



Bobby Bentz

August 21, 1961 - July 7, 2010

Bobby Dean Bentz, 48, of Prescott Valley, Arizona died unexpectedly July 7, 2010 in Prescott, AZ. Bob was born August 21, 1961 in Sturgis, South Dakota to Don and Nola Bentz. Bob was employed by Summit Construction at the open pit of Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, SD and was a ranching partner with his parents in St. Onge, SD for many years before relocating to Arizona. Bob was currently employed with Freeport Moran in Bagdad, AZ. He proudly served his country in the South Dakota National Guard for 20 years, retiring in 1999. Bobby enjoyed riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and especially drag racing Harleys with his brother, Bill and family's race team, Eagle Cycle Racing. Bob won numerous events all around the western United States and he was the 2009 MDRA National Champion in the ET class: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGegyll3srY&feature=channel>. Bob especially enjoyed having his son Robert join the race team and share the thrill of racing. Bobby is survived by his wife of 21 years, Connie; and children: son, Robert of Rapid City, SD, daughter Brandy and fiancée Dan Karcie of Phoenix, AZ; daughter April, Prescott Valley, AZ; step-son Will Janssen and fiancée Courtney of Lake Preston, SD; step-daughter Jessica (Connell) and husband Robert of Lake Norden, SD; and step-daughter Amanda (Scott) and husband Brad of Tucson, AZ. Bob had seven grandchildren and one on the way: Ethan, Tate, Daisalynn, Talan, Parker, Trinity, and Trystin. Bob is also survived by his mother, Nola Bentz-Reber of Rapid City, SD; three brothers: Curtis and wife Karen of Nemo, SD; George of Rapid City, SD; and Bill and wife Vikki of

Prescott Valley, AZ; and two sisters: Cindy (Lester) and husband Tom, of Rapid City, SD and Suzi Schermerhorn of Rapid City, SD. Finally, Bobby is survived by numerous nieces and nephews who all looked up to him and will miss him greatly as well. Bob was preceded in death by his father, Don in 1998 and brother, Duane in 1991. A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sunrise Funeral Home, 8167 E. Hwy 69, Prescott Valley, AZ. An additional service will be held at the United Church of Christ, St. Onge, South Dakota at Monday, July 19 with interment following at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, SD. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Sunrise Funeral Home in Prescott Valley, AZ (928-772-7475) and Black Hills Funeral Home, Sturgis, SD (605-347-2522). Friends and family are encouraged to sign Bob's online guest book at www.sunrisefuneralhome.com Bobby lived every day to the fullest and lived it for his family and grandkids. Bobby's nickname was Jose Wales and he was fond of saying "holy cow". We will try to remember him telling us "EASY" the way only he could. Bob would give you the shirt off his back, and his kindness and easy-going manner have been an inspiration in the lives of family and friends alike. He will be missed every single day from this day on. Ride on, Bobby, ride on.

Tribute Wall



“ Bobby Bentz

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Bobby Bentz

Veronica Sasseen - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sincere condolences from your AHDRA family. You will truly be missed. Thank you for all your help in promoting all harley drag racing. God Speed.

Rick Greene - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bentz Family:

I am greatly saddened to hear of your loss. Bobby was a sweet boy back when I knew him many years ago. My prayers are with you.

Pam

.Pam Evridge Waisanen - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all Bentz family and friends. I grew up with Bobby and Bill. Bobby looked out for me and others when I was a teenager. I will always be grateful to have known him. A quiet, respectful man with dignity and class.

jim evridge - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Bobby and was such an amazing person to race with. I am proud to of had the opportunity to know such an amazing person. I will definately miss having such a great racer at the track.

Jessica Ruell - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ *The first time I saw you
Sitting there in the grass
Unsure who you were
Or what you would mean to me.*

*Soon I knew
You were Bobby
My sister's husband
My brother-in-law.*

*You were now family
The kids
Robert, Brandy, & April
They were now family too.*

*Your family grew instantly
Three more kids
Willy, Amanda, & Jessi
Wow! What a houseful!*

*And to "Dano"
You were Uncle Bob
Whether getting firewood
Or grilling hot dogs. ?*

*As life went on
You became Papa
To Ethan, Tate, Daisalynn, Talan,
Parker, Trinity, Trystin, & grandbaby #8.*

*There are so many memories
Packing the kids up in the truck
And packing a lunch, too
Heaven forbid we'd eat out!
(But always had to have that Indian Taco!)*

*4th of July in Belle
The St. Onge Rodeo
Going to soccer & softball games
Just hanging out on the weekends*

*Watching a movie
Or should I say
You & I watching
Connie sleeping!*

*Moving us back from California
The day in San Fran
Yep - ended up on Polk Street!!
You & Danielle on the Golden Gate Bridge.
(Yep - Connie & I were too chicken!!)*

*Packing up the Sturgis house during the day
Hitting the Rally at night
Eric - his fall from your bike
And watching Eric look at all the girls downtown!*

*Rally of 2007
At the races during the day
At One-Eyed Jacks at night
And riding da bus!*

*The good times with the in-law side
The night before Danielle's high graduation
Was that you who crawled up the stairs?!!
Or was that Connie?!!*

*Danielle's wedding dance
The mother/father dance (Meant the world to me)
The Raether-Royal family at its finest!!
And, of course, your favorite dance - the lap dance from Renee!*

The last time we were all together

March 2009

Pat John's 38th birthday

If only we could have that day back!!

You finally got to live your dream

Got your Harley - ok, Harleys!!

Riding & racing

And sharing it with Billy.

Time may have passed by

Sometimes without a spoken word

But the words were always in my heart

Always know that you were very special to me.

The ride is not over

It has only just begun

Not only for Bobby

But those of us who loved you.

You were loved more than you know. Gonna miss you even more!!

Val

Val Royal - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ When I ask Bob about his family, he discribed Connie by showing me how his arm fit around her. He said about this size and blond raising his eyebrows up and down. He said his brother was older shorter faster, looked something like him with hair. He said he wished his daughters were'nt so pretty. He told me about his son with tears in his eyes. He said his grandchildren were somtin else. He let it be know who his best friend at work was. I always wished it would have been me but it was Capn. Things that he said: If you want to be a boss, get married, have a mess of kids and a dog. If you want to have boss, get married, have grandkids and a cat. If I were to discribe Bob, I would say, he was everything most of us would like to be. He wasn't perfect. Only Jesus is perfect. He was a magnificent operator. Highly skilled. To know Bob was one of the nicest things in my Life.

We had one thing in common. We were always having trouble with our eyes. They kept doing things we didn't want them to do. We kept breaking our glasses or getting them out of adjustment or something. I will see him again, but God wants me to do without him for now. My prayers and good wishes are with all the family and friends that loved him too. Lord, I know Bob is not an angel but he was pretty close to what a Heaven's angel would be to me. In loving memory.

Linis Place - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I only wish I had more time to get to know Bobby better. What I did know about Bobby is that he was a gentle, soft spoken person, and he always had a smile, and a kind word. He will be missed much by all who knew him but he will remain in our hearts forever. Bobby is home now with God. "Ride on Bobby"

Mike T

Michael Trimeloni - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Bob was one of the nicest guys that you could have ever known. He was always mellow and a cool guy to race with. I will sure miss racing with him, especially at Sturgis.*

Bill TSCHANNEN - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To the Family & friends of Bob I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time.

I was probably Bob's biggest competition in the MDRA Open ET class in 2009 and was Runner-up Champion to him in the class. I always looked forward to going to the races because I knew that Bob would be there to race against. All thru 2009 Bob and I had a great & friendly rivalry going to see who would be the Open ET Champion and of course he won it..lol

I didn't know Bob all that well outside of racing and only saw and talked to him when we were at the MDRA racing events. But I know that he was always very friendly at the track and we had some good chats, some fun times and joking with each other and racing against one another. I was so looking forward to competing against Bob again this year in 2010. When I didn't see Bob at the first race I was disappointed that he was not there. I talked to Vicky and she said he couldn't make it so I just said I will see him at the next one. Well he didn't make to 2nd or 3rd races either. I was hoping he would be at the Utah race, but now I am sad to learn of his passing and that he won't be there in person but he will be there in my heart, mind and spirit.

TO BOB:

I just want to say that it was an honor and a privilege knowing you, competing against you and being a friend and fellow drag racer. It won't ever be the same going to the races and not seeing you there, but I will be thinking of you always on every pass down the 1320ft.

I will miss our talks being able to joke with you, your competitiveness, the rivalry we shared, your love for drag racing and most of all seeing you in the lanes lined up next to me. But that's ok this time you will be riding with me in my heart, mind, soul and spirit. I will see you again one day and when I do we will drag race each other again.

Your in a much better place now.

GODSPEED BOB

I WILL MISS YOU

STEVE GOLD

Steve Gold - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *We all well miss him dearly.May god be withyou all in this time of sorrow.*

Dennis&Sherry Lias - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *My heart goes out to Bobby's family and friends. I had lost touch with him years ago but he was a great guy in school. Always smiling, always positive. Heaven just gained a great soul...I look forward to seeing you again old friend, and we can ride together.*

Fritz Carlson - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Rest in peace*

Mr. Dana Ross - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Connie and family,

I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Connie it has been a few years since I last saw you. I have thought of you and your beautiful family often. I remember meeting Bob, your daughters and your wonderful grandchildren at work. I can still see Bob holding your first born grandson, smiling from ear to ear and his eyes filled with the love only a Grandpa has for his grandchild. How proud you both were of your family. Please remember that pain is temporary but memories live forever. Hold on to the happy memories for they will get you through the sad and painful times. May God bless each of you and give you strength as you begin this journey.

Barbara Gibbins

Barbara Gibbins - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

jan parsons bachman - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ May God comfort you all in this time of sadness. My sincere condolences to the Bentz family.

Bob Curran - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you can find comfort in God and know that he loves you and your family.

Audrey Hollingsworth - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Robert's passing. It is often difficult to understand why the Lord takes those so young - on behalf of my family and myself - we extend our sympathies and blessings for all of Bob's family and friends during this difficult time.

Carol McKinney - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Bobber was a great friend and co-worker. He was a soft spoken person until you mentioned Grandkids or MC racing, then he really got excited. I will miss riding and working with him! My Prayers out to Connie and Family Members.
Ride On Bobber!

Jeff Loll - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ TO the Bentz family for the lost of a good man and racer of mdra.all my prayer to u guys , bobby i see u in heaven at raceway heaven,from the big guy with the yellow and red top gas bike

Tray mcgee - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Im sorry for your lose.The Bentz Family are in my prayers.

Mark Foots Dickerson - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You will be missed. Rags& Jo Ann

Dennis Sacco - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *I'll always remember his laugh. Love you uncle bob.we miss you*

chris, jesse, rhiannon, and james arehart - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM