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Remembering ROBERT BURGESS WINSLOW



Robert Burgess Winslow, 92, of Dana Point, California, known to friends and family as Bob Winslow, passed away peacefully at home on June 23, 2018. He was born July 3, 1925 in Iowa.

“Bobbie”, as his mother affectionately called him, developed a love for reading that lasted through his final days. At the age of seven, he read an article titled “The Ancient Sport of Kings,” from then on he became a falconer.

During WWII, Bob Winslow and his two brothers served in the US Military. Bob joined the US Army Air Corps. In 1945, Bob Winslow graduated Advanced Bombardier and D/R Navigation School at Childress, TX, where he received his wings. Bob was promoted to flight officer and sent to Boca Raton Radar School where he trained aboard the powerful B29 Superfortress.

Perseverance, hard work, and a healthy dose of stubbornness propelled Bob throughout his life. Following WWII, Bob graduated from the University of Iowa and earned a Master’s Degree in Parasitology. Bob Winslow sought knowledge with the same intensity that his falcons brought down ducks. He valued education above all else and instilled that in his grandchildren as they seized the opportunity to go to college.

Bob Winslow led a successful career in the poultry industry. Due to his background in ornithology and parasitology he was instrumental in diagnosing Black

Head disease in turkeys. Bob’s technical knowledge and skills served him well contributing to sales and marketing for large poultry companies throughout the USA. Bob was an extraordinary specialist in the poultry industry and an authority for the study, diagnosis and treatment of poultry.

Bob Winslow was one of the few remaining first generation of North American Master Falconers.

Whether flying goshawks off the glove in pursuit of rabbits or flying peregrine falcons that dove at 200 mph as they struck ducks from the sky, Bob was an expert falconer.

Bob loved falconry because it allowed him to observe birds of prey in their natural environment while remaining a gentle participant. Bob left a wealth of knowledge for the patient few who listened and other future falconers who will carry on the “ancient sport of kings.”

Robert Burgess Winslow was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Bettie (Ford) Winslow, parents Warren and Helen Winslow, brothers Warren Winslow, Jr., and John Winslow. He is survived by his brother Thomas Winslow and sister Nancy Winslow, his three children Robert Winslow, Christopher (Laurie) Winslow, and Jennifer (Townley) Rose, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

He is loved, cherished, and forever remembered. “Alright Hawk!”

