

Former HCS superintendent Broomfield dies

LINCOLN, NE -- Bob Broomfield, former superintendent of schools at Harlan Community and co-director of Shelby County Developmental Services, died Thursday, Nov. 9 unexpectedly, yet peacefully, at his home in Lincoln, NE.

Broomfield was superintendent from August, 2000-June, 2006, and then came back to serve in that capacity on two occasions from July, 2009-June, 2010 and from February, 2011-September, 2011.

In addition, Bob and his wife, MJ, co-directed economic developments with Shelby County Developmental Services from 2010-2013. He also served as public mediator for the State of Iowa as well as a consultant for the Council Bluffs Community School District.

Before coming to the Harlan community, he was the superintendent of schools at Raymond Central, NE and Republican Valley and Red Willow, NE. He also had his real estate and brokers license.

The son of James and Geneva (Ruggles) Broomfield, he was born June 8, 1944, in McCook. He had



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two older siblings, Elda and Bill. They were raised on a farm in Red Willow County. Bob attended McCook Community College on a football, basketball and track scholarship and then graduated from Doane College on a track scholarship. He spent most of his professional life as a superintendent of schools.

Bob enjoyed a full life and never met a stranger. He enjoyed the simple pleasures best. He enjoyed sports, reading, hunting, spending time with his grandchildren, the great outdoors, a good story and happy hour. Bob had few regrets as he lived life to the fullest, always did the best he could to be productive, and understood that the rest is up to God.

Bob is survived by his wife MJ; three children, Kelly, Rob (Jackie), Carrie (Ryan) Sullivan; five grandchildren, Megan, Nick, Max, Payton, and Jameson; two step-children, Becky (Nate) Michel, Carolyn (Chris) Ledy; and two step-grandchildren, Owen and Noah Michel; sister, Elda Powley, many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother William "Bill" Broomfield and brother-in-law Ben Powley.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 D St, Lincoln, with Rev. Barbara Smisek officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation to local area cancer research in memory of his mother, Geneva (Ruggles) Broomfield. www.bmlfh.com.