



## ROBERT A. SEARLE

Robert A. Searle, longtime cable industry magazine publisher and system owner, passed away on Dec. 8 following a brief illness, at 74. Bob's first association with cable television began in 1964 when he joined Communications Publishing Corp., which produced *TV Communications* and *CATV Weekly*. He worked in advertising sales, then as managing editor and even took responsibility for the accounting department for a short time. His diversified skills led to his being named president of the company in 1969, the same year the operation relocated from Oklahoma City to "The Cable Capital," Denver, Colorado.

Besides publishing the monthly "TVC" and weekly "Vue," Bob created and produced the first NCTA Show Dailies in 1966 and had a key role in producing several trade magazines serving two-way radio, satellite, telephony and RF design fields. He was an owner of cable systems in Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Texas in partnership with his brother, Stan, and Patrick Pogue. In 1979 he was inducted into the CATV Pioneers. His last involvement as a cable owner concluded in 2000 with the sale of Monument, CO, based Tri-Lakes Cable (now part of Comcast), owned by Searle Communications, Inc., of which he was president.

Communications Publishing had become a closely-held public company, Cardiff Communications, Inc., with separate divisions in publishing and cable. After the 1983 sale of the publishing properties to Argus Press Holdings of London, Bob headed the U.S. unit of the British firm, while continuing to serve as a director of Cardiff. When the Small Cable Business Association was formed in 1993 to represent the small to mid-size operators, Bob started *Independent Cable News*, a trade publication devoted exclusively to the interests of "the little guys" in the business. "ICN" is now in its 26th year, with Bob as publisher, continuing to give a strong voice to members of what is now the American Cable Association and all independent telecom providers.

His interests included coaching little league baseball and football, camping, hunting, horseback riding, golf, softball, Colorado Rockies, Denver Broncos, and, especially, his family. He and Lynda's children are Scott (Kathy), Jeff (Andi) and Lisa Dillon (Rob). Bob and Lynda's grandchildren are Ryan, Shannon, Rachel, Julia, Eva and Audrey. He is also survived by his sister, Marilyn Hopper of Beaverton, OR, and brother, Stan, of Monument, CO.

Courageous and positive in his last days, Bob Searle was a source of inspiration and assurance to family and friends. He told them that, as a Christian, "I know where I'm going!" His departure from this life was gracious and peaceful. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Harvey Park Christian Church, 3401 S. Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80236.