

# Robert L. Sandmeyer

June 12, 1929 – August 31, 2023

Robert L. Sandmeyer, 94, was born on June 12, 1929, in Evansville, IN, and passed away on August 31, 2023, in Fayetteville, AZ. Bob attended the St. Joseph Military Academy in Hays, KS. He and Loretta Jacobs were married on August 5, 1950, in San Francisco, CA. To this union, four children were born: Karen, Bridgit, Barbara, and Bobby. Following Bob's discharge from the Navy, they returned to Hays, KS, where he earned his undergraduate degree at Fort Hays State University. He earned his master's degree in economics at Oklahoma State University in 1958, after which he completed work on his doctorate in economics, also at OSU. After completing the doctorate, he was on the faculty at Arizona State University for one year, after which he returned to OSU as a visiting assistant professor of economics. After becoming a full professor in economics, he became the first director of the Office of Business and Economics Research at OSU. In August 1977, he became Dean of the College of Business at OSU, a position he held until September 1994. Shortly after he retired from OSU, he advised the United Arab Emirates University in creating a western-style business college. He subsequently became the founding dean of the College of Business at Zayed University that has campuses in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Bob was inducted into the Spears School of Business Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. In addition he received the Fort Hays State University Alumni Distinguished Service Award. He was also appointed a Henry G. Bennett Fellow in the OSU School of International Studies. He is survived by his four children: Karen Hunter, Bridgit (Rick) Wall, Barbara Sandmeyer, and Bobby Sandmeyer. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.