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ROBERT BILLINGS



Born in Salina, Robert G. (Bob) Billings was a 1959 graduate of KU, majoring in economics, business and political science. He was a Summerfield Scholar, member of Phi Beta Kappa and student body president in 1958. Bob was a member of the KU basketball team, along with Wilt Chamberlain, that reached the NCAA Finals in 1957. He received All Big Eight Conference honorable mention as a Jayhawk guard in 1958 and the Forrest C. Allen Award, given to the senior KU athlete with the highest academic standing in 1959.

Bob completed a year of graduate work in business administration at KU before becoming Director of KU's Aids and Awards Office in 1960. In the mid-1960's, Bob began working on the development of West Lawrence, Alvamar, and became President of Alvamar Inc. He developed Oread West Corporation and Research Park at 15th Street and Wakarusa Drive.

Bob served on the School of Business Advisory Board, the KU Alumni Association Board of Directors, KU Athletic Corporation Board, and KU Endowment Association Board of Trustees. He was also a member of the Williams Educational Fund and KU Endowment Association's Chancellor's Club.

Bob's honors at KU include a Distinguished Service Citation in 1988 and the Ellsworth Medallion, KU Alumni Association's highest alumni honor for "unique and significant service to the university" in 1984.

Bob married Patricia Dawson in 1959. She died in 1975. He married Beverly A. Smith in 2001. Bob passed away on Feb. 13, 2003. He was a great friend to the University and to the KU School of Business.

