

Bob Wasson

Bob Wasson was born and raised in Pettis County. He attended a one room school house in the Bothwell community before attending and graduating from Northwest High School in 1949. The importance of education was instilled in him at an early age by his mother and it was a value that he carried with him his entire life.

After serving his country in Korea, Bob returned to the U.S. and with the help of the G.I. Bill attended San Diego Junior College and earned his Business Administration Degree from San Diego State University. Never forgetting his Pettis County roots, Bob returned to Sedalia to start his career and raise his family.

As mayor of Sedalia from 2002 until his death in 2009,

Bob was a true supporter of education in the Sedalia community. His dedication to the Smith-Cotton JROTC program was essential to its early success and he remained an important part of the program for the rest of his life. He was also actively involved with other youth groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Sedalia Student Leadership Council.

During his tenure as mayor he served as President of the Missouri Municipal League and President of the Whiteman Leadership Council. He has received the Spirit Award from the United Way, was recognized for his service to our community by the Sedalia Student Leadership Council, and was honored by the Forty and Eight for his work on behalf of local veterans.

Bob Wasson loved Sedalia. He also understood the importance of education's role in its future.

Inducted in Smith-Cotton Activities Hall of Fame, 2013

