

Bob Mills

In December 1964, I married Lorraine Sherman, and we lived in Huntington for the next three years. During that time, I worked on the Joe's Valley Dam as a dozer operator, and then for the BLM for a few years. I worked in the Wilberg Mine for about six months as a mechanic.

After those jobs, I then started my career as a diesel mechanic with Savage Industries. In total, I worked for Savage for forty-four years. We moved to Clearfield, Utah and I worked as a maintenance supervisor for about three years. I was with C.R. England for one year. Lorraine and I then moved to Salt Lake to work for a small diesel repair shop for another three years.

In January 1976, we moved back to Huntington and have lived in the same home ever since. We returned to Emery County to help my parents build the Old Homestead Restaurant. I went to work for Savage at Western Coal and Lorraine helped at the restaurant. I spent most of my working hours maintaining trucks and training mechanics.

After a few years at Western Coal, I went into management with Savage. I managed several shops for Savage for the next 40 years including the Huntington shop, Carbon Transport, Wellington, Valley Camp, Scofield, Hiawatha, Savage Coal Terminal, and helped Neal Savage with several startup projects in Texas, New Mexico, Aruba, Louisiana, Nevada, Oregon, and California. During those times, I worked in refineries, transportation logistics, and electrical mechanics. One of the highlights of working in management and working closely with Neal Savage was being able to travel with Lorraine and the other manager couples to several locations across the country and participate in service activities for local communities.

In 1983, while still working full time with Savage, I was able to partner with my brother (Mac Mills) and brother-in-law (Dan Pulli) to form M&P Enterprises. We worked together for the next 20 years in waste management, recycling, and scrap iron collection. Our business supported many local events—especially Emery High School athletics and the Emery County Stock Show. It also provided jobs for many employees and our kids.

I retired in April 2017 and have been focused on farming, family, and fishing ever since!

My life's work has included my vocation, but the most important part has been my family. Lorraine and I were married for about 17 years before we became parents. Our sons, Robert and Mike, were born in 1981 and 1982, respectively and it's been a crazy adventure ever since! We spent lots of time at Lake Powell, Huntington Lake, and in the motorhome creating wonderful memories (and a few mishaps along the way). My boys have both been married for quite some time and I have nine grandkids that I adore and like to spoil rotten!

Lorraine and I had 57 wonderful years together before she passed away in September 2022. Since then I have acquired twelve bosses (my sister, kids, and grandkids) that make sure my time is well managed! It's been lonely without Lorraine, but I'm grateful to know I'll be with her forever.