

PORTRAITS OF MOAB...1988-1993 #5

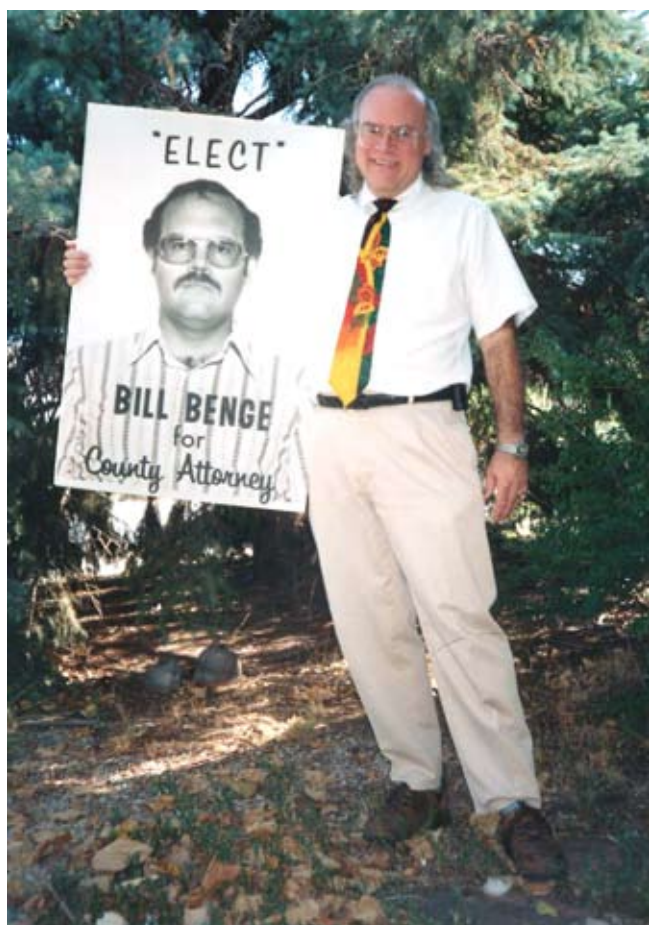
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In the late 80s and early 90s, I was taking a lot of pictures of Moab's 'survivors.' the ones who decided to tough out the hard times and make a new life. Here is Part 5 of my collection of Great Moab Faces...JS



ZEKE & MARALEE FRANCIS, long-time Moab residents and the owners of Four Corners Design. Great Zephyr supporters for many years and parents of the most amazing kids you've ever seen. Zeke died suddenly in 2008. Maralee still lives in Moab. Here's a link to a recent story about their youngest son, Jacob:

<http://www.maxpreps.com/news/lISNblSEXkWXhJQOeJ6fiQ/five-sport-grand-county-standout-jacob-francis-plays-for-his-late-dad.htm>



BILL BENGE came to Moab in the early 70s from California and never left. He became the youngest County Attorney in Utah history when he was elected at age 27. he served Grand County for 30 years, but died in 2006.

For more on my old pal, here's a link:

<http://www.canyoncountryzephyr.com/oldzephyr/april-may2007/bbenge.html>



VERNON ERB, a lifetime resident of Moab, started the Hogan Trading Company in what was then "The Grand Emporium" building at the corner of Main & Center Streets. A few years later, he built his own shop a block south and still owns one of the classiest shops in town.



DAVE BAKER and his wife SHIRLEY came to Moab in 1949 from near Debeque, Colorado. He worked for the Skakel Family, who owned what is now “Moab Springs Condos” north of town, had a urnaium claim staking company fora while, worked for public roads and at the Atlas Mill before finally going to work for the Park Service in 1966. He stayed 26 years and retired in 1990. Shirley passed away in 2004. Dave continued to grow one of the most remarkable gardens in Southeast Utah.

For a wonderful interview with dave and Shirley by Jean McDwell for the Dan O’Laurey Museum, follow this link”

http://centralpt.com/upload/345/2851_OHBaker,%20David.pdf



TOM STOCKS was a Moab Native, from one of the community’s oldest and most respected families.

He served as Moab’s mayor for 18 years, and saw the community transformed during those two decades.

Tom finally moved to southwest Utah in the mid-90s where he was elected mayor of LaVerkin.

He dies suddenly in September 2011.



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“Well Mittster. You gave US a gift too...you got your ASS whapped.”



I’m laughing on the outside...you pitiful peon you...



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“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be...The people cannot be safe without information. Where the press is free and every man able to read, All is safe.”

Thomas Jefferson

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