

**BOB VAN DER VALK**  
**BIOGRAPHY**  
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Bob van der Valk and his wife Tammy live in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bob, a native of Holland, immigrated with his family to the U.S.A. in 1956. One of his proudest moments was when he became a naturalized citizen in 1962.

His professional career of over 45 years has all been in the wholesale and retail marketing end of the petroleum business in California. For the first twenty years he worked for Unocal Corporation in Los Angeles, California in various marketing related capacities.

Bob made the switch to the independent segment of the petroleum industry in 1979. Since then he and his wife owned and operated three 76 self-serve stations in Ventura County for eleven years. He sold those in 1996 and since then has worked for Giant Truck Stops, a major independent truck stop in California, as well as Cosby Oil Company in Santa Fe Springs. Since February 2005 he has been the Marketing Manager for lubes and tank wagon fuels business with River City Petroleum, independent petroleum marketer, at their Las Vegas bulk plant.

As the petroleum industry expert and market analyst "**The Gas Guy**", Bob has appeared in segments of live and pre-recorded interviews aired by radio and TV stations. He is frequently quoted by the media, government employees, academics and industry participants in articles and research studies published about the vagaries of gasoline prices and the conditions affecting the California petroleum industry.

Bob and his wife have been married thirty-six years and have raised four children, who are all successful in their own right and professions. Eric (their son) and Jayne van der Valk live in Hingham, MA. Marissa van der Valk lives in Camarillo, CA. Bob and Tammy are also proud grandparents of five grandchildren and are spending as much time as possible being their "Opa and Oma". This includes doing baby-sitting duties with grandson (The Gas Boy) Ryan and granddaughter Cassidy for Todd and Danielle Miller (their daughter) living in Pasadena, CA. Kayla and Emily, twin granddaughters, along with grandson Nathan are living in Phoenix, AZ with their parents, Inger (their daughter) and Jerry Koppenhaver. They love to visit Phoenix especially when it cools down in the winter.

Bob has kept his Dutch St. Nicholas costume handy for use around Christmas time. In the past he has shared playing the Dutch version of Santa Claus with his family as well as at various community Christmas occasions. He has made appearances as St. Nicholas on TV and won the first prize in the annual Carpinteria, CA Christmas parade.

Bob enjoys photography and golf among his hobbies. He also has written guest columns dealing with petroleum industry matters for various California newspapers.

He has also been selected as part of the security escort detail for the Rose Parade Queen and Grand Marshall at the last seven Rose parades.

While serving as an elder at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia for the last seven years, he has been involved with the Easter Sunrise Service held each year at Wilderness Park in Arcadia and many other duties. He is a licensed California Real Estate Broker and has specialized in commercial, residential and business opportunities for the last twenty years.

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