In Memory Robert L. Brown – 1939-2009

Robert (Bob) Brown passed away on February 13th due to cancer. Bob was a very active member of the PLSC.

Bob was born January 25, 1939. He moved to Denver in 1946 and attended Wheat Ridge High School. In 1958 he moved to Ketchikan, Alaska. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was a radioman on the USS Norton Sound and later on the USS Yorktown.

After his Navy experiences, he attended Everett Jr. College in Tacoma Washington. Then he went to the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, where he earned his Civil Engineering degree. He took a job with the U.S. Geodetic Survey, where he fell in love with mapping. He then took a position with CDOT in 1971 where he retired after 28 years. His last years with CDOT were spent in the Right-of-Way Division, where he was a great resource to both the surveyors within CDOT and to the Geodetic Advisor who was on shared duty from the NGS (National Geodetic Survey). Bob was highly instrumental in the state-wide GPS high accuracy network. He also assisted in the locating and setting of monuments in the four state corners of Colorado, and also at the locations where Wyoming and Nebraska, and also Nebraska and Kansas, abut our state line, as well as where Oklahoma and New Mexico meet.

Since his retirement in 1999, he had volunteered in the following organizations: The Colorado Railroad Museum (where all of the railroad right-of-way maps that were at CDOT are now stored), the Wings over the Rockies Museum, and The Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. He will be dearly missed by not only his family and friends but the entire surveying community of Colorado as well.