



# Bobby J. Creel

New Mexico Water Resources  
Research Institute

Associate Director and Interim Director  
1986 - 2010

On February 15, 2010, the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute lost a dear colleague, Bobby J. Creel. Dr. Creel began working for the WRRRI in 1986 and served as Associate Director and Interim Director.

Prior to working fulltime at the institute, Bobby had worked on many institute projects starting in 1972. Throughout his career at WRRRI, he received nearly 60 grants and oversaw several projects, including the development of one of his favorite projects, the Geographical Information Systems Lab, which employed many students over the past decade. Having authored dozens of reports and complex maps, Bobby was involved in numerous water-related projects in the state and region.

In the days following his unexpected death, the staff received many calls and emails with condolences on the terrible loss of a gentle person and friend who had invaluable knowledge and insight into water resources management and planning in New Mexico. It was repeated many times that he was someone who could be counted on professionally in that he was very bright, hard working, and willing to contribute substantially to the success of others. All of that plus his soft spoken personality helped to resolve many difficult project related issues that would inevitably surface from time to time. In this sense, he was regarded as an indispensable mediator as well.

To honor Bobby J. Creel's memory and his devotion to students over a career of 40 years, the WRRRI has established the *Bobby J. Creel Student Water Research Scholarship*. Those interested in contributing to the scholarship can call the WRRRI at 575-646-4337.