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Charles Robert Elgin (Bob) was born in Des Moines, Iowa on May 21, 1921. His father, Senator James Elgin, and his mother, Margaret McPherson Elgin, were active in our state’s culture and art. Bob grew up in a culture that nurtured an interest in falconry.

Bob’s falconry career started while he was in college. His interest in the sport was sparked by a lecture on falconry given by Charles Roush. Bob was immediately drawn to the sport and began to research and learn more about it.

Bob’s dedication to the sport of falconry was extraordinary. He was a true Renaissance man who was passionate about not only falconry, but also opera, philosophy, politics, good food, and an occasional drink. He was a member of the Elgin family, known for their commitment to the sport of falconry.

Bob Elgin was a true pioneer in the sport of falconry. He was one of the first falconers in the United States to import hoods and bells from Europe. He was also one of the first falconers in the United States to import hoods and bells from Europe.

Bob Elgin was a mentor to many of the young falconers who followed him. He was known as the “Father of Iowa Falconry” and was a respected member of the falconry community.

Bob Elgin passed away in 2003, but his legacy lives on through his work and his commitment to the sport of falconry. His dedication to the sport and his love of animals will be remembered for generations to come.