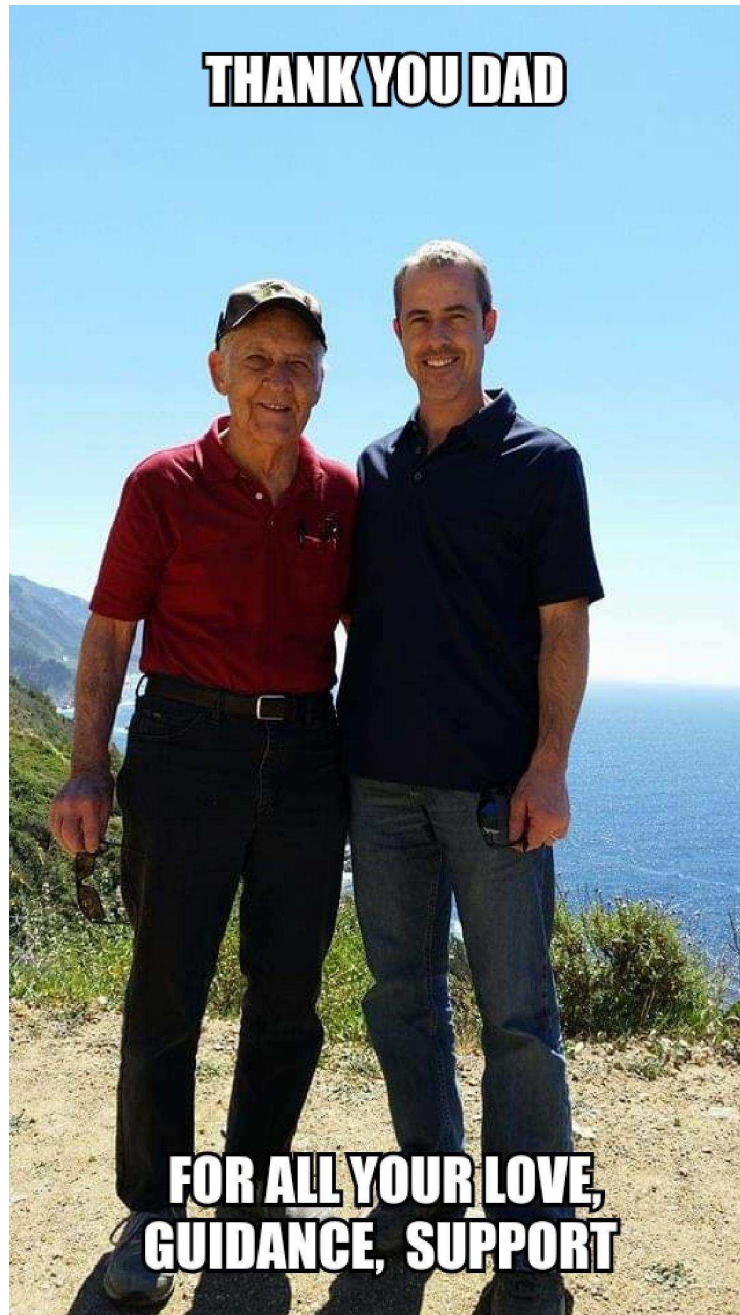
From Nancy Aldridge



From Nancy Aldridge

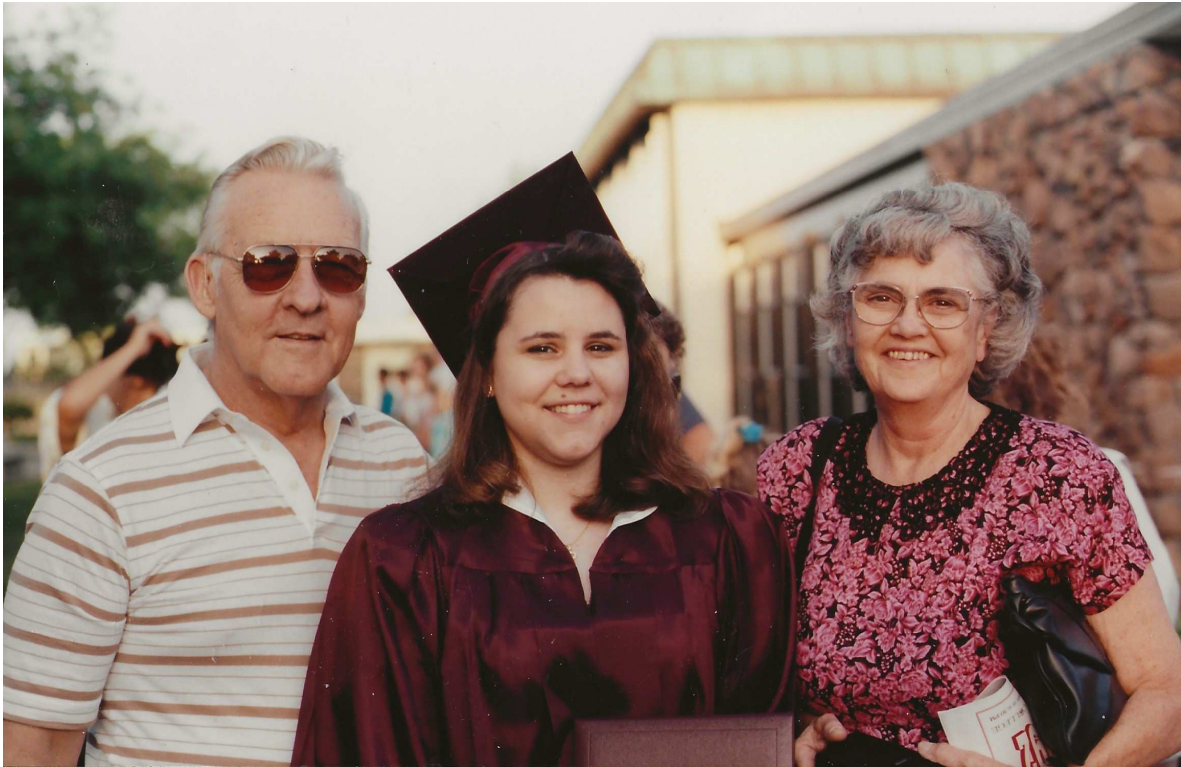


From Mark Aldridge





From Tammi



A cherished memory.

From Tammi & Tina



Grampa & Grandma,
Thank you for being such wonderful Grandparents.
You have always been an inspiration to us, throughout our lives.
We love you very much. God bless you.
Love,
Tammi & Tina

Yosemite





This familiar scene and the memories associated with it has become a part of myself and others. The love and dedication of Grandpa Bob & Grandma Janet over the decades has allowed so many members of our family and friends to share so many memories. Whether at Arroyo Seco, at the Kiely house, the Ranch, or any other number of places, I sometimes forget how lucky I have been to have uncountable great experiences growing up and continuing even to this day. The older I've gotten, the more I see that things I took for granted regarding my extended family are not always normal for other people, and that is a testament to the union that began and has cultivated this family.

Thank you Grandma & Grandpa,
Love you all,
Corey

From Elizabeth

Dear Grandma and Grampa,

When I sit down and think about what kind of message I'd like to share with you both, I feel a little lost because there are so many things to say, so many great memories, and so many things I'm grateful for. Here are just a few of those things I'd like to thank you both for.

Thank you for all of the homemade birthday cards you made for us over the years. I always looked forward to seeing what picture you'd pick out that year.

Thank you for showing us how to spend your days working towards the things you know are right, even when it's not the easiest path.

Thank you for the Arroyo Seco tradition. It's so special to have that sort of connection to a place, and to share that with the family every year.

Thank you for teaching us about nonviolence.

Thank you for showing us how to live simply.

Thank you for the great stories and memories you share with us when we visit. I always love learning about what life used to be like and the adventures you've been on over the years.

Here's a quick memory I'd like to share. I remember one day when I was little Grandma and I were playing the card game called War. But we talked about the name and what it means, and decided that we should come up with a new name. So we renamed the game (I'm forgetting what we named it now... but it was something more peaceful).

Thank you for being the best grandparents. I love you both very much, and am so grateful to have you as my grandparents!

Love and hugs,
Elizabeth

From Koreana Schmittat



Words cannot describe the gratitude I have to be able to call you my grandparents. My childhood is filled with many warm, happy memories thanks to your love and traditions. You are a guiding light of how I hope to raise and guide my family and future generations.

I love you -Koreana



From Darcy, Kyle, Fiona and Brennan



Such wonderful Arroyo Seco memories. We love you both.

Lessons from my Grandparents

No. 1: Love fully

No. 2: Give generously

No. 3: Stand by what you believe in but be open to others

No. 4: Treat others with kindness and respect

No. 5: Family comes first



**SOME MAY SAY A DIAMOND
IS THE STRONGEST THING IN
THIS WORLD**



**IN REALITY, IT'S THE
STRENGTH OF A MOTHER'S
LOVE**



My Favorite Aldridge Family Traditions

No. 1: Arroyo Seco

No. 2: Climbers

No. 3: Being [overly?] concerned about safety

No. 4: The excitement of swimming to Big Rock for the first time

No. 5: Spelling Grandpa "wrong" (Grampa)

My favorite things Grandma & Grampa taught me

No. 1: The importance of family

No. 2: The value of traditions

No. 3: How to build a trailer

No. 4: How to make climbers

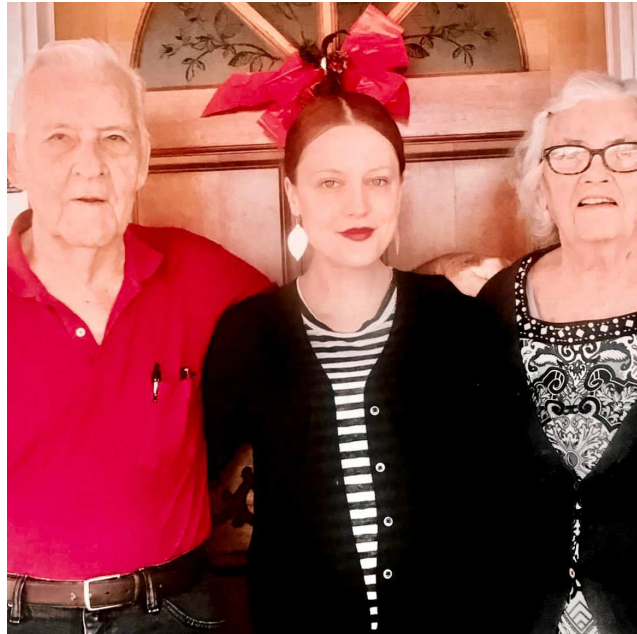
No. 5: How to make a paste to stop a bee sting from hurting



I never had the chance to have a close relationship with my grandparents due to them living far away in Mexico. We would only visit them for 1 or 2 weeks a year when I was younger. I always felt like I missed out on a lot of memories that other people get to experience with their grandparents. Whether it be hearing stories about grandpa's youth, building something together, or cooking a meal with each other.

I'm glad to know that Meg and all her cousins were able to have that relationship with their grandparents that I always dreamed of having when I was younger. When I met Meg, Bob & Janet welcomed me into their family and I was able to get a small taste of that which I had missed as a kid, and for that I will always be grateful.

From Signe



I love you, grandma and grandpa!

Even though I wasn't their blood, Bob and Janet always made me feel like family. A birthday card every year, a warm welcome at Arroyo Seco. They're small things, but really meant a lot to me growing up without a big family. They are, and have always, been incredibly kind and nurturing people. My life has been enriched for knowing them.

Janet & Bob
Growing together
Building a community of peace

Mom & Dad
Roses and steel
Birthing family of beauty and strength

Grandma & Grampa
Books and tools
Sharing minds of spirit and skill



Grandma Janet and Grandpa Bob are and have always been such an inspiration to live life on your own terms and no one else's. The things they have accomplished and cultivated in their life together is nothing short of incredible. Their story, their journey is larger than life and is an inspiration to all of us to make our time here on earth into exactly what we want it to be. They planted a garden, put their everything into it, and watched it grow into something indescribably beautiful. The family that we have been blessed with is a direct representation of the garden Grandma and Grandpa have tended to for more than 70 years and their legacy shines through in every single one of our lives in some way or another. Love you Grandma and Grandpa.



Bunky

One big rock and a coin of gold, A courageous feat for one so bold,

Trails we walk while enjoying Spring,

Learning how to avoid a bee sting,

Painting rocks, making dream catchers too,

Few of the many things I enjoy with you,

But best of all of those many things,

Is how much happiness your love always brings,

Holidays with a family that just never stops growing,

Is priceless and cherished all the while knowing,

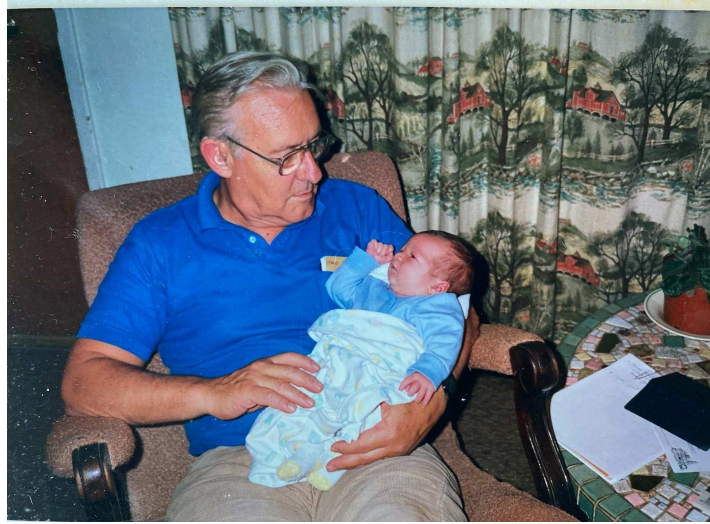
That these things would never have been able to be,

Without an amazing grandfather who I love, and loves me.

From Mitch and Nicole



From Christopher Aldridge



From Christopher Aldridge



Hi Grandpa, just writing this letter to share the memories that stick out the most between us. Well one of my earliest memories with you you we're watching Michael and I and we we're coming back from somewhere far, not sure where but I think the ranch. We stopped at a store and you and Grandma bought me a Barney stuffed animal. I was either three or four. I really loved that stuffed animal and kept it for a long time. Another time when I was around 7 you gave me an antique Smokey the Bear pin from when you were in the Forest Service which I still have today. Another time you were watching Michael and me and you had two hats from when you were in the Army and two tool pouches from the forest service that you gave to us. I remember you introducing me to chocolate chip pancakes one morning before helping my Dad out with his roof when I was about five or six. Also the time you brought my Dad, Michael and me to the cement boat at Seacliff Beach to go fishing (I think it was twice).

I will always remember all the fun times my cousins and myself had at your house and all the cool stuff you would do for us. One time in particular I remember you let Mitchell and me play with a wind-up record player all day and we had so much fun, we couldn't figure out why they stopped making them. Powwows and those Indian drums will always remind me of you because you brought me to quite a few powwows. You bought me an owl pin one time and I remember you introducing me to sweet bread. I remember driving to Arroyo Seco with you and stopping at a

Mexican restaurant in Gonzales a few times. One time at that restaurant I remember having my first tostada that was not from Taco Bell. Another time in Gonzales you introduced me to Chile Colorado. That's my favorite Mexican dish to this day, oh the soft tender beef in red sauce ☐. I remember you teaching me at your dinner table how to properly make a baked potato and squish the sides, which I still do to this day. I remember around five or six years old you teaching me knife safety, how to handle a knife, how to check if it's sharp and how to sharpen a knife. I can still taste the Popsicles that you used to hand out to my cousins and me on those hot summer days.

Then there's all the knowledge my Dad passed down to me that was passed down from you. Mostly mechanical, handyman, and Outdoors knowledge. Off the top of my head I can remember my Dad teaching me how to walk like a bear at Arroyo Seco when we were on Uncle Skips property. I remember my Dad teaching me the proper way to hold oil and antifreeze containers when pouring them, with the opening facing up while you're pouring. Also when you're swinging a Hammer not to choke it.

Then there were the later years, building my Mustang at your house. I will always remember my Dad and me trying to get that transmission lined up and in for 2 days straight and the third day we came you put it in all by yourself the evening before. I remember when we first started my Mustang and I got to drive it to the muffler shop without mufflers. Then there was the time you moved me into your house when I was on probation and drugs and you did everything you could to help me. Between

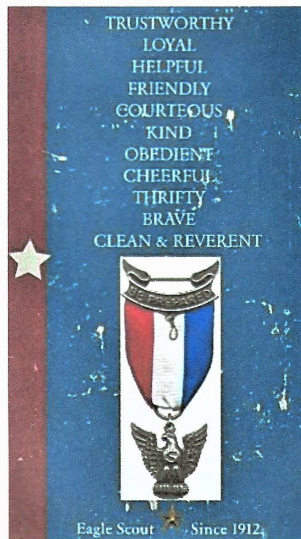
the Mustang, the Toyota Tacoma and you trying to help me when I was on drugs, I was really unappreciative back then and took it for granted. I just I want to say looking back I'm extremely grateful for having the loving and caring Grandpa that God put in my life. You are a one-of-a-kind Grandpa and I love you with all my heart and soul! I'm also really grateful you got to see me turn my life around and start a family. Thankyou for everything, it's such a blessing being your grandson. I love you.

Love,
Chris

Eagle Scouts

In our family

*Zachary Creston - 2016 * Creston Gery - 1966 * Robert Creston - 1943



"Eagle Scout"
Taken at Green Valley
July 1943

From Zachary, Aspen & Jacob



Dear Great Gampa & Grandma,
The love you have shared with us lives in our hearts and always
will.

We are proud to have Grandparents like you.

Love,

Zachary, Aspen & Jacob

From Tyson and Jessica



We love you Great Grandpa and Great Grandma



Brennan, Everett, Fiona, Caroline, Lily and Wesley

From Brennan and Fiona

A wonderful photo from Arroyo Seco.





From Evy



From Camila



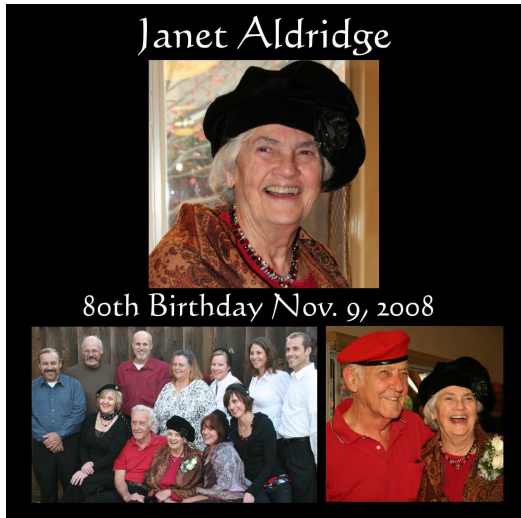
Camila & Grandpa. 631 Kiely Blvd. Santa Clara, CA



The memory I have of my brother-in-law, Bob, that enriched my life forever, was his patience in teaching me how to use a computer. It was back in the 90's when getting on the Internet was still a new thing to do and emailing was just becoming a way to communicate. I was not in school, nor the business world and my husband (Skip/Ron) did not have a computer; so the only way for me to learn the new technology was through a friend. Bob and Janet not only gave me a previously owned computer, but then drove down to our house in Watsonville many times where Bob spent countless hours showing me how to operate it. For that, I am eternally grateful!

Donna Reaves

Dear Uncle Bob & Aunt Janet,
Thank you so very much for all those years inviting Gabi & I to join everyone camping at Arroyo Seco. Such fun times! This really helped foster in Gabi a lifelong appreciation of the natural world. Wish we were near, I'd make you some pancakes:-)
You two have certainly been a blessing in our lives, for which I'm forever grateful.
With much love & well wishes,
Deltta



Janet with her twin brother John
(my dad) aprox. 1936



Bob and Janet
with brothers John and
Romaine



Janet with her father Joe and brother
John on the farm.

Going to Uncle Bob and Aunt Janet's house for a holiday celebration was always a big deal. We visited very few relatives when I was a child. It was a bit overwhelming to enter AldridgeWorld.

Like walking into a one-room schoolhouse before the teacher rang the bell, Uncle Bob and Aunt Janet's household was lively and loud. As soon as we walked in the front door there was Uncle Bob greeting us with a smile that could calm a swarm of bees. It was obvious that Dad looked up to and loved Uncle Bob. That contributed to the feeling of being in a safe and loving environment.

Aunt Janet wore a genuine smile, too. It was always comforting to be in her presence.

I cherish those memories.

When I think of you two, Uncle Bob and Aunt Janet, it's love and appreciation that I feel. You were there for my dad. You are kind and generous. You blessed me with wonderful cousins. Thank you. I love you.

Michele Oksen

From Laurie Tholen



Marjorie Tholen's 98th Birthday in 2016.



Love & Prayers from the Tholen and Riley gang.

From Dr's Kinji & LeeAnne Sera Dental Team



Aloha Aldridge Family! We send our love! So honored to know you.

To: Mrs. Aldridge and Family,
Have fought the good fight I have finished the race I have kept the
faith Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of
righteousness?
2 Timothy 4:6-8

May I express my heart felt condolence to all of you. I had developed a special respect and admiration for Mr. Robert Aldridge since 12/2020. He was so humble and never complained of his pain or any of his difficulties. Always he was independent driving his scooter. I felt he was a very loving and a caring person especially taking care of his spouse. We do Thank and Salute Mr. Robert for his service to our nation. May God grant him Eternal Rest and Peace.

Tom Alapatt RN, MA, MSN
Pulmonary Medicine,
VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Friends in the Peace Movement



From Larry Purcell

Dear, dear Bob and Janet, I just got back from Joshua Tree National Forest with Ronnie. The gigantic rocks there are one and half million years old. Sort of puts our lives in perspective. Bob and Janet the sparks of your lives have lit up the way for many of us. I am thankful and hopeful trying to follow your love for one another, your children & grandchildren, and our world. God bless you and your family. I send love and prayers. Larry Purcell

Card sent from folks at Ground Zero Retreat

Hi Bob,

Just a note to say thank you. I don't think we have met, but I wanted you to know how grateful I am to you and for you.

In my understanding, you are the linchpin of Ground Zero, both in terms of your analysis of the nature of the Trident program and your example of right living. We often refer to the founders as being the seven people who signed the purchase agreement for the house on Clear Creek Road, but your thought laid the foundation for the enterprise which has been a major part of my life for almost 50 years.

Thank you,
Mary Gleysteen



Bob - Thanks for being one of our
leading lights! Mark Johnson

Bob - you have made a
huge difference in this
world - Jan, Sue

Bob ~ the Peace of Trees
come to you from Ground
Zero. Thank you, tirelessly

Thank you Bob for your
courage & inspiration! Kour

Dear Bob, #1 Trident Resister!
Thank you for your guidance
& example. Peace + love. Glen Milner

Dear Bob -
Sending you greetings
from Ground zero retreat

Bob,
Thank you for your many
years of witness prophesy.
Rodney Brunelle

Thank you for your GOODNESS
Glen Milner

Glenn H. Mary G

From George Kent

Bob and Janet, you inspire us so much, especially in managing difficult times at every level. You serve as a form of “nondenominational chaplain” for the world. Thank you.

Aloha, George Kent



Bob Aldridge changed my life. With his book *First Strike*, I went from well meaning under-educated activist in northern Wisconsin to a dedicated and persuasive activist, organizer, and nonviolent resister to the thermonuclear command base, Project ELF, which he made easy to understand in his book. When I went on trial with my Plowshares partner Donna Howard in 1996, we faced many years in prison and Bob generously came to the trial, testified about ELF and told the jury that the command base had nothing to do with defending our country, he was key in getting us acquitted of sabotage because the sabotage law referred only to defense of the US. Bob patiently explained to the jury what he knew and what, therefore, we knew, and we thus got a decade less time in prison. More importantly, we won and that war trigger is now dismantled. The world owes Bob a great debt and I continue to owe him my gratitude.

From Randy Zigar

Bob and Janet Aldridge have proved that human can always do better. I could not ask for more. Thank-you for their example and inspiration.



Bob,

It has always been a grace to be counted among your friends. The resistance to Trident and the threat to all creation which it represents would never have taken shape without your work. For that, every person who works towards a world free of nuclear weapons will be forever in your debt. And that work will go on. With my deep gratitude for all that you have taught me, I send my prayers to both you and Janet.

In peace, and with love,

Stephen



I am more and more active at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action--Our anti-Trident campaign is going on 47 years now. I have been remembering Bob and the whole family a lot this year as I look back and realize at least 10 people moved to the Seattle area in 1974-75 in order to start or join the anti-Trident campaign, all in response to information given to us by Bob. This would not have happened without the impetus of your gift of information about MIRV. Your whole family put a lot on the line supporting your decision to leave a lucrative job and let people know what you had been designing. I feel honored to have made a visit to you in those early years. I was at the Seattle Catholic Worker then.

I believe we have made/are making a difference both with the workers at the Trident base and with the general public. So thank you, we have probably been pulled back from the brink a number of times. And we continue to work for the complete abolition of nuclear weapons.

-Caroline Wildflower

Dear Jan and Bob

We are always talking about you both with newcomers to our vigils, It's a joy to see how awed they are about your careers, books, family, and creation of the Pacific Life Community, both in the Northwest, in Sunnyvale, all through the Western states. Both of you are beacons of hope and strength for all of us

Now you are still in a campaign, as a loving team, each helping each other and feeling each other's pain. You keep on going, resting in the love of your family, with Mary and all the others who surround you with the blessing of presence.

In my last visit I was so glad to see both of you smiling and enjoying life in the little things that brighten your days.

With love and gratitude,
Mary Jane Parrine and Ed Ehmke

From Jim Douglass

Dear Bob and Janet,

Thank you for the gifts you have been for our whole family of humanity in your truly inspiring lives.

Knowing you folks has meant learning the ways you reach out to all of us on this Earth, in and through your love of your immediate family, and how we can all create such tides of justice and peace around the world.

Thank you, friends, for the compassionate journey you made fifty years ago this summer to Hololulu to help Shelley, me, and catholic Action of Hawaii in our trial for resisting the incineration bombing of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

Thank you for the inspiration of your and your family's decision to resign from Bob's Trident-missile-designing job in order to become full-time peacemakers.

Thank you for enabling so many of us in this land and beyond to follow in your steps, including especially Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, whose genesis that community recalls as beginning in the conscience of a Lockheed worker and his family. Anything that may seem too much for each of us at the time is indeed possible - for any and all of us, wherever we may be.

You and your family are examples of what Bob has appealed to us by his books to become - proactive, nonviolence practitioners in the Goodness Field for the sake of our entire family in the kindom of God.

With gratitude, love, and peace,

Jim



Bob and Janet's visit to with Jim and Shelley at the Shanti House, Vancouver BC, in the mid 1970's. Shanti was a Pacific Life Community house, and thus inspired by Bob and Janet.

In this photo: Janet, Bob, and Mark Aldridge, along with various Shanti House folk including Shelley and Jim Douglass, Peter Chapman (left, on the pillar) and Pat Struthers on the right. She was our member from South Africa. Peter is still in Canada.

It's hard to remember a time when the Aldridge family wasn't in our lives. Ever since the trial for the Hickam Action in Honolulu (1972) that family has been on our radar - usually ahead of us. Just two examples of the profound effect they've had on our lives:

After the Hickam Action we had moved back to British Columbia, where I was a theology student and Jim was writing another book. We had a call from Bob in 1975 saying he'd like to visit us in Hedley, our small-town home. Of course we were happy to host him and hear what he wanted to tell us, but we had no idea how his visit would reorient our lives.

Like many of our peers, we were burned out and exhausted after long years of opposing the Vietnam war. We hadn't consciously decided to back off, but in a way that's what we were doing. Bob's visit changed that - he told us about realizing the first strike capability of Trident, but we were really inspired by his family story: how the whole family retreated together and decided to unhook from the defense industrial system. That meant a big change in income for the whole family (10 kids!) and a return to work for Janet, as well as a new career for Bob in explaining the arms race to the peace movement.

For us the Aldridge family story was a call to deepen in our commitment to nonviolence, peace, and justice. Because of that

visit we called our also-burned-out friends together in a meeting at Vancouver School of Theology, where I was studying, and the original Pacific Life Community was formed. We intended to experiment with nonviolence as a way of life, and the Trident campaign would be the public side of the experiment. That's how the Trident campaign began - through the Aldridge family story.

Several years later the campaign was chugging along, and we had formed the Ground Zero Collective, bought property in Kitsap County next to the base, and were using it as a launching pad for demonstrations in Kitsap. Jim was spending a fair amount of time there, but nobody had really committed to being a GZ presence in Kitsap. A letter arrived from Bob. He was very discouraged because he said the peace movement wasn't taking the escalation of the arms race seriously enough.

It was a letter that challenged us to be more committed, and it led us to move down to Kitsap County, which became our home for 12 years. We eventually had a little group that moved to the county specifically to work on the Trident campaign, and focus on becoming neighbors as well as resisting the weapons. The Ground Zero story is a long one, but it all began with Bob and Janet and their family.

Since then we've been educated and challenged repeatedly by their lives and example, and we can only offer the greatest thanks and respect to Bob, Janet, and all the Aldridges.

Thank you. We love you.

From Clancy Dunigan



PLC @ Lockheed Martin on 03/ 2011. 1976 was my 1st PLC visit

Bob Aldridge is a member in good standing of Veterans For Peace Chapter 101. In 2020 Bob talked to me about submitting a Satyagraha resolution to Veterans For Peace for consideration at the VFP 2020 national convention. We determined that the resolution would have a better chance of passing if the chapter submitted the resolution rather than an individual member. The first step was to get the approval of chapter 101 which wasn't difficult. I submitted the resolution to Veterans For Peace for Bob and VFP chapter 101 and Bob's resolution was passed with 366 voting members saying yes.

SATYAGRAHA Resolution

<http://www.plrc.org/docs/200720.pdf>

VFP resolution web page - Bob's resolution is #1 at the top of the page.

https://www.veteransforpeace.org/files/3016/1773/9464/2020_Resolutions_Final_PDF.pdf

Resolution 2020-1: SATYAGRAHA* Resolution (Passed - Yes: 366, No: 19)

In 2021 Bob asked me to help him distribute copies of his powerful book, "The Goodness Field: A Guidebook for Proactive Nonviolence" to chapter contacts of Veterans For Peace. Bob had previously given copies of the book to the VFP national office but felt it would be beneficial to reach out to VFP chapter contacts individually. I emailed the members of VFP on the chapter contact list to make them aware of Bob's offer and received twenty-two requests for books which I then mailed. Bob generously distributed free of charge over

fifty books to members of Veterans For Peace that I am aware of.

Between 2010 and 2019, before Corona virus was a threat, VFP chapter 101, with the participation of various peace groups, met each year on the morning of Armistice Day on the corner of Fourth and Santa Clara Streets in San Jose to hold a ceremony and ring a large bell as a reminder of the meaning of a day officially now called Veterans Day. I have fond memories of Bob and Janet attending the event and of Bob doing me the honor of ringing the bell eleven times at eleven am on the eleventh day of November. I have known Bob for only a short time and am sorry we didn't meet years ago.

Phil Pflager

Chapter Contact VFP101

From Kathy Kelly



Ammon Hennacy encouraged us to seek a blend of courage, wisdom, and love. When I think of your generous goodness, I feel fortunate to know two people who exemplify that blend. Thank you for caring, always, about the neediest of people. Sincerely,
Kathy Kelly



Many of us encountered Bob and Janet as young activists with Pacific Life Community in the 1970s. They offered us guidance, stability, and most importantly, inspiration about how to live a life of difference.

Bob's vision of peacemaking has stretched deep and wide, as evidenced by his corpus of publications. I owe my introduction to Indigenous communities to his early advocacy for a Pan-Pacific movement of resistance to Trident, and my involvement with the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement beginning in 1980 change the course of my life. I was honored to co-author the 1989 book on Palau with Bob, and our correspondence and occasional visits over the years have been deeply grounding for me.

Janet anchored our little movement with kindness, patience and hospitality. It was not enough that they parented their own brood; they also parented many of us! She remains gracious in her twilight.

I am deeply grateful to have known these once-in-a-generation peace warriors.

It has been a joy to know Janet and Bob over the years. I am a peace and anti-nuclear activist, now in my 80s, an active member of the UK Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, known across the world for the peace symbol. I first came across Bob when I was recommended to read his book, 'First Strike'. Here was an authoritative book showing that the Trident nuclear missiles were not 'defensive' but were offensive weapons with huge killing power designed to be used first. I often quoted from the book and from his later book, 'Nuclear Empire'. I then learned Bob's story of how he had left Lockheed Martin where he worked as a nuclear missile engineer on the development of the weapons and chose to devote the rest of his life to work for peace and to oppose these weapons of mass destruction. Times would not be easy for his large family, but he had the complete support of Janet and his family. I was overwhelmed by the story and was keen to spread the story among my friends here in the UK

I was then in touch with Janet and Bob and was one of the hosts when they came to the UK, where Bob would meet with anti Trident protesters here. The UK had accepted four Trident nuclear armed submarines which the government liked to call, 'Britain's independent nuclear deterrent'; the only part of that phrase that was accurate was 'nuclear'. They certainly weren't independent; they were U.S. through and through.. The submarines were at a deep water base, at Faslane, off the coast, in Scotland which Bob

called, 'the US forward base in Europe'. Also the missiles were, 'lease purchased' from the U.S. All of this, Bob had written about in great detail. So when he came to the UK he went to visit the campaigners at the Faslane Peace Camp in Scotland. Coming south from Scotland, Janet and Bob stayed with friends in the Lake District, in the north west of England. My husband and I went up to meet them to bring them to our house in Manchester where they could meet members of the Manchester City Council - Manchester was the first nuclear free zone city in the world. I remember on our day in the Lakes, how Bob, who had been a forester, and Janet liked the walks in the woods. At our house Janet who loved children was so pleased to visit our local toddlers' play group.

During the 80s, I had taken over the organisation of a network, People-to-People, which aimed to put peace and anti nuclear activists in touch with each other between the UK and the USA. It was clear governments and the military worked together, so it was important that anti nuclear activists should work together and exchange information. We had a very small amount of funding and managed to link up peace groups. Certainly very little appeared in the media in the UK about peace actions and activists in the USA and north America. Alas, that is still true today. When Bob had the idea for publishing the Trident Resister's Handbook, (everything you needed to know about the whole Trident system) he asked me if I could help promote it - which I did through the People-to-People network.

In the late 80s, I undertook speaking tours of the U.S. to gain support and funding for the case where Greenham Women Against Cruise Missiles took the US government to court. Greenham was the base in central England where U.S. Cruise missiles were to be deployed. There was a huge women's protest there with a women's peace camp established. Many women were often arrested for non-violent direct action, such as cutting the base fence, and they were taken to court.. The women then decided in turn to take the US government to court and a few came to New York to build the case. Bob Aldridge was an expert witness. And I, rather late, went on the fund raising tours. Even after the case ended, I continued to do speaking tours in different states. At first I had been touring in the mid-west and the south, but latterly I went to the west coast and stayed with Janet and Bob. I have such happy memories of that - what kind and hospitable people they were. They made delicious meals for me, took me to see local sights, introduced me to other peace activists and friends in the area. I also remember reading to Bob's mother, who was by then blind, stories of their lives which she liked even with my English accent. Bob had devised so many ways to help his mother in her blindness.

We have continued to stay in touch up to the present day. I always look forward to receiving Bob's 'musings'. He radiates love and goodness which we see in his very latest book, 'The Goodness Field', again this is a book for me from which to quote.

I have been very privileged to know Janet and Bob, such an inspirational couple, and want to thank them for what they have given to all of us, their friends.



Bob and Janet,
You have been and are an inspiration to all of us for your lives committed to building the Beloved Community! You will continue to be our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead. I am sure the folks at the pearly gates will welcome you with "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants".
Love and Peace,
David and Jan Hartsough

There are a great many people I've come to admire during my life but very few I aspire to emulate. Bob and Janet, you are among them. You are to me the embodiment of Satyagraha. Your devotion to the Truth has set the course of your lives whatever the cost, and that journey has always been marked with the love and patience that can only come from a spiritual grounding in the deeper realities of our time here on earth.

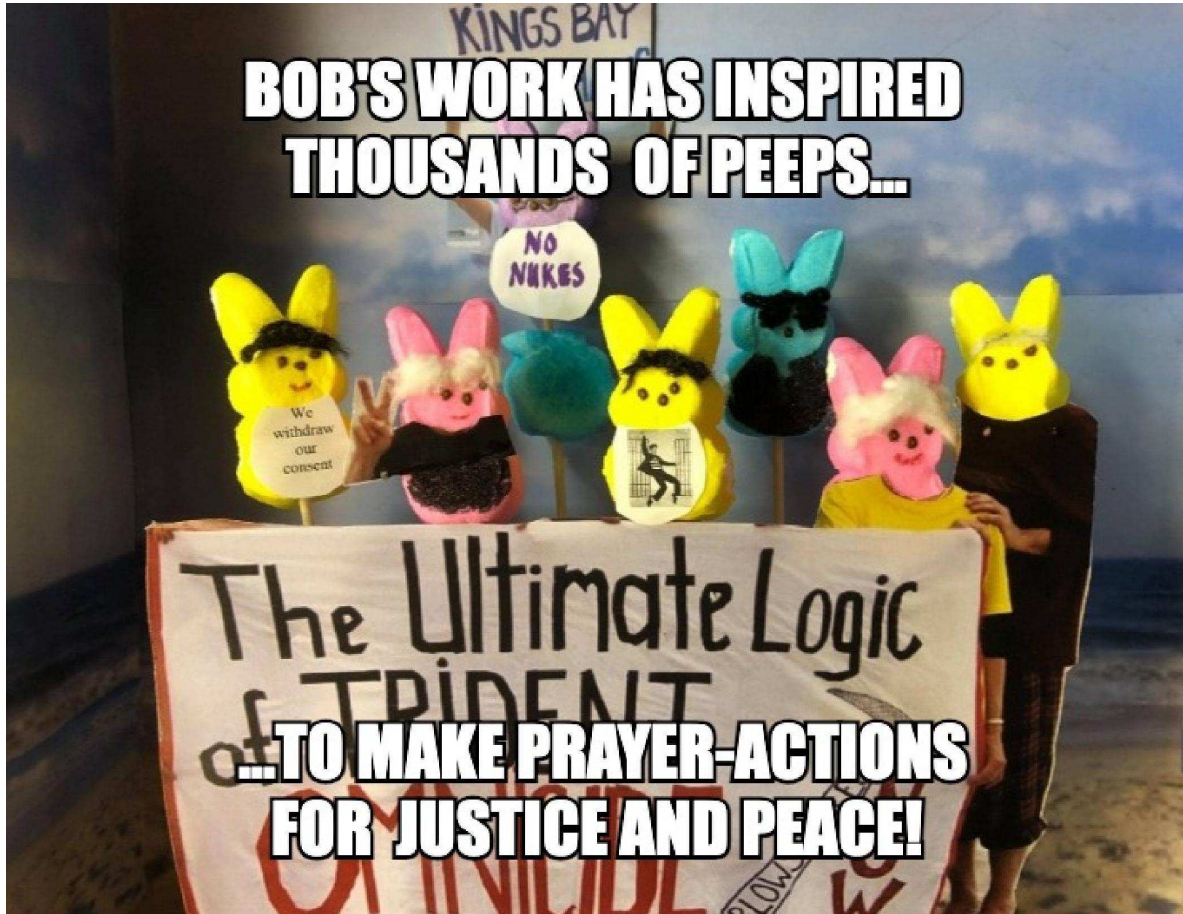
Peace and Love, Mark

Aloha Bob and Janet,

You both are a great inspiration in the spirit and practice of nonviolence. Our prayers and gratitude are with you and your family. We will do everything possible to keep that flame of hope burning and pass the torch to the next generations. Please know we are with you. Solidarity forever!

Jim Albertini

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Bob (and Janet and family) help me to believe that peace is possible. And that redemption is achievable. It is difficult for me to speak of Bob because I fear I am missing something, but I will try.

I had heard the stories of how Bob began his personal resistance to nuclear weapons and how he planted the seeds of Trident resistance in the Pacific Northwest when I became involved with Ground Zero in the mid-1980s. All of these stories were worth repeating, and they have been many times. Starting with a young family at the time, I could appreciate the courage of Bob and his family when he quit his job at Lockheed.

When I later began communicating with Bob in the 1990s, I saw how he continually sought to bring people together, for understanding and for social change. I missed the early PLC work but I saw Bob's organizing of the Anti-Trident Network and his work with Stephen Kobasa on the Trident Information Network. And Bob's own Trident Resister's Handbook—which many of us depended upon for information. I might be wrong on this, but I don't recall ever seeing the term "first strike" used by the U.S. government until years after Bob revealed what it meant. I have no idea how Bob could do

this—to be right on so many issues and to inform and connect all of us.

Bob likely came for other trials, but he came to testify in Kitsap County in December 1998 when the County decided to prosecute peace activists for the first time in thirteen years.

Bob's knowledge and support was essential for me when I first began receiving records from the Navy on the risk of Trident propellant and Trident warheads.

But through it all—it seemed Bob wanted most to bring people together. In the Trident Resister's Handbook, Bob stated, "Nonviolence is a constant experiment in deepening in truth, and in testing the truth by betting our lives on it in the world." Bob, Janet, and family bet their lives on this truth.

Bob was visionary as well as practical with his peace work. I remember when he told me to get an e-mail account—a much better way for activists to communicate, faster, Bob said. I immediately did.

Several years ago, I noticed the mail out on the kitchen counter at Ground Zero. On top was an envelope from Bob, and I learned that Bob and Janet had been sending generous donations to Ground Zero each month. Each and every month, Ground Zero has received a hand-written donation from Bob. I cannot say how much that means to me—that through all these years, Bob and Janet still have faith in what

we are doing.

Bob, thank you for guiding us through difficult times and for showing us a course of action. You have been our inspiration and a practical guide.

I hope to begin writing an abbreviated history of Ground Zero and a chronology of Trident resistance in the Pacific Northwest. So many people these days have no idea of what is possible. I think our plans of nonviolent resistance and noncooperation with evil years ago worked—we needed others to stay with us and continue the work to abolish nuclear weapons.

In any case, if I can, I will begin with a chronology of Ground Zero. You and your family are the start of Trident resistance. You will be among the first entries.

I am forever grateful. Peace.

From Fumi



In 1984, Bob, Janet, Elaine Yoneda and me.



Bob's books translated into Japanese.

Thank you, Bob and Janet, for showing us each day what right livelihood, love and peacemaking mean.

You have shown us how our individual personal and collective choices--starting with family--seed courageous actions for peace to take root in the soil of our growth and living. Bob's walking away from a job of building weapons has been the priceless way to support family.

Being with you and your family at the PLC retreat and standing with your granddaughter at Lockheed-Martin's gates of hell, learning about her enthusiasm for teaching, have been vitalizing.

The PLC patch that Bob gave us at the retreat is a creative touch that reminds one to wear our robust pacifism on our sleeves while we roll them up for satyagraha to lead us.

Our lives and world are healthier and more fun because of you!

Dear Tierney and Mary,

I want to offer my heartfelt condolences to you and your beautiful family as you mourn the death of your beloved grandfather and Dad.

Upon receiving a recent health update from Mary, I sent the below message to Bob on April 18 and hope he was able to receive it.

Bob was a great inspiration to me, ever since I learned of his courageous decision to quite Lockheed for reasons of conscience and his involvement with the Pacific Life Community.

I will always treasure the occasions I was with Bob, which include when he arranged for me to speak at Santa Clara University and I spent time with him and Janet at their home, and when I was able to host and arrange a talk for him at a church in southeast Connecticut, near the Naval Submarine Base and General Dynamics/Electric Boat shipyard where all the Trident submarines were built.

For over four decades now I have been deeply moved by his own conversion story, his tireless commitment to educating the public about the dangers of the Trident program, nuclear weapons and US nuclear policy, and the urgent need for all people of faith and goodwill to work for nonviolent social transformation.

With Bob's permission, I included his essay, ***The Courage to Start***, in the new edition of ***The Risk of the Cross*** which I had published two years ago. I always tell people to read Bob's compelling piece. He was, and will continue to be, a powerful guiding light of courage, truth and hope for me and countless others.

I give thanks to God for the great gift of his extraordinary life and will forever be grateful for his friendship, his gracious and loving spirit, his exemplary witness to peace and nonviolence and his unwavering commitment to help create the Beloved Community and make God's reign of justice, peace and love a reality on our world .

Be assured of my prayers for your grandmother and Mom, and for all your family as you grieve the Bob's loss.

**A bow of deep gratitude,
Art**

From: Art Laffin <artlaffin@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 3:45 PM

To: jan47bob@gmail.com <jan47bob@gmail.com>

Subject: Message from Artt Laffin--Re: Status on Janet and me

Dear Bob,

I am deeply grateful for including me in this health update written by

Mary.

Please know that you and Janet are daily remembered in my prayers. I give thanks to God for the great gift and blessing of your friendship through the decades and for all you have done, and continue to do, to make God's reign of justice, nonviolence and peace a reality.

Be assured that I will continue to hold you and Janet in prayer and heart during this challenging time.

I will send in a separate email a photo of the Good Friday commemoration witness we held at the Pentagon. The huge banner that we displayed during our witness had a quote from Archbishop Hunthauen: "Nuclear Arms Are The Global Crucifixion of Jesus."

A bow of deep gratitude to you and Janet!

In Resurrection hope,

Art

From Mary S Aldridge

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