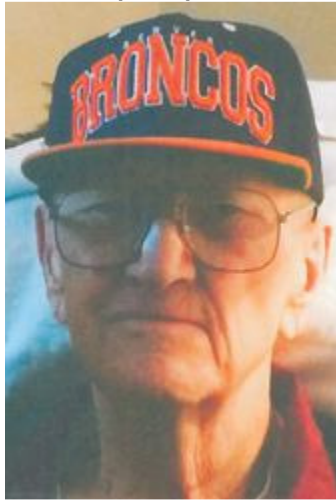


Robert (Bob) B Friend -- 06/04/1927 – 03/01/2015



Bob Friend was quite the character and fixture at Heather Ridge from the 1970s until a short time before he parted. Avid Heather Ridge golfers will always have fond memories of Bob. Bob ran a 2 day morning, 11am tournament every week when weather permitted. His tournaments were called the “FRIENDLY” and the “Dumb Friend League”. He ran it in his very own, unorthodox way. He spent hours every week meticulously preparing the score cards for the next event, arranging the foursomes with his creative formats. These score cards were a piece of art. Golfers would pay dearly if they didn’t show up or were late. Every hole had a different format: some being scrambles, some shambles, some play your own ball, some rotate every shot, etc. Everyone loved his curmudgeon way of keeping everything and everyone lined up to his compliance. Bob was blessed with Karen’s love and devotion throughout. Many have Bob to thank as his “coaching” advice helped extend many of his “FRIENDLY” golfer’s lives. God Bless Karen and Bob.

Bob, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Bob proudly served in the Navy. He is survived by two daughters, Jane Bloom, Robin Chambers (Mitch), and grandchildren, JC Chambers (Aubrey), Eric Bloom, Stephanie Chambers, Jennifer Drapeau (Greg) and Zach Bloom. He is also survived by his longtime partner Karen Byrden and her children and grandchildren. Immediate family members will celebrate his life at a private service. Donations can be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675 – or – the Heather Ridge Foundation.