

# Bob Bisnett: a Tribute to 100 years of Living

## *The Snohomish Farm Boy Who Has Led a Life of Education, Service & Adventure*

From his early years on Snohomish farms, to military service in Arizona during WWII, to teaching high school Biology and continuing to serve his community throughout his retirement years, Bob Bisnett's life has been on a positive, purposeful trajectory-of-accomplishment from his hard-working roots and early settler origins.

Born in Snohomish on July 24, 1924, Bob was raised by his Aunt Mamie and her husband Ray Miller, after losing his mother, Elizabeth Stephens White, at age two. His father, Homer Wesley White, and his older brother, Warren, then age 8, remained on the family farm at Blackmans Lake. Bob and his older sister Alpha, moved from farm to farm with Mamie and Ray, who eventually purchased a dairy of their own near Machias, on the Pilchuck River, in the 1930's.

Always responsible for farm chores, collecting eggs and milking cows, Bob bicycled a paper route for The Everett Herald and The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, as well as delivered milk in a horse-drawn wagon before class during his years at Snohomish High School. Picking up extra work painting houses at a dollar-an-hour for his father, Homer - who owned rentals and The Club Cafe - Bob developed a strong work ethic from an early age that has served him throughout his life.

After WWII, attending Washington State College on the G.I. Bill (now WSU), Bob pursued a degree in Bio-Chemistry with Dentistry aspirations. He switched paths to a teaching career - Walla Walla and Shoreline School Districts being better off for it. With jars of multiplying fruit flies, pollywogs gathered from local swamps, and multi-colored chicks transformed by dye-laced water, Bob knew how to make Biology interesting to high school students for over 30 years.

Always setting high standards for himself, Bob has read every one of the 100 Greatest Books on a list at the Richmond Beach Library, where he and his wife Elinore have been regulars, known on a first name basis. He has journaled every day for the last 44 years - 123 line the wall of his Shoreline home. Bob loves poetry, always leading Thanksgiving dinners with a well-chosen selection - Edgar Guest being a personal favorite. He even wrote a book (although didn't pursue publishing), about the adventures and perils of being a Driver's Ed teacher, which he taught at both the High School and Community College level - a challenge with foreign students who didn't speak English!

Continually learning and seeking achievement, Bob earned his Masters of Transportation from the University of Washington. Dedicated to community service, he went on delegations to cities across the United States while serving on the King County Housing Authority. Active in the Lions Club, he was instrumental in creating an Annual College Scholarship Grant for aspiring teachers, a program that continues to this day. Bob has been a life-long golfer, as was his father Homer, and also a lifelong member of Calvin Presbyterian Church, where he volunteered to mow the church grounds into his early 90's.

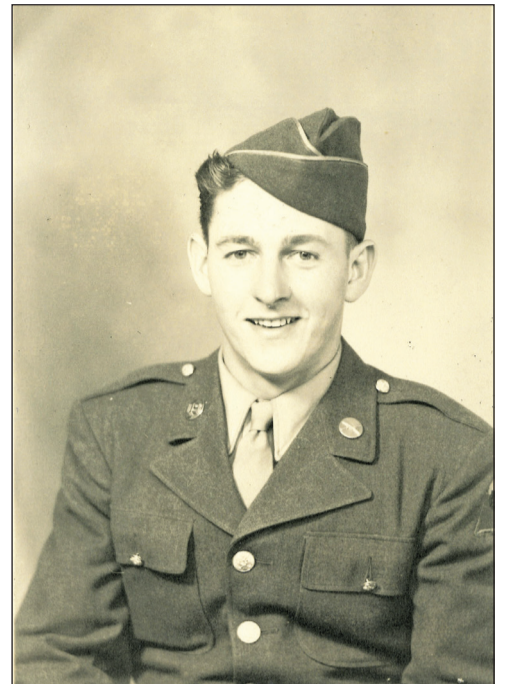
Together, Bob and Elinore created a life of fun and adventure for their family - Roger, Anne and Susan. The kids grew up visiting their Snohomish relatives every holiday - excited to see their cousins and experience the family farms. They explored Puget Sound in a 17-foot Skagit cabin cruiser, went hiking and skiing in the Cascade mountains, and camped every summer in Eastern Washington.

Bob is a true Washingtonian, and being a descendant of settlers as early as the 1880's, is proud of his Snohomish roots.

*Bob Bisnett is 100 years & 28 days old as of this publication, residing at Cristwood Senior Living in Shoreline, with Elinore. They celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on August 18th.*



Club Cafe third restaurant, first two burned down, 1950, Homer White proprietor and father of Robert Bisnett, Snohomish, WA.



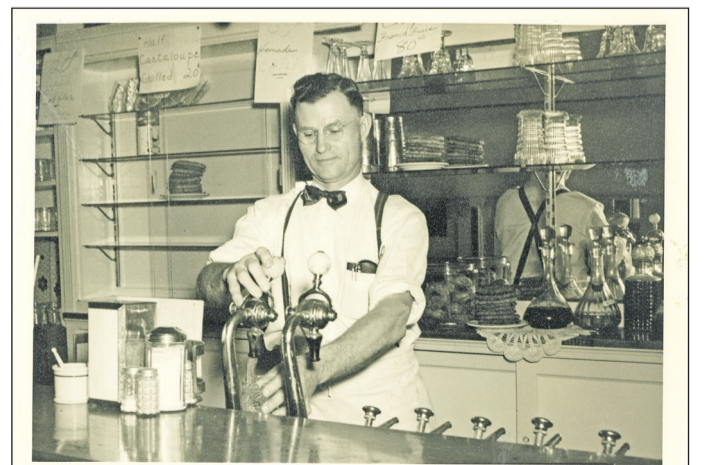
Robert Bisnett, Army, circa WW2, Arizona.



Building porch, JJ Stephens, Eliza Stephens White standing by window, Mamie Stephens Bisnett Miller sitting, men unknown, 1908, a dairy in Machias on River Road, Pilchuck River.



Robert Bisnett, circa 1970, Washington, DC.



Homer White proprietor of Club Cafe, circa WW2, Snohomish, WA.

***Greetings & love to all our Snohomish friends and family - the Whites, the Hammons, the Cooks, the Stephens & the Bisnetts!***