



BOB JOHNSON

The longtime Colorado Springs resident, who passed away on Nov. 26, 1991, is an American legend in ice hockey. He was the head coach at Colorado College for three seasons (1963-66), then guided the Wisconsin Badgers for 15 years and to three NCAA titles. He was the U.S. Olympic coach in 1976 and the National Team coach from 1973-75. "Badger Bob" moved onto the NHL and coached the Calgary Flames (1982-87) to the Stanley Cup finals in 1986 and the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Cup crown in 1991, five months before his death. During his lifetime of service, he was also the executive director of Colorado Springs-based USA Hockey. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992 and to the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991. Son Mark was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team that won the fabled gold medal in Lake Placid with the "Miracle on Ice." Johnson's famed catch phrase, "It's a great day for hockey," is known around the world in the sport. He will forever be remembered for his enthusiasm and unflappable optimism.