

**Deceased Name: Robert Douglas Bob Blakemore**

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ROBERT "BOB" DOUGLAS BLAKEMORE

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Robert Douglas Blakemore was born on November 5, 1945 in Portland, Oregon to parents Walter and Maybelle Blakemore. He grew up in NE Portland and had fond memories of a close knit community where he was involved in the Boy Scouts, (eventually obtaining Eagle Scout status), swimming, baseball, and school sports. He attended Fernwood Grade School, like his mother, and then Grant High School in later years. His family was active in the St. Michael's Episcopal Church he where worshipped and served as an acolyte.

A true patriot at heart, Bob volunteered to join the Army during the mid-60s and serve his country in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Bob left active duty service with an Honorable Discharge in May of 1971. After Vietnam, Bob completed his engineering degree at Walla Walla College. He met his wife Jan during those years and they married in 1975.

As an engineer, Bob was involved in the building of two hospitals, the cable bridge in Kennewick, the bureau of land management dam projects in Colorado and Oregon. He worked for private firms, municipalities, clean room designs for the computer world. At home he was involved in his professional organization ASCE and served as president and past president and received the Engineer award of the year in 2008. He eventually opened his own practice of JBAK engineering.

Bob was widely known for his extensive knowledge of engineering, his willingness to share his knowledge and his ability to solve problems within both the engineering practice and his private life. There is already an empty space in many hearts as we miss him.

Bob passed on November 6, 2014 and is survived by his wife Jan; 3 children, Michael, Tamara, and Robert Blakemore; and 2 grandchildren, Lucy and Lauren as well as two brothers, Jack and Gary Blakemore and their families.

Please sign his Guest Book at [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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