

## Utah



Hometown: Morenci, Graham County, Arizona

Nominated by: Utah 4-H

Year Inducted: 2002

### Dr. Robert "Bob" Gilliland - Retired, former Vice President and Dean, Utah State University Extension

Hoof and Horns 4-H Club, Fort Thomas, Graham County AZ

4-H Projects: Dairy, Tractor, Electric, Junior Leadership

#### Honors:

National 4-H Club Congress, National 4-H Conference. Chevron and Farm Bureau Scholarship. Received "Amigo de 4-H" Award in New Mexico, Epsilon Sigma Phi Visionary Award.

"I was fortunate to grow up in...Arizona, to grow up on a farm and to have great third party leaders such as my county agent, 4-H leader who was also my FFA adviser, other significant adults who, with the great support of my parents, guided a shy young man to reach beyond his comfort zone and partake of the great 4-H program. 4-H took me to places and provided enriching experiences at those places that I could never have experienced otherwise. Then, as an agent, specialist and state leader...over a period of 34 years gave me so many rich memories of young people and volunteers along with fellow professionals who were truly committed to "making the best better." I am richly blessed for this great experience."

Dr. Gilliland is presently on leave of absence, serving as Mission President in Ohio for the Church of Latter Day Saints. Bob was a 4-H member who went on to serve as a 4-H volunteer leader, 4-H Agent in Arizona, 4-H Program Leader and Associate Dean in New Mexico, and on to Vice President and Dean for Utah State University Extension. He received a Ph.D. from Ohio State, Master's degree from Arizona State and Bachelor's from University of Arizona.

Rising through the ranks, he has provided superb leadership to programs in four states, as well as regional and national Extension organizations. Dr. Gilliland has a remarkable ability to inspire and empower others. He has authored publications which include, "Recruiting and Retaining Leaders;" "Legal Considerations in Supervising Youth;" "Starting 4-H Programs;" "Volunteer Notebook;" and "New Mexico 4-H Ambassador Program" (nationally recognized).